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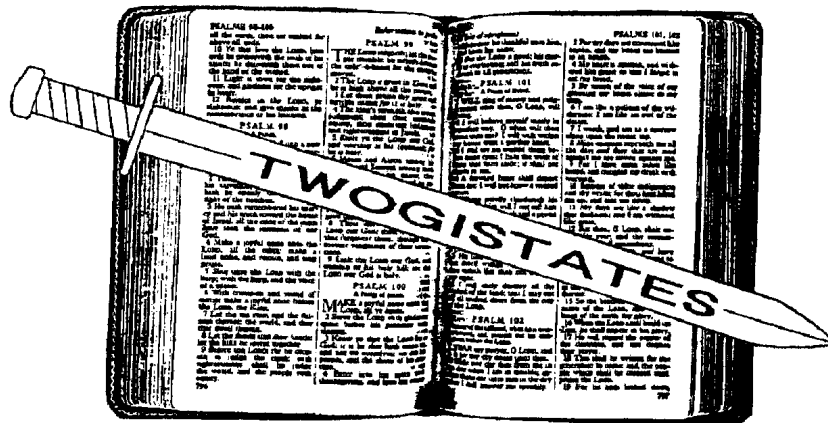
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## Interesting Facts About the Bible

### The Bible<sup>1</sup>

The Bible reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the Gates of Hell disclosed. CHRIST is its Grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the Judgment, and will be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labour, and condemns all that trifle with its holy contents.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3: 16)

### Interesting Facts About the Bible<sup>2</sup>

(These facts apply only to the King James Bible)

The Bible is an unusual book from every aspect. It consists of sixty-six books. All sixty-six books combine to make one book.

The Bible contains approximately 773,692 words, and these words contain approximately 3,566,480 letters.

The Old Testament is composed of thirty-nine books, and these thirty-nine books combined contain 929 chapters. These chapters contain 23,214 verses.

The New Testament is made up of twenty-seven books, and in these combined books there are 260 chapters composed of 7,959 verses.

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<sup>1</sup> Trinitarian Bible Society Tract.

<sup>2</sup> Anonymous work copied from Oliver Green's book, *The Word Above All*.

The Bible is the first book printed with type, as we know printing today. This occurred in Mentz, Germany, in 1450 A. D., and was printed by Gutenberg, inventor of the art of printing.

Our English word "Bible" is derived from the Greek word *biblia* meaning "the books." The word "Scriptures" is derived from the Latin *scriptura*, which means "the writings."

The shortest book in the Old Testament is Obadiah.

The two shortest chapters in the Old Testament are Psalm 117, containing only two verses, and Esther chapter 10, containing three verses.

The shortest verse in the Old Testament is I Chronicles 1:25. It reads, "Eber, Peleg, Reu" – exactly twelve letters in the entire verse.

The shortest verse in the New Testament is John 11:35: "Jesus wept," containing nine letters.

The longest chapter in the Old Testament is Psalm 119, with 176 verses.

The longest chapter in the New Testament is Luke 1, with 80 verses.

The central chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117, and the central verses of the Bible are verses 8 and 9 of Psalm 118.

The sixty-six books of the Bible were written by approximately forty different men from all stations of life – from kings to plowmen. The work spread over a period of about 1,600 years – from 1500 B.C. when Moses wrote the first five books in the Old Testament. Men continued to write as the Holy Spirit directed them until approximately the close of the first century of Christianity. The book of The Revelation was given to John the Beloved about the year 96 A.D.

A distance of about 1,500 miles separated the writers of the Scriptures, yet all forty writers wrote in perfect harmony because the Holy Spirit gave them the message and they penned it down.

The hand of God directed the writing of His Word, and the men to whom He gave it penned down His Word from widely separated places including Babylon, the Holy City Jerusalem, Rome, Ephesus – even the Isle of Patmos.

In a very real sense it may be said of the entire Bible, as it is said of the Ten Commandments, "The writing was the writing of God." (Ex. 32:16) In II Kings 17:37 we read of "the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which He (God) wrote...."

Time is the greatest test of literature, and the Bible has stood this test. What book do you know today which was written a thousand years ago – or even five hundred

years ago – that is still being read by the masses? Books are published, they may gain popularity for a season, and then they are forgotten. Today they are high on the shelves in public or private libraries. Literature of the past was born, much of it “boomed,” and then died. The cold hand of oblivion was laid upon it, but not so with the Bible, the Word of God.

