

Amazing Bible Facts

1. How many books are in the Bible? The Bible contains 66 books, divided among the Old and New Testaments.

2. How many books are in the Old Testament? There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

3. How many books are in the New Testament? There are 27 books in the New Testament.

4. What does "testament" mean? Testament means "covenant" or "contract."

5. Who wrote the Bible? God gave mankind the Bible. Man did not write the Bible. God put a pen in the hand of holy men, and then breathed to them by the Holy Ghost what they were to write. II Peter 1:21 *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* The Bible was penned down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by over 40 different men from all walks of life: shepherds, farmers, tent-makers, physicians, fishermen, priests, philosophers and kings. Despite these differences in occupation and the span of years it took to write it, the Bible is a unified book. Nowhere does it contradict itself. What an amazing book! Do you know what book Christ preached from?...the Bible.

6. Which single author contributed the most books to the Old Testament? Moses. He penned down the first five books of the Bible, referred to as the Pentateuch. The Jewish name for these five books is Torah.

7. Which single author contributed the most books to the New Testament? The Apostle Paul, who God used to pen down 14 books (over half) of the New Testament.

8. When was the Bible written? It was written over a period of some 1,500 years, from around 1450 B.C. (the time of Moses) to about 100 A.D. (following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ).

9. What is the oldest book in the Old Testament? Many scholars agree that Job is the oldest book in the Bible, written about 1500 B.C.

Others hold that the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible) are the oldest books in the Bible, penned down between 1446 and 1406 B.C.

10. What is the youngest book in the Old Testament? The book of Malachi, penned down about 400 B.C.

11. What is the oldest book of the New Testament? Probably the book of James, penned down as early as A.D. 45.

12. What is the youngest book in the New Testament? The Book of Revelation is the youngest book of the New Testament, penned down about 95 A.D.

13. What languages was the Bible written in? The Bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek.

14. When was the first translation of the Bible made into English? 1382 A.D., by John Wycliffe.

15. When was the Bible printed? The Bible was printed in 1454 A.D. by Johannes Gutenberg who invented the "type mold" for the printing press. It was the first book ever printed! And it will be the book standing when all other books are vanished.

16. What is the oldest almost-complete manuscript of the Bible now in existence? The Codex Vaticanus, which dates from the first half of the fourth Century. It is located in the library of the Vatican in Rome. There are older fragments of the Bible that are still preserved however-- the oldest being a tiny scrap of the Gospel of John was found in Egypt, dating back to the beginning of the second century. (It is currently in the Rayland's Library in Manchester, England).

17. What is the longest book in the Bible? The book of Psalms.

18. What is the shortest book in the Bible? 2 John.

19. What is the longest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 119

20. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? Psalm 117

21. What is the longest verse in the Bible? Esther 8:9

22. What is the shortest verse in the Bible? John 11:35

23. Which book in the Bible does not mention the word "God?"
The book of Esther.

24. How many languages has the Bible been translated into? The Holy Bible has been translated into more than 2,000 languages, with countless more partial translations, and audio translations (for unwritten languages). (This is an enormous amount of translations. In comparison, Shakespeare, considered by many to be the master writer of the English language, has only been translated into 50 languages.)

25. Is the Bible still the best-selling book in the world? Yes! Praise God.