

# 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 | 2,577 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    |

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|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 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 |

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 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 | 2,577 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 |



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|-------------------|--------|
| 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 |

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|--------------|--------|
| 62. Isaiah   | 37,039 |
| 63. Genesis  | 38,264 |
| 64. Ezekiel  | 39,401 |
| 65. Jeremiah | 42,654 |
| 66. Psalms   | 43,717 |

## ***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   | 228,986 |

## ***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 31,218 verses. That number, divided in half, is 15,609. Verse #15,609 in the Bible is this one:

**Psalm 101:7:** “He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. ”

The Old Testament has 23,261 verses. That number, divided in half, is 11,630.5. Verses #11,630 to 11,631 are as follows:

**2 Chronicles 21:5:** “Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ”

**2 Chronicles 21:6:** “And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD. ”

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:     | 23,261    |
| Words in the Old Testament:      | 610,281   |
| Characters in the Old Testament: | 3,193,508 |

### ***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:     | 31,218    |
| Words in the Bible:      | 790,662   |
| Characters in the Bible: | 4,142,947 |