

## **ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS** **ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS**

There has never been a book like the Bible. And there never will be. One can (and should) spend a lifetime learning its principles and precepts. Even then, there is so much packed into this volume that it would be impossible to remember it all. Let's put this thought to a test. See how many of these Bible facts you know. The King James Version will be our source for these interesting Bible details.

The Bible has: 31,102 verses and 1189 chapters. The shortest verse: John 11:35: "Jesus wept", and the longest verse: Esther 8:9. The longest chapter: Ps 119, and the shortest chapter: Ps 117. The shortest book: 3 John, and the longest book: Psalms. The most common word found is "the".

There are 12 books of the Bible that start with the letter "J". Can you name them? The time period of the book of Genesis spans more time than all of the rest of the Bible combined.

Methuselah was the oldest man at 969 yrs. old (Gen 5:27). Six other people also lived to be over 900 yrs. old: (Adam 930 yrs. old: Gen 5:5), (Seth 912 yrs. old: Gen 5:8), (Enos [Enosh] 905 yrs. old: Gen 5:11), (Cainan [Kenan] 910 yrs. old: Gen 5:14), (Jared 962 yrs. old: Gen 5:20) & (Noah 950 yrs. old: Gen 9:29). Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born (Gen 5:3). \*\* NOTE: After the flood, longevity of life greatly decreased to the point that by David's time it was 70-80 years.

The hyssop plant was used to sprinkle lamb's blood on the top and sides of the doorframe during the Passover (Ex 12:22). The hyssop plant was also used when giving Jesus a drink while He was on the cross (John 19:29).

While the Israelites were in the desert for 40 years, God kept their clothes and sandals from wearing out (Deut 29:5).

The commander of the army of Caanan was killed by a woman named Jael, who drove a tent peg through his head (Judg 4:1-2, 17-21).

Manasseh was the longest reigning king at 55 years (2 Kings 21:1). Zimri was the shortest reigning king at 7 days (1 Kings 16:15). Joash was the youngest king at 7 years old (2 Chron 24:1).

Nineveh was founded by Nimrod, Noah's great-grandson, (Gen 10:1-11) in app. B.C. 2200. About 1440 years later (app. 760 B.C.) Jonah preached there. About 150 years after that in 612 B.C., it was destroyed forever.

The walls surrounding the city of Babylon were 87 ft. thick and 387 ft. high. Babylon in the Bible was located approximately where modern day Baghdad, Iraq is today.

God told Isaiah to walk around naked for 3 years (Isa 20:1-4).

God's command in (Lev 19:18) to "love your neighbor as yourself" is quoted 9 times in the New Testament (Matt 5:43), (Matt 19:19), (Matt 22:39), (Mark 12:31,33), (Luke 10:27), (Rom 13:9), (Gal 5:14), (James 2:8). This is the most of any Old Testament verse.

Jesus stayed up all night praying before choosing His 12 disciples (Luke 6:12-13). Jesus never once in the Bible told His disciples He loved them. He showed them with His actions. John the Baptist never performed any miracles (John 10:41).

(Ezek. 16:4) talks about babies being "salted." Tradition says that after a baby was born, it was rubbed with salt. It is unclear exactly why this was done, but guesses run from sanitary, to symbolic, to firming up the skin.

So how did you do? We all need to keep on studying. Not to memorize interesting facts and details, but to gain the wisdom that is from above. Grow in grace and knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18).