

# King James Bible Statistics

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Many books and websites list faulty statistics on the King James Bible. Of course the number of books (66) and chapters (1,189) are fairly easy to count. However when it comes to verses, words and letters, there are a wide variety of numbers floating around. For example when it comes to verses I have read and heard preachers and teachers say there are 31,000 verses, 31,101 verses, 31,102 verses, 31,170 verses and 31,175 verses.

Many use the latter number and then proceed to tell you the middle verse is Psalm 118:8. It reads as follows: **It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.** Wow, what a verse to be right in the middle of your Bible. Then they tell you to count the words in this middle verse. There are fourteen. That's seven plus seven. That's the number of completeness and spiritual perfection doubled. Then they direct you to the middle two words and they read "**the Lord**". So the King James Bible has the words "**the Lord**" right in the center of it.

I have read this in numerous books and on several websites. I have heard it on tapes. I have also received e-mails informing me of this information. On top of all this I have heard my two most favorite preachers proclaim it from the pulpit. It's funny how people copy from one another. Here's the problem. They started off with a faulty statistic. They were taught there were 31,175 verses in the King James Bible and that's not true.

Hey but it gets even worse. If there were 31,175 verses the middle verse would not be Psalm 118:8. It would be Psalm 104:16. This is the 15,588<sup>th</sup> verse in the King James Bible. It reads as follows: **The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;** - hey nothing very astounding there that jumps off the page and slaps you in the face and makes you say wow! In order for Psalm 118:8 (the 15,968<sup>th</sup> verse in the KJB) to be the middle verse there would have to be 31,935 verses in the King James Bible, which is simply not the case.

One thing that is real ironic about all this is that the New King James Version has kept this verse intact as it is written in the King James Bible. Nevertheless they did not hesitate to tamper with the previous seven verses in Psalm 118. Apparently some one on that committee was aware of all this stuff going on in the center of the Bible. It makes me laugh just to think about it.

The truth is there are **31,102** verses in the King James Bible. Therefore there is no single middle verse. You cannot have a middle verse with an even number of verses. However there are *two* middle verses. These would be verses 15,551 and 15,552 (Psalms 103:1-2.)

## PSALM 103

**B**LESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the

LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

These are the middle *two* verses of the King James Bible. Both verses start with "Bless the LORD, O my soul". Verse 1 continues - and all that is within me, **ble**ss** his holy name**. Verse 2 concludes with - and forget not all his benefits. These are powerful words coming from the two center verses of the Book.

Now let's count the words in these two middle verses. There are twenty-eight. That's twice as many as in the imaginary middle we discussed earlier. That's seven quadrupled (7 times 4) instead of seven doubled (7 times 2.) Here we have seven compounded twice as much. The truth is always better than fiction. Any one that knows their Bible knows that God loves the number seven.

Now let's see if we can find some middle words in the center of God's middle verses. Yes, I see four (**ble**ss** his holy name**.) There are twelve words on one side of this phrase and twelve words on the other side. So the King James Bible has **ble**ss** his holy name** right in the center of the two middle verses! Once again that's twice as many words as in the imaginary center.

This phrase also has exactly twice as many words (12) on each side of it. God loves the number twelve also. Next to the number seven, it is his favorite number. He uses it a lot in his word. For example there were twelve apostles and twelve tribes of Israel. There are twelve *manner* of fruits bared by the tree of life. It is the number of authority and power. What else would you expect in the center of God's Holy Bible? **ble**ss** his holy name**.

In conclusion to all this middle of the King James Bible stuff consider this verse of scripture, PSALM 138:2...I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast **magnified thy word** above all thy name.

We see here God thinks quite a bit about his holy name and his word has been magnified above it! So if the Bible is the word of God, and it is, and the King James Bible is the Bible, and it is, then how do you think we should treat it? The answer should be obvious: with honour and respect.

Total Books in the King James Bible	<b>66</b>
Total Chapters in the King James Bible	<b>1,189</b>
Total verses in the King James Bible	<b>31,102</b>
Total Books in the Old Testament	<b>39</b>
Total Chapters in the Old Testament	<b>929</b>
Total verses in the Old Testament	<b>23,145</b>
Total Books in the New Testament	<b>27</b>
Total Chapters in the New Testament	<b>260</b>
Total verses in the New Testament	<b>7,957</b>

Middle Book in the King James Bible	None – There are 2 – Micah & Nahum
Longest Book in the King James Bible	Psalms
Shortest Book in the King James Bible	2 John (verses) & 3 John (words)
Middle Chapter in the King James Bible	Psalm 117
Longest Chapter in the King James Bible	Psalm 119
Shortest Chapter in the King James Bible	Psalm 117
Middle verse in the King James Bible	None – There are 2 – Psalm 103:1 & Psalm 103:2
Longest verse in the King James Bible	Esther 8:9
Shortest verse in the King James Bible	John 11:35

