

Number of verses in the Bible

1	Gen	1533		23	Isa	1292		40	Matt	1067
2	Exo	1213		24	Jer	1364		41	Mark	673
3	Lev	859		25	Lam	154		42	Luke	1147
4	Num	1288		26	Ezek	1273		43	John	878
5	Deut	959		27	Dan	357		44	Acts	1002
6	Josh	658		28	Hos	197		45	Rom	432
7	Jud	618		29	Joel	73		46	1 Cor	437
8	Ruth	85		30	Amos	146		47	2 Cor	256
9	1 Sam	810		31	Obad	21		48	Gal	149
10	2 Sam	695		32	Jonah	48		49	Eph	155
11	1 Kgs	816		33	Micah	105		50	Php	104
12	2 Kgs	719		34	Nah	47		51	Col	95
13	1 Chr	942		35	Hab	56		52	1 Th	89
14	2 Chr	822		36	Zeph	53		53	2 Th	47
15	Ezra	280		37	Hag	38		54	1 Tim	113
16	Neh	405		38	Zech	211		55	2 Tim	83
17	Esther	167		39	Mal	55		56	Titus	46
18	Job	1070		<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>				57	Phm	25
19	Psa	2461		Total OT 23144				58	Heb	303
20	Prov	915		<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>				59	James	108
21	Ecc	222						60	1 Pet	105
22	SoS	117						61	2 Pet	61
								62	1 Jn	105
								63	2 Jn	13
								64	3 Jn	15
								65	Jude	25
								66	Rev	405
								<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>		
								Total NT	7938	
								<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>		
								BibleTotal	31082	
								<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/>		

Old Testament

We believe that the manuscript called the Westminster Leningrad Codex (the text verified by the J Alan Grove Center for Advanced Biblical Research) is the correct version of the Old Testament Hebrew writing.

The text has 23,144 verses.

The King James Bible has 23, 145 verses.

The difference of one verse is found at Nehemiah 7:68. The original Hebrew text did not have these words. They were added later (being a minor detail drawn from the text at Ezra 2:66).

Most Bibles show Nehemiah 7 as having 73 verses, and a total of 406 verses for the book. However, the numbers should actually be 72 verses for chapter 7, and a total of 405 verses for the book.

New Testament

For the New Testament, we believe that the original Greek writing is represented in a text verified by Dr Alan Bunning of the Center for New Testament Restoration.

Dr Bunning has examined every one of the 193 most ancient manuscripts and has concluded that 19 verses found in the King James Bible were late additions to the original writing.

The 19 verses that should not be in the Bible are found at:

Matthew	16:3	17:21	18:11	23:14	
Mark	7:16	9:44	9:46	11:26	15:28
Luke	17:36	23:17	22:43	22:44	
John	5:4				
Acts	8:37	15:34	24:7	28:29	
Romans	16:24				

The result is that we have a total of 7,938 verses in the New Testament, whereas the King James Bible has 7,957 verses.

Bible overall

The King James Bible has 31,102 verses.

Our verified original text has 31,082 verses (23,144 in the Old Testament and 7,938 in the New Testament). The difference is 20 verses.

None of the 20 verses has any impact on any of the fundamental doctrines of the faith.

We should not think in terms of these verses being deleted from the Bible. We should acknowledge that they were not there in the beginning. They were added to the text when hand copies were made, probably in an effort to “explain” or to emphasize certain passages. In many cases, the same words are found elsewhere in the Gospels.

Matthew – verses that should not be there

Matthew 16:3 and Matthew 17:21 and Matthew 18:11 and Matthew 23:14 all appear to be later additions to the original writing. They do not fit into the numeric structure.

Certain English Bible translations include Matthew 16:3 and some do so with a footnote stating that the words are not found in early manuscripts.

Most English Bible translations exclude Matthew 17:21 and Matthew 18:11 and Matthew 23:14.

Matthew 16:2b-3 (NKJV)

(2b) "... When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the heavens are red';
(3) and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the heavens are red and threatening.'
Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."

