



THE BIBLE GOD'S EPICALLY AWESOME BOOK

THE 66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN...

...by more than 40 authors

- Samuel, a priest
- David, a king
- Joshua, a general
- Nehemiah, a cupbearer
- Daniel, a prime minister
- Luke, a physician
- Peter, a fisherman
- Matthew, a tax collector
- Paul, a rabbi, Pharisee, and tentmaker

A cupbearer tasted the king's drinks to make sure they weren't poisoned.

...in many different places

- Moses, in the wilderness
- Daniel, in a foreign emperor's palace
- Paul, in prison and traveling the world
- Luke, traveling with Paul
- John, in exile on the island of Patmos

On three different continents—Asia, Africa, and Europe

...in 3 different languages

Hebrew (almost all of the Old Testament)
Hebrew was written and read from right to left and without any vowels.

Aramaic (parts of the Old and New Testaments)
The Israelites began to speak Aramaic when they were captive in Assyria and Babylon.

Koine Greek (most of New Testament)
This was the common, "street language" people used throughout the Roman Empire, different from classical Greek, which Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, and Homer used.

...over a span of about **1500 years** (it was worth the wait!)

THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN LIKE THIS WITH NO SPACES BETWEEN WORDS IT HAD NO PUNCTUATION AND NO PARAGRAPH BREAKS IT WAS WRITTEN WITH NO VERSE NUMBERS CHAPTER NUMBERS OR SECTION HEADINGS THESE WERE ADDED LATER TO HELP READERS LIKE YOU

OF ALL TIME BESTSELLING BOOK EVERY YEAR

| Book Series | Author | Sales |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| THE BIBLE | | 5 Billion |
| The Lord of the Rings series | J.R.R. Tolkien | 150 million |
| Harry Potter series | J.K. Rowling | 500 million |
| Don Quixote | Miguel de Cervantes | 500 million |
| The Hunger Games series | Suzanne Collins | 23 million |

ALL THE BIBLES SOLD WOULD...

- REACH THE MOON almost **3 TIMES**
- CIRCLE THE EARTH more than **28½ TIMES**

The King James Bible has more than **780,000 WORDS** (or **3,116,000** characters).

Typing the entire Bible would take more than **260 HOURS**.

That would take almost **11 DAYS STRAIGHT**.

No sleep for you!

The Bible has been translated into many more languages than any other book.

| The Entire Bible: | A Portion of the Bible: | In Progress: |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 636 (even Klingon and Emoji) | 3,223 | 2,422 in 165 countries |

NOAH'S ARK

HOW BIG WAS IT?

GENESIS 6-8



The Bible measures the ark in cubits.

HOW BIG IS A CUBIT?



The water from the flood covered the tallest mountain peak by

22 FEET!

The water would have stood over

29,050'

above sea level! That's a depth of

5.5 MILES

555'

Washington Monument

450'

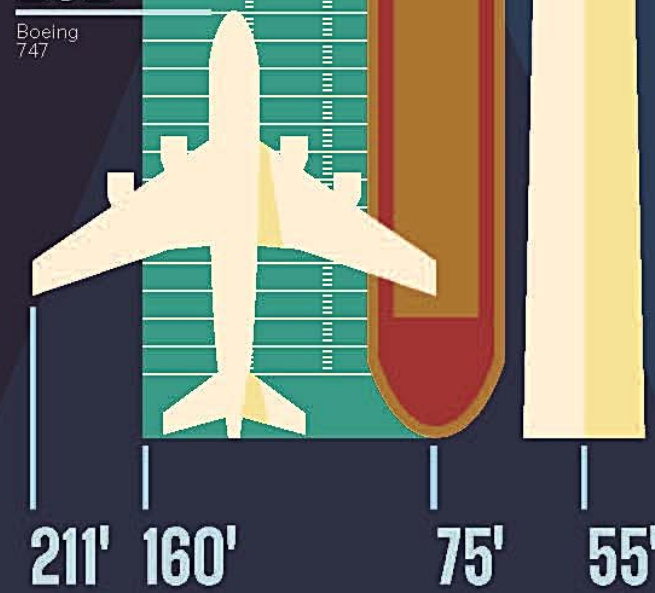
Noah's Ark

360'

Football Field

232'

Boeing 747



The ark was big enough to hold

55,000

SPECIES OF ANIMALS

To fill up the ark, you'd need

7,453,506

SOCCER BALLS.

If you laid each soccer ball next to each other, they would stretch

1,030 MILES!

That's like driving from Louisville, KY, to Austin, TX.