**Note: Total verses: 31,102. 3+1+1+0+2 = 7**

**(completeness, spiritual perfection, pure)**

**The following statistics apply to the 1769 edition of the 1611 King James Bible:**

*All word counts are the work of computer programmer Dave Whiting. I have checked and doubled-checked his counts with a manual count in 10 of the 66 Books and they all match perfectly. Therefore I believe these word counts to be 100% accurate (I hope.)*

### Old Testament

	Book	Chapters	Verses	Words
1	Genesis	50	1,533	38,262
2	Exodus	40	1,213	32,685
3	Leviticus	27	859	24,541
4	Numbers	36	1,288	32,896
5	Deuteronomy	34	959	28,352
6	Joshua	24	658	18,854
7	Judges	21	618	18,966
8	Ruth	4	85	2,574
9	1 Samuel	31	810	25,048
10	2 Samuel	24	695	20,600
11	1 Kings	22	816	24,513
12	2 Kings	25	719	23,517
13	1 Chronicles	29	942	20,365
14	2 Chronicles	36	822	26,069
15	Ezra	10	280	7,440
16	Nehemiah	13	406	10,480
17	Esther	10	167	5,633
18	Job	42	1,070	18,098
19	Psalms	150	2,461	*42,704

20	Proverbs	31	915	15,038
21	Ecclesiastes	12	222	5,579
22	Song of Solomon	8	117	2,658
23	Isaiah	66	1,292	37,036
24	Jeremiah	52	1,364	42,654
25	Lamentations	5	154	3,411
26	Ezekiel	48	1,273	39,401
27	Daniel	12	357	11,602
28	Hosea	14	197	5,174
29	Joel	3	73	2,033
30	Amos	9	146	4,216
31	Obadiah	1	21	669
32	Jonah	4	48	1,320
33	Micah	7	105	3,152
34	Nahum	3	47	1,284
35	Habakkuk	3	56	1,475
36	Zephaniah	3	53	1,616
37	Haggai	2	38	1,130
38	Zechariah	14	211	6,443
39	Malachi	4	55	1,781

### New Testament

	<b>Book</b>	<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Verses</b>	<b>Words</b>
40	Matthew	28	1,071	23,343
41	Mark	16	678	14,949
42	Luke	24	1,151	25,640
43	John	21	879	18,658
44	Acts	28	1,007	24,229
45	Romans	16	433	*9,422
46	1 Corinthians	16	437	*9,462
47	2 Corinthians	13	257	*6,046
48	Galatians	6	149	*3,084
49	Ephesians	6	155	*3,022
50	Philippians	4	104	*2,183
51	Colossians	4	95	*1,979
52	1 Thessalonians	5	89	*1,837
53	2 Thessalonians	3	47	*1,022
54	1 Timothy	6	113	*2,244
55	2 Timothy	4	83	*1,666
56	Titus	3	46	*896
57	Philemon	1	25	*430
58	Hebrews	13	303	*6,897
59	James	5	108	2,304
60	1 Peter	5	105	2,476
61	2 Peter	3	61	1,553
62	1 John	5	105	2,517
63	2 John	1	13	298
64	3 John	1	14	294
65	Jude	1	25	608
66	Revelation	22	404	11,952

<b>66</b>	<b>Bible Totals</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>31,102</b>	<b>788,280</b>
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\* The book of Psalms has superscriptions under some of the Psalms (chapters.) *These were not counted* in this chart because they are not in the verses. Also Psalm 119 has the Hebrew Alphabet translated into English. Even though these words are not in the verses *they were counted* because they are scattered throughout this Psalm (Chapter.)

\* The fourteen epistles of Paul are *sometimes* accompanied by subscriptions at the end of each letter. *These were not counted* because they are not in the verses. They are credited to Euthalius, a bishop of the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. The wording has slightly been modified during the process of time. Some of them seem to disagree with the text.

## **SUMMARY OF KING JAMES BIBLE STATISTICS:**

Total Books - **66** Total Chapters **1,189** Total Verses...**31,102**

Total words in the 31,102 verses - **788,258** (not including the Hebrew Alphabet in Psalm 119 or the superscriptions listed in some of the Psalms)

Total words in the Hebrew Alphabet in Psalm 119 - **22**

Total words on the cover - **2** (HOLY BIBLE)

Total words in the Book Titles - **85** (the full titles as written in the 1611 edition - **374**)

Total times the word "CHAPTER" is listed - **1,034** (in 5 books the word is not listed because they only have one chapter)

Total times the word "PSALM" is listed - **150**

Total words in superscriptions (sub-titles) of Psalms - **1,034**

Total words in subscriptions (concluding remarks) in the epistles of Paul - **186**

Total words in Testament dividers - **6** (The Old Testament, The New Testament)

Total words in Table of Contents - **94** (the Book Titles, the Testament dividers plus the phrase Table of Contents) If you use the full titles as in the 1611 edition - **383**

**Total words either on the cover or the first page explaining which Bible you have:**

A) Authorized Version - **2** or

B) King James version - **3** or

C) King James Bible - **3**

Can you see now why there are so many word counts floating around?



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