

11 Surprising Facts About the Bible You Probably Didn't Know

Many people are familiar with the Bible, whether they subscribe to its beliefs or not. According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the Bible is the most-sold and widely distributed book in history with total sales exceeding 5 billion copies since 1851. Guinness estimates in the last 3,000 years, there have been around 5 trillion copies sold, although it's impossible to substantiate the exact number. There are approximately 100 million sold each year, allowing it to continue to lead the charge of bestselling nonfiction book in the world.

That said, there are not many people who don't recognize the Bible, but many may not know the surprising facts wrapped around the most famous book of all time. Here are 11 surprising facts about the Bible that will serve you well at your next cocktail party.

1. The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world.

We suppose it shouldn't come as a shock the most widely book in the world would also be the most stolen, according to True Bible Facts. From its popular stay in hotel rooms and home libraries, the Bible more than any other book gets swiped from shelves.

2. More women read the Bible than men.

According to a 2017 study 2017 by the American Bible Society, women are 20% more likely to read the holy book than men.

3. There are 185 songs in the Bible.

According to the Overview Bible Infographic, Nearly 85% of the

songs in the Bible are in the book of Psalms. Throughout the rest of the Old and New Testament, you'll also find songs of praise to God or prayer for relief. See Infographic [\[here\]](#).

4. The Old Testament Took 20 times longer to write than the New Testament.

While the Old Testament was written over 1,000 years, the New Testament took approximately 50-75 years to write.

5. The Bible was written by over 40 different authors.

The Bible is known as God breathed by His servants. Forty servants exactly are responsible for penning the words we read and reflect upon today.

6. The last word in the Bible is 'Amen'.

Appropriately so, the final word of the Bible ends with "Amen", such as the end of a prayer: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Rev. 22:21).

7. The 'Sinner's Bible' features a shocking misprint.

In the 17th century, a Bible published by Robert Baker mistakenly recorded the seventh commandment as: "Thou shalt commit adultery." The horrifying error was only caught after almost 1,000 copies were distributed, according to *Reader's Digest*. Today, only nine copies remain of the now infamously nicknamed "Sinner's Bible."

8. Half the women in the Bible are nameless.

According to figures reported in a study by Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman about 1% of the dialogue in the Bible are words spoken by women, 86 total. Of those 86 women, nearly 50% are unnamed.

9. It takes twice the time to read *Game of Thrones* than the entire Bible.

According to a graphic by Personal Creations, the Bible would take approximately hours to read. That is only half the time they calculate it takes to read R. R. Marin's *A Song of Ice and Fire (Game of Thrones)*.

10. The Bible mentions dogs but it does not mention house cats.

The Bible mentions 125 animals throughout its chapters. Unfortunately for cat-lovers, the dog has about 42 references; however, no record of mention of the house cat.

11. Bible simply means "book" or "scroll."

Bible is derived from the Latin word *biblia* or the Greek *ta biblia*. It means "the scrolls" or "the books." According to Encyclopedia of Britannica, *biblia* is derived from one of the oldest cities, Byblos, which was responsible for supplying paper products to the ancient world. {eoa}

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