Matthew 17:21 (NKJV)

"However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Matthew 18:11 (NKJV)

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

In any case, the same words are found in Luke 19:10.

Matthew 23:14 (NKJV)

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation."

This admonition is found anyway at Luke 20:47.

Mark – verses that should not be there

Mark 7:16 and Mark 9:44 and Mark 9:46 and Mark 11:26 and Mark 15:28 all appear to be later additions to the original writing. They do not fit into the numeric structure.

The verses Mark 7:16 and Mark 9:44 and Mark 9:46 and Mark 11:26 and Mark 15:28 are found in the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible and in the New King James Version (NKJV). Many other Bible translations exclude these verses, usually with footnotes by way of explanation. Some Bible translations include the verses but have them in brackets.

Mark 7:16 (NKJV)

“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Mark 9:44 (NKJV)

“... where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”

Mark 9:46 (NKJV)

“... where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”

But these same words are at Mark 9:48 anyway.

Mark 11:26 (NKJV)

“But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

In any case, these words are found at Matthew 6:15.

Mark 15:28 (NKJV)

“So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’”

The same thought is found anyway at Luke 22:37.

Luke – verses that should not be there

Luke 17:36 and Luke 23:17 and Luke 22:43 and 44 all appear to be later additions to the original writing. They do not fit into the numeric structure.

Luke 17:36 (NKJV)

“Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”

This verse is found in the KJV and NKJV and in a few other Bibles. The verse is in brackets in some Bibles, including the NASB, and it is omitted completely in other Bibles, including the NIV.

In any case, the words are found in the Bible at Matthew 24:40.

Luke 23:17 (NKJV)

.. (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast).

This verse is in brackets in most Bibles, including the KJV and NKJV and NASB. It is omitted completely in a few other Bibles, including the NIV.

Luke 22:43-44 (NKJV)

[43] Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

[44] And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground

John – a verse that should not be there

John 5:4 appears to be a later addition to the original writing. It does not fit into the numeric structure.

John 5:4 (NKJV)

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

The KJV and the NKJV, and several other Bibles, include this verse. Others, like the NASB, have the verse in brackets with a footnote stating that the words are found only in late manuscripts, and others like the NIV omit the verse.

Acts –verses that should not be there

Acts 8:37 and Acts 15:34 and Acts 24:7 and Acts 28:29 all appear to be later additions to the original writing. They do not fit into the numeric structure.

Acts 8:37 (NKJV)

Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

This verse is found in the KJV and NKJV and in several other Bible translations. Other Bibles (like the NASB) have this verse in brackets with a footnote stating that the words are not in the earliest manuscripts. A few other translations (including the NIV) exclude the verse altogether.

Acts 15:34 (NKJV)

However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.

This verse is found in the KJV and NKJV and in several other Bible translations. Other Bibles (like the NASB) have this verse in brackets with a footnote stating that the words are not in the earliest manuscripts. A few other translations (including the NIV) exclude the verse altogether.

Acts 24:7-8A (NKJV)

“But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands, commanding the accusers of him to come to you ...”

Very few Bible translations omit Acts 24:7-8a. Dr Bunning of CNTR obviously has solid textual reasons for concluding that this passage was not in the original writings.

Acts 28:29 (NKJV)

And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.

This verse is found in the KJV and NKJV and in several other Bible translations. Other Bibles (like the NASB) have this verse in brackets with a footnote stating that the words are not in the earliest manuscripts. A few other translations (including the NIV) exclude the verse altogether.

Romans – a verse that should not be there

Romans 16:24 appears to be a later addition to the original writing. It does not fit into the numeric structure.

Romans 16:24 (NKJV)

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

This verse is found in the KJV and NKJV and in several other Bible translations. Other Bibles (like the NASB) have this verse in brackets with a footnote stating that the words are not in the earliest manuscripts. A few other translations (including the NIV) exclude the verse altogether.