The Bible confirms itself. We do not need a historical critic, a university professor, or the spade of the archeologist to prove that the Bible is the Word of God. The Holy Ghost is the author and the giver of that conviction. If the Holy Ghost does not convince you that the Bible is the infallible Word of God, then certainly you could not be convinced by the historical critic, the university professor, and the archeologist. If you will listen to the voice of the Spirit, you will be assured beyond any doubt that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God.

As we read the Word of God, there are seven things we should recognize about it:

**Its readability:** The Bible is a book of facts and should be accepted and believed as fact.

**Its inerrancy:** The Bible is free from error. It should therefore be accepted as perfect and without flaw.

**Its authenticity:** The Bible is the truth of God, and whether or not we understand all that it has to say, we should accept it without question.

**Its adaptability:** The Bible is suited to everyone --the millionaire or the pauper, the professor or the child who has just learned to read. All can receive from it, and there is not another book on earth of which this can be said.

**Its reliability:** The Bible is the voice of God; therefore, we can rely on what it says.

**Its inspiration:** The Bible is the book of God, the Holy Spirit is its author; therefore, we should not question one word of it.

**Its revelation:** The Bible reveals the Lord Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son of God and Saviour of sinners. He is the sum and substance of the Scriptures. Therefore, Christ and the Bible must not be separated. Without the virgin-born Son of God, the Bible is empty, vain, and dead.

We also note these further characteristics of the Word of God:

**It is indestructible** (Matt. 24:35; I Pet. 1:23, 25).

**It is invincible** (Isa. 55:11).

**It is indispensable** (Deut. 8:3).

**It is infallible** (Josh. 21:45; 23:14; Matt. 5:18).

**It is inexhaustible** (Psalm 92:5; Rom. 11:33).

**It is inestimable** (Psalm 119:72; 19:10).

**It is infrangible** (John 10:35).

If the most unlearned believer will take the time to prayerfully read his Bible, he will attain all practical knowledge that is essential to salvation. In addition, by God's blessing, he will also become learned in everything relating to his faith to such degree that he will not be liable to be misled by false teachers. The only possible way to understand the Scriptures is to allow the Holy Spirit to teach us, for we cannot understand the Bible through man's wisdom:

“As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (I Cor. 2:9-14)

The Word of God is the only record the world has of its wonderful past creation. Attempt to explain creation in any other way except by Bible record and creation becomes the riddle of the present.

The Bible is the only book that reveals the mysteries of the future, the things having to do with the Church of God, the nation of Israel, the Gentile nations, the earth, and the powers of light and darkness.

These titles are found in the Bible, speaking of the Word of God itself:

**The Scriptures** (John 10:35, II Pet. 3:16).

**The Holy Scriptures** (II Tim. 3:15).

**The Word of God** (Heb. 4:12).

**The Oracles of God** (Rom. 3:2).

## **The Living Oracles** (Acts 7:38).

The first mention of faith in the Old Testament is in Genesis 15:6 where we are told that Abraham “believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness.”

The first person to be called a Hebrew was Abraham, in Genesis 14:13: “And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew....”

The first altar spoken of in the Bible was built by Noah when he came out of the ark and “builded an altar unto the Lord, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.” (Gen. 8:20)

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the simple, clear, understandable way of salvation, the inescapable doom of sinners, and the happiness of born again believers.

The doctrines of the Bible are holy, the precepts of the Bible are binding, the histories of the Bible are true, and the decisions of the Bible are immutable.

**Read** the Bible to be wise.

**Believe** the Bible to be saved.

**Practice** the Bible to live holy.

The Bible is a light, a lamp to direct your pathway.

The Bible is milk, bread, meat, living water – it will feed your spiritual being and quench the thirst of your soul. It will comfort and cheer you.

The Bible is the pilgrim’s map and staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the believer’s charter.

In the Bible, heaven is opened and the gates of hell are closed.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the grand and glorious subject of the Bible.

We should allow the Bible, the Word of God, to fill our memory, to rule our hearts and to guide our footsteps.

When we read the Bible, we should read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.

The Bible contains a mine of wealth, a Paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. Its message brings life. All who reject its message will be judged by its words. The Word of our God will stand forever!

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