

Bible Statistics

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Source

The statistics in this paper were taken from the King James Version of the Bible. Other translations will differ slightly from these figures (including the verse counts, since the KJV includes verses that some other translations do not). The data was obtained by importing the Project Gutenberg text of the KJV into a database and then running queries against it.

Methodology

It should be noted that the word and letter counts do not include the verse numbers. For example, take this verse:

John 11:35: “Jesus wept.”

This verse is considered to consist of two words and 12 characters (9 letters, two spaces, and one period). The “11:35” is not included in the count.

Likewise, when counting the number of characters or words in a book of the Bible, the title of the book is not included.

Books of the Bible

The books of the Bible are as follows:

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations

26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi
40. Matthew
41. Mark
42. Luke
43. John
44. Acts
45. Romans
46. 1 Corinthians
47. 2 Corinthians
48. Galatians
49. Ephesians
50. Philippians
51. Colossians
52. 1 Thessalonians
53. 2 Thessalonians
54. 1 Timothy
55. 2 Timothy
56. Titus
57. Philemon
58. Hebrews
59. James
60. 1 Peter
61. 2 Peter

- 62. 1 John
- 63. 2 John
- 64. 3 John
- 65. Jude
- 66. Revelation

Chapter and Verse Counts

The number of chapters and verses in each book of the Bible are as follows:

1. Genesis	50 chapters	1,533 verses
2. Exodus	40 chapters	1,213 verses
3. Leviticus	27 chapters	859 verses
4. Numbers	36 chapters	1,288 verses
5. Deuteronomy	34 chapters	959 verses
6. Joshua	24 chapters	658 verses
7. Judges	21 chapters	618 verses
8. Ruth	4 chapters	85 verses
9. 1 Samuel	31 chapters	810 verses
10. 2 Samuel	24 chapters	695 verses
11. 1 Kings	22 chapters	816 verses
12. 2 Kings	25 chapters	719 verses
13. 1 Chronicles	29 chapters	942 verses
14. 2 Chronicles	36 chapters	822 verses
15. Ezra	10 chapters	280 verses
16. Nehemiah	13 chapters	406 verses
17. Esther	10 chapters	167 verses
18. Job	42 chapters	1,070 verses
19. Psalms	150 chapters	2,461 verses
20. Proverbs	31 chapters	915 verses
21. Ecclesiastes	12 chapters	222 verses
22. Song of Solomon	8 chapters	117 verses
23. Isaiah	66 chapters	1,292 verses
24. Jeremiah	52 chapters	1,364 verses
25. Lamentations	5 chapters	154 verses

26. Ezekiel	48 chapters	1,273 verses
27. Daniel	12 chapters	357 verses
28. Hosea	14 chapters	197 verses
29. Joel	3 chapters	73 verses
30. Amos	9 chapters	146 verses
31. Obadiah	1 chapter	21 verses
32. Jonah	4 chapters	48 verses
33. Micah	7 chapters	105 verses
34. Nahum	3 chapters	47 verses
35. Habakkuk	3 chapters	56 verses
36. Zephaniah	3 chapters	53 verses
37. Haggai	2 chapters	38 verses
38. Zechariah	14 chapters	211 verses
39. Malachi	4 chapters	55 verses
40. Matthew	28 chapters	1,071 verses
41. Mark	16 chapters	678 verses
42. Luke	24 chapters	1,151 verses
43. John	21 chapters	879 verses
44. Acts	28 chapters	1,007 verses
45. Romans	16 chapters	433 verses
46. 1 Corinthians	16 chapters	437 verses
47. 2 Corinthians	13 chapters	257 verses
48. Galatians	6 chapters	149 verses
49. Ephesians	6 chapters	155 verses
50. Philippians	4 chapters	104 verses
51. Colossians	4 chapters	95 verses
52. 1 Thessalonians	5 chapters	89 verses
53. 2 Thessalonians	3 chapters	47 verses
54. 1 Timothy	6 chapters	113 verses
55. 2 Timothy	4 chapters	83 verses
56. Titus	3 chapters	46 verses
57. Philemon	1 chapter	25 verses
58. Hebrews	13 chapters	303 verses
59. James	5 chapters	108 verses
60. 1 Peter	5 chapters	105 verses
61. 2 Peter	3 chapters	61 verses

62. 1 John	5 chapters	105 verses
63. 2 John	1 chapter	13 verses
64. 3 John	1 chapter	14 verses
65. Jude	1 chapter	25 verses
66. Revelation	22 chapters	404 verses

Book With the Most Verses

When the books of the Bible are sorted by their number of verses, the results are as follows:

