

FACTS CONCERNING THE BIBLE

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It has been said by many in the past, "The Bible will keep one from sin, and sin will keep one from the Bible!" This I believe with all my heart.

The Bible is spoken of to be the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). Therefore, one desiring to be a disciple of the Lord should spend time in its study in order to be prepared to share it with others and to correct false teachings (II Tim. 2:15; 3:16).

There are 39 books in the Old Testament, and 27 books in the New. The Bible is composed of writings from about 40 men, writing over a period of some 1600 years; from 1500 B.C. to 100 A.D. It was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic primarily.

The shortest chapter in the Bible is also the middle chapter, Psa. 117. The middle verse is Psa. 118:6; the middle book in the Old Testament is Proverbs; and the middle verse in the Old Testament is II Chron. 20:13. The shortest verse in the Old Testament is I Chron. 1:25; and the longest is Esth. 8:9.

In the New Testament, the middle book is II Thess.; the middle chapter is between Rom. 13 and 14; the middle verse is Acts 17:17; the shortest verse is John 11:35 in English, but is I Thess. 5:16 in Greek. The longest verse in the Bible is Esth. 8:9. The longest word in the Bible is in Isa. 8:1; and all the letters in the alphabet are found in Ezra 7:21, except the letters "j", and "q".

The Bible holds the distinction of being the first book printed with movable type, in 1450 A.D. The first Bible printed in America was in the Indian language, by John Eliot. The King James Version was published in 1611. The American Standard Version was published in 1901, and the New International Version was completed in 1978. The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo in 1250. The New Testament was divided into verses by Sir Robert Stephens in 1551. The entire Bible

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