

Facts of the Bible

1. The Bible has 66 books, divided into an Old & New Testament.
2. There are 39 books in the Old Testament.
3. There are 27 books in the New Testament.
4. The word "testament" means "covenant" or "contract."
5. The Bible was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit by over 40 different authors from all walks of life. This includes shepherds, tax collectors, tent-makers, physicians, fishermen, priests, disciples, prophets, apostles, philosophers and kings.
6. Moses wrote the first five books in the Old Testament, called the Pentateuch, from Greek meaning "five books" or "five scrolls".
7. The Apostle Paul contributed the most books to the New Testament. He wrote 14 books of the New Testament.
8. The Bible was written over a period of some 1,500 years, from around 1450 B.C. (time of Moses) to about 100 A.D. (following the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ).
9. The oldest book in the Old Testament by many scholars is Job and was written by an unknown Israelite around 1500 B.C. Others believe the Pentateuch are the oldest books of the Bible, written between 1446 -1406 B.C.
10. The newest book in the Old Testament is Malachi, written about 400 B.C.
11. The oldest book of the New Testament is believed to be the book of James, written sometime in A.D. 45.
12. The newest book in the New Testament is Revelation, written about 95 A.D.
13. The Bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
14. The terms B.C. means "before Christ" and A.D. stands for "After death."
15. The New Testament was canonized before 375 A.D. The Old Testament was canonized before the coming of Christ.
16. The word "canon" is derived from the Greek word "Kanon," signifying a measuring rod. It became the collection of books or writings accepted by the apostles and leadership of the early Christian church as a basis for Christian belief. It is the standard by which all Christians throughout the ages live and worship.

17. The first translation of the Bible made into English occurred in 1382 A.D. by John Wycliffe.
18. 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.
19. The book of Psalms is the longest book in the Bible.
20. The book of 2 John is the shortest book in the Bible.
21. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.
22. Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible.
23. Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible.
24. John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible.
25. The book of Esther does not mention the word "God."
26. The bible has 1,189 chapters, 929 in OT and 260 in NT.
27. There are 31, 173 verses in the Bible, 23, 214 OT & 7,959 NT
28. The Bible includes 807,361 words, 622, 771 OT & 184,590 NT.
29. Methuselah was the oldest man that ever lived. He was 969 years old (Genesis 5:27).
30. Enoch and Elijah were the two men who never died, but were caught up to heaven. Enoch, walked with God (Genesis 5:22-24) and Elijah was caught up by a whirlwind. (II Kings 2:11).
31. Moses was the meekest man in the Bible (not including Jesus), (Numbers 12:3).
32. Most of the biblical story occurred in the Middle East, but also included Asia Minor, parts of Africa, Asia and Europe.
33. There are 41 parables in the Bible (in Matthew, Mark and Luke.)
34. The number of women mentioned in the bible includes 368 in the Old Testament and 71 in the New Testament. This includes those named, unnamed, groups, in parables or prophecies.
35. The Bible has been translated into 2,018 languages, with countless more partial translations, and audio translations.
36. The *Codex Vaticanus* is the oldest manuscript of the Bible, dating 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 of which the oldest being a tiny scrap of the Gospel of John that was found in Egypt, dating back to the beginning of the second century.
37. The Bible is the best-selling book in the world.