1. 2 John	1 chapter	13 verses
2. 3 John	1 chapter	14 verses
3. Obadiah	1 chapter	21 verses
4. Philemon	1 chapter	25 verses
5. Jude	1 chapter	25 verses
6. Haggai	2 chapter	38 verses
7. Titus	3 chapter	46 verses
8. 2 Thessalonians	3 chapter	47 verses
9. Nahum	3 chapter	47 verses
10. Jonah	4 chapter	48 verses
11. Zephaniah	3 chapter	53 verses
12. Malachi	4 chapter	55 verses
13. Habakkuk	3 chapter	56 verses
14. 2 Peter	3 chapter	61 verses
15. Joel	3 chapter	73 verses
16. 2 Timothy	4 chapter	83 verses
17. Ruth	4 chapter	85 verses
18. 1 Thessalonians	5 chapter	89 verses
19. Colossians	4 chapter	95 verses
20. Philippians	4 chapter	104 verses
21. Micah	7 chapter	105 verses
22. 1 Peter	5 chapter	105 verses
23. 1 John	5 chapter	105 verses
24. James	5 chapter	108 verses
25. 1 Timothy	6 chapter	113 verses

26. Song of Solomon	8 chapter	117 verses
27. Amos	9 chapter	146 verses
28. Galatians	6 chapter	149 verses
29. Lamentations	5 chapter	154 verses
30. Ephesians	6 chapter	155 verses
31. Esther	10 chapter	167 verses
32. Hosea	14 chapter	197 verses
33. Zechariah	14 chapter	211 verses
34. Ecclesiastes	12 chapter	222 verses
35. 2 Corinthians	13 chapter	257 verses
36. Ezra	10 chapter	280 verses
37. Hebrews	13 chapter	303 verses
38. Daniel	12 chapter	357 verses
39. Revelation	22 chapter	404 verses
40. Nehemiah	13 chapter	406 verses
41. Romans	16 chapter	433 verses
42. 1 Corinthians	16 chapter	437 verses
43. Judges	21 chapter	618 verses
44. Joshua	24 chapter	658 verses
45. Mark	16 chapter	678 verses
46. 2 Samuel	24 chapter	695 verses
47. 2 Kings	25 chapter	719 verses
48. 1 Samuel	31 chapter	810 verses
49. 1 Kings	22 chapter	816 verses
50. 2 Chronicles	36 chapter	822 verses
51. Leviticus	27 chapter	859 verses
52. John	21 chapter	879 verses
53. Proverbs	31 chapter	915 verses
54. 1 Chronicles	29 chapter	942 verses
55. Deuteronomy	34 chapter	959 verses
56. Acts	28 chapter	1,007 verses
57. Job	42 chapter	1,070 verses
58. Matthew	28 chapter	1,071 verses
59. Luke	24 chapter	1,151 verses
60. Exodus	40 chapter	1,213 verses
61. Ezekiel	48 chapter	1,273 verses

62. Numbers	36 chapter	1,288 verses
63. Isaiah	66 chapter	1,292 verses
64. Jeremiah	52 chapter	1,364 verses
65. Genesis	50 chapter	1,533 verses
66. Psalms	150 chapter	2,461 verses

Book With the Most Words

When the books in the Bible are sorted by their number of words, the results are as follows:

1. 3 John	294
2. 2 John	298
3. Philemon	430
4. Jude	608
5. Obadiah	669
6. Titus	896
7. 2 Thessalonians	1,022
8. Haggai	1,130
9. Nahum	1,284
10. Jonah	1,320
11. Habakkuk	1,475
12. 2 Peter	1,553
13. Zephaniah	1,617
14. 2 Timothy	1,666
15. Malachi	1,781
16. 1 Thessalonians	1,837
17. Colossians	1,979
18. Joel	2,033
19. Philippians	2,183
20. 1 Timothy	2,244
21. James	2,304
22. 1 Peter	2,475
23. 1 John	2,516
24. Ruth	2,574
25. Song of Solomon	2,658

