

The Length of Books in the Bible

Daily Prayer Ministries

I. Old Testament by Number of Hebrew Words

Psalms is often said to be the “longest book in the Bible” because it has the most chapters, but a better indication of actual “length” is the number of words. The ten longest books in the Old Testament, in the original Hebrew (used in the Masoretic Texts) are:

<u>Order</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u># Verses</u>	<u># Words</u>	<u># Chapters</u>
1	Jeremiah	1,364	22,285	52
2	Genesis	1,533	20,722	50
3	Psalms	2,527	19,662	150
4	Ezekiel	1,273	19,053	48
5	Isaiah	1,291	17,197	66
6	Exodus	1,213	16,890	40
7	Numbers	1,298	16,583	36
8	Deuteronomy	959	14,488	34
9	2 Chronicles	822	13,520	36
10	1 Samuel	811	13,506	31
39	Obadiah	21	440	1

2. New Testament by Number of Greek Words

Paul wrote the most books, by far, but Luke comes out in first place for total length, having written Luke and Acts. Some people also credit him with writing Hebrews!

<u>Order</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u># Verses</u>	<u># Words</u>	<u># Chapters</u>
1	Luke	1,151	19,482	24
2	Acts	1,006	18,451	28
3	Matthew	1,071	18,345	28
4	John (gospel)	879	15,635	21
5	Mark	678	11,304	16
6	Revelation	404	9,852	22
7	Romans	433	7,111	16
8	1 Corinthians	437	6,829	16
9	Hebrews	303	4,953	13
10	2 Corinthians	256	4,477	13

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3 John

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