

New Song Community Church

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What, Why, & When?

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What: Bible which carried meanings such as “The Book; Holy Books; Authoritative Book; The Book of Books.”

- A collection of 66 Books
- The world’s all-time best seller and the world’s most translated book
- Divided into two major sections: Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT)
- OT has 39 books; 929 chapters; 23,214 verses; 593,493 words
- NT has 27 books; 260 chapters; 7,959 verses; 181,253 words
- Has survived attacks for extinction by Rulers, Emperors, Kings, Philosophers, Writers, Unbelievers, and a host more through the centuries. **Interestingly the Roman Emperor Diocletian between AD 284-305 ordered every Bible destroyed because he was told Christianity could not survive without it’s sacred book. Many Christians died rather than surrender copies of scripture. After two years the Emperor erected a monument on which he inscribed, “EXTINCTO NOMINE CHRISTIANORUM” which means “the name Christian is extinct! The irony of this persecution is that twenty years later Emperor Constantine ordered fifty copies of the Bible to be produced at the government’s expense (James E. Smith, Ph.D., 2013, Introduction To Biblical Studies, 10-11).**

Fun Facts in the Bible:

- Last word in the Bible: Amen (Revelation 22:21)
- Longest word (and name): Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)
- Shortest verse: John 11:35 (“Jesus wept”)
- Longest verse: Esther 8:9
- Shortest book (number of words): 3 John
- Longest book: Psalms (150 chapters)
- Number of languages the Bible has been translated into: 513 -have full Bible; 2,817 -have some portion of the Bible (as of 2014)
- Number of new Bibles distributed: About 168,000 per day in the USA as of 2001

References: <http://christiananswers.net/bible/about.html>;

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Start a spiritual inheritance of biblical literacy today.

Resources:

The Bible Gateway App – Free bible and study tools: iPhone, Android and website

The listener’s bible – Free on biblica.com. Many websites & apps available to listen to the bible.

Superbook – Free Videos and children’s bible. Available as an App.

The Action Bible – Children’s bible formatted as a comic book. Our children’s ministry has promoted children earning \$11 for their own action bible.