26. Ephesians	3,022
27. Galatians	3,084
28. Micah	3,152
29. Lamentations	3,411
30. Amos	4,216
31. Hosea	5,174
32. Ecclesiastes	5,580
33. Esther	5,630
34. 2 Corinthians	6,065
35. Zechariah	6,443
36. Hebrews	6,897
37. Ezra	7,440
38. Romans	9,422
39. 1 Corinthians	9,462
40. Nehemiah	10,480
41. Daniel	11,603
42. Revelation	11,995
43. Proverbs	15,038
44. Mark	15,166
45. Job	18,098
46. Joshua	18,852
47. Judges	18,966
48. John	19,094
49. 1 Chronicles	20,365
50. 2 Samuel	20,599
51. 2 Kings	23,522
52. Matthew	23,684
53. Acts	24,246
54. 1 Kings	24,512
55. Leviticus	24,540
56. 1 Samuel	25,047
57. Luke	25,939
58. 2 Chronicles	26,069
59. Deuteronomy	28,351
60. Exodus	32,683
61. Numbers	32,893

62. Isaiah	37,039
63. Genesis	38,264
64. Ezekiel	39,401
65. Jeremiah	42,654
66. Psalms	42,685

Book With the Most Characters

When the books in the Bible are sorted by their number of characters (which includes letters, numbers, punctuation, and spaces, but not the verse or chapter numbers), the results are as follows:

1. 2 John	1,553
2. 3 John	1,593
3. Philemon	2,320
4. Jude	3,523
5. Obadiah	3,578
6. Titus	5,131
7. 2 Thessalonians	5,442
8. Haggai	5,734
9. Jonah	6,629
10. Nahum	6,912
11. Habakkuk	7,922
12. Zephaniah	8,501
13. 2 Peter	8,700
14. 2 Timothy	9,190
15. Malachi	9,193
16. 1 Thessalonians	9,663
17. Joel	10,715
18. Colossians	10,720
19. Philippians	11,558
20. James	12,137
21. 1 Timothy	12,697
22. 1 John	12,754
23. Ruth	13,003

24. 1 Peter	13,459
25. Song of Solomon	13,686
26. Galatians	16,232
27. Ephesians	16,282
28. Micah	16,329
29. Lamentations	18,084
30. Amos	21,859
31. Hosea	27,113
32. Ecclesiastes	28,364
33. Esther	30,217
34. 2 Corinthians	32,004
35. Zechariah	32,954
36. Hebrews	37,207
37. Ezra	40,386
38. 1 Corinthians	48,929
39. Romans	50,226
40. Nehemiah	57,116
41. Daniel	61,875
42. Revelation	62,072
43. Mark	79,121
44. Proverbs	79,971
45. Job	94,231
46. John	98,031
47. Judges	98,684
48. Joshua	100,130
49. 2 Samuel	106,380
50. 1 Chronicles	110,956
51. 2 Kings	120,738
52. Matthew	124,415
53. Leviticus	126,860
54. 1 Kings	126,978
55. 1 Samuel	129,255
56. Acts	129,836
57. Luke	134,671
58. 2 Chronicles	139,052
59. Deuteronomy	146,431

60. Exodus	169,368
61. Numbers	175,608
62. Isaiah	193,986
63. Genesis	196,808
64. Ezekiel	205,257
65. Jeremiah	223,697
66. Psalms	223,711

Shortest Verse

This is the shortest verse in the Bible:

John 11:35: "Jesus wept."

It consists of two words and 12 characters (including the trailing space, which separates it from the next verse).

Longest Verse

This is the longest verse in the Bible:

Esther 8:9: "Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language."

It consists of 90 words and 529 characters. (By way of

comparison, the entire book of 3 John only has 294 words.)

Middle Chapter and Verse in the Bible

The Bible has 31,102 verses. That number, divided in half, is 15,551. Verse #15,551 in the Bible is this one:

Psalm 103:1: “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.”

The Old Testament has 23,145 verses. That number, divided in half, is 11,572.5. Verses #11,572 to 11,573 are as follows:

2 Chronicles 18:29: “And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and I will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.”

2 Chronicles 18:30: “Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.”

This means the book of 2 Chronicles is in the middle of the Old Testament.

The New Testament has 7,957 verses. That number, divided in half, is 3,978.5. Verses #3,978 to #3,979 are as follows:

Acts 7:6: “And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.”

Acts 7:7: “And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.”

This means the book of Acts is in the middle of the New Testament.

Totals – Old Testament

Books of the Old Testament:	39
Chapters in the Old Testament:	929
Verses in the Old Testament:	23,145
Words in the Old Testament:	609,248
Characters in the Old Testament:	3,188,271

Totals – New Testament

Books of the Old Testament:	27
Chapters in the Old Testament:	260
Verses in the Old Testament:	7,957
Words in the Old Testament:	180,381
Characters in the Old Testament:	949,466

Totals – Entire Bible

Books of the Bible:	66
Chapters in the Bible:	1,189
Verses in the Bible:	31,102
Words in the Bible:	789,629
Characters in the Bible:	4,137,737