NOAH'S ARK
100,000
SQUARE FEET

VS

WHITE HOUSE
55,000
SQUARE FEET



For the same square footage, that's

71,620 PIZZAS,

which would be a pizza a day for

187.5 YEARS.



DO-IT-ALL DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART



Born about 1040 BC

SON



The youngest of 8 sons



From Bethlehem (like Jesus)



Played the lyre
(stringed instrument like
a U-shaped harp)

MUSICIAN

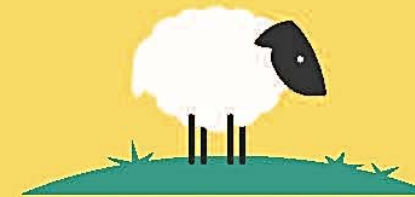


Worshipped God through
song and dance
2 Samuel 6:12-14



Author of about half
of the Psalms
(sacred songs)

SHEPHERD



Tended father's sheep

GOOD-LOOKING



Ruddy and handsome in appearance
1 Samuel 16:12

FRIEND



His bestie was King Saul's son
1 Samuel 18:1-5

WARRIOR



A stone could
leave a sling
in excess of
60mph.

Defeated Goliath with a sling
(He was probably just a teenager!)



Conquered the Hittite city
of Jerusalem
2 Samuel 5



United the northern and
southern factions of
the kingdom of Israel



Had great success
in all he did

FAMOUS



Loved by all of Israel
and Judah



Mentioned more than
1100 times in the Bible

KING



Anointed by Samuel
to be king



Reigned as king for 40 years
(starting when he was 30)
2 Samuel 5:4



Received the promise
of an enduring kingdom
2 Samuel 7:1-16



Brought the Ark of the
Covenant to Jerusalem
2 Samuel 6

MAN OF GOD



Chosen by God when Saul disobeyed
(Saul tried to kill David several times)



Man after God's own heart
1 Samuel 13:14

Although David was far from perfect, God said of him,
"I have found David...a man after my own heart" (Acts 13:22). Why?
Because David always admitted his mistakes and asked for forgiveness (Psalm 51).

BEHOLD, A CHILD IS BORN!

EXPLORING THE NATIVITY SCENE

Matthew 2; Luke 2

THE NATIVITY SCENE as we know it first appeared in **1223 AD** when Saint Francis of Assisi was given permission to stage the scene in a cave.

SHEPHERDS

- The shepherds were out in their field when the angel spoke to them, so Jesus was most likely born in the **LATE SUMMER** or early fall, not in December.
- They saw Jesus shortly after He was born. He was lying in a manger.

STABLE

- It is assumed that Jesus was born in a stable because he was placed in a manger.
- This was possibly the lower floor of a house where some animals were brought inside.

ANIMALS

- Jesus was placed in a manger, so animals could have been present.

MANGER

manger (noun) : a trough or open box in a stable to hold food for livestock

- It reminds us that Jesus is our **SPIRITUAL FOOD** (John 6:35).
- It was made from clay mixed with straw, or built with stones and mud, or carved in rock.

JESUS

JESUS'S BIRTH MARKS THE CHANGE IN THE CALENDAR

BC

"Before Christ"

AD

"*anno Domini*," Medieval Latin for "In the year of the Lord"

- Jesus's birthday was possibly as early as **5 BC**.
- On the eighth day, he was named Jesus, meaning "**THE LORD SAVES.**"
- The Western church picked **DECEMBER 25** as Jesus's birthday, and the Eastern church picked **JANUARY 6**. Eventually this season became known as the **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**.
- In Greek, "X", or *chi*, is the first letter of Christ's name, and it became a well-known symbol for Christ. Therefore, "**XMAS**" is another way to write "Christmas."



STAR OF BETHLEHEM

- A star appeared that would eventually **LEAD THE WISE MEN TO BETHLEHEM**.
- Some theories say the "star" could have been a comet or the alignment of Jupiter and Venus. Regardless, it was indeed miraculous.

WISE MEN

magi (noun) : astrologers and interpreters

- The wise men visited Jesus when He was a toddler, not a newborn.
- It is not known how many wise men were actually there. Because **3 GIFTS** are mentioned, tradition says there were **3 VISITORS**.

Gold
a valuable metal to signify His kingship on earth

Frankincense
a fragrant perfume to signify His priestly role on earth

Myrrh
an anointing oil to signify His death and resurrection

MARY & JOSEPH

- **TRAVELED 70 MILES** from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the Roman census, about a 1-hour car ride for us. For them, it was **3-DAY JOURNEY ON FOOT...** and Mary was 9 months pregnant!
- **MARY GAVE BIRTH IN BETHLEHEM** (as prophesied in Micah 5:2) during the time of Herod the Great.



HEROD WHO?

- Herod the Great**
The king who enlarged the Jewish temple and who died shortly after Jesus's birth.
- Herod Antipas**
The king during the life and death of Jesus and the one who killed John the Baptist.
- Herod Agrippa I**
Herod the Great's grandson, the king who killed the apostle James and imprisoned Peter.