

The Inspired Word of God

Appendix C

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 15,588th 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 15,968th 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 someone 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

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² 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, **bless 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 (**bless 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 **bless 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? **Bless 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 honor and respect.

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| Total Books in the King James Bible | 66 |
| Total Chapters in the King James Bible | 1,189 |
| Total verses in the King James Bible | 31,102 |
| Total Books in the Old Testament | 39 |
| Total Chapters in the Old Testament | 929 |
| Total verses in the Old Testament | 23,145 |
| Total Books in the New Testament | 27 |
| Total Chapters in the New Testament | 260 |
| Total verses in the New Testament | 7,957 |
| 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 | Psalms 117 |
| Longest Chapter in the King James Bible | Psalms 119 |
| Shortest Chapter in the King James Bible | Psalms 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 |

| | Book | Chapters | Verses | Words |
|----|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| 39 | Malachi | 4 | 55 | 1,781 |

New Testament

| | Book | Chapters | Verses | Words |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| 66 | Bible Totals | 1,189 | 31,102 | 788,280 |

* 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 5th 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?