

TOP	55 PEOPLE in Bible	total	O.T.	N.T.	notes
1	the Lord Jesus, <i>Christ, Son, King, etc.</i>	over 5,250	over 2,800	about 2,450	Jesus (677), Lord (N.T.~458), Christ (302), Son (~260), (Lord) Jesus Christ (185), Christ Jesus (69), Teacher / Master (52+), Man (44), King (39), Lord Jesus (32), Lamb (32), I AM...(26+), God (22+), Savior (~19), Prophet (13), Shepherd (11), etc.
2	King David	1,495	1,436	59	second king of Israel , Ruth 4:17, 1 Sam. 16:13-1 Kgs. 2:10, Mat. 1:1, 17, 20, 21:9 David (1,134), king (282), servant (30), son (14), lord (13), son-in-law (7), etc. (17)
3	Moses	872	787	85	leader of the Exodus , Ex. 2:1-25, 12:1-42, 14:13-31, Acts 7:20-29, Heb. 11:23-24 Moses (847), child (9), prince/ruler (4), son (4), husband (2), baby (1), etc. (5)
4	King Saul	478	477	1	first king of Israel , 1 Sam. 9:2-31:12, 2 Sam. 1:17-24, 3:1-14, 9:1-9, Acts 13:21, Saul (398), king (37), father (21), anointed (8), man (5), mighty (3), etc (6)
5	King Solomon	458	446	12	son of David , 2 Sam. 12:24-25, 1 Kgs. 3:1, Prov. 1:1, Ecc. 1:1, Song 1:13, Mat. 1:6-7 Solomon (305), king (87), beloved (29), father (16), son (7), preacher (7), etc.(7)
6	Jacob, Israel	~375	~351	24	son of Isaac, name changed to Israel , Gen. 25:26, 27:36, 32:28, 37:3, Heb. 11:21 Jacob (~242), Israel (~41), father (69), son (8), husband (5), brother (5), etc.(5)
7	Abraham	342	263	79	man of faith (Gen. 15:6, Rom. 4:3, Heb. 11:8, 17), father of many nations (Gen. 17:5) Abraham (251), Abram (61), master (9), father (6), lord (5), brother (3), etc. (7)
8	Aaron	320	318	2	Moses' older brother, chief priest , Ex. 4:14, 32:2, Deut. 10:6, Acts 7:40, Heb. 5:4, Aaron (290), priest (4), sons of Aaron (13), Aaron's sons (13)
9	Nebuchadnezzar	251	251	0	king of Babylon , often viewed favorably, Jer.25:9, 38:17, Dan.3:19, 4:37, 5:18-23, Nebuchadnezzar (91), king of Babylon (79), king (72), tree (6), head(2), lord(1)
10	Paul, Saul	237	0	237	apostle , Acts 7:58, 9:4, 23:9, Rom. 1:1, 11:13, 2 Cor. 12:2, 1 Tim. 1:15, 2 Pet. 3:15, Paul (156), Saul (25), man (22), prisoner(9), minister/teacher(6), apostle(5), etc.
11	Joseph (in Genesis)	215	207	8	first son of Jacob and Rachel , Gen. 30:24, 37:3,28, 41:16, 50:26, Heb. 11:21-22, Joseph (177), man (10), lord (9), brother (6), son (5), servant (4), etc. (4)
12	Joshua	211	209	2	Moses' military leader and successor , Ex. 17:9-14, Num. 14:6-38, Josh. 1:1-11, Joshua (208), Hoshea (<i>Num. 13:8,16</i>), man (1), Acts 7:45, Heb. 4:8
13	Peter, Simon	200	0	200	most-mentioned disciple , Mat. 4:18, Lk. 5:1-11, John 21:1-19, Acts 1:15, 1 Pet. 1:1 Peter (137), Simon (30), Simon Peter (20), Cephas (6), apostle (2), etc. (5)
14	Isaac	185	164	21	son of Abraham and Sarah , Gen. 17:16-21, 22:8, Mat. 7:8, Heb. 11:17, Jam. 2:21 Isaac (132), son (27), father (22), lad / child (3), my master (1)
15	King Ahab	166	166	0	the most mentioned evil king of Israel , 1 Kgs 16:28-22:40, 2 Chr. 18:1-34, Ahab (89), the king (71), master (6)
16	Samuel	155	152	3	a prophet & the last judge , 1 Sam. 1:20-27, 16:13, Acts 3:24, 13:20, Heb. 11:32 Samuel (140), child / boy / son (8), man of God (4), seer (3)
17	King Hezekiah	146	144	2	good king of Judah , 2 Kgs. 16:20, 18:13-20:21, 2 Chr. 29:1-32:33, Isa.36:1-39:8, Hezekiah (128), king (14), master (4), Mat. 1:9-10
18	Joab	145	145	0	David's general , 1 Sam. 26:6, 2 Sam. 2:13-3:31, 18:10-16, 24:2-9, 1 Kgs. 2:5, Joab (141), his / my lord (3), sons of Zeruiah (3/3=1)
19	Jeremiah	141	138	3	prophet re. the Babylonian captivity , 2 Chr. 35:25, Jer. 1:1-6, 51:64, Mat. 16:14, Jeremiah (134), this man (4), prophet (1), youth (1), male child (1)
20	Ahasuerus / Xerxes	128	128	0	Persian king in the book of Esther , Est. 1:2-10:3, Ezra 4:6, (not in Dan. 9:1), Ahasuerus / Xerxes (30), king (98), Est. 1:5, 19, 21, 2:22, and many more.
21	Pharaoh (of Exodus)	123	122	1	evil Pharaoh who opposed Moses , Ex. 3:10, Deut. 7:18, Psa. 136:15, Rom. 9:17, Pharaoh (119), king of Egypt (4) Ex. 3:18, 19, 5:4, 14:5
22	John the Baptist	120	2	118	Jesus' forerunner , Isa. 40:3, Mal. 3:1, Mat. 3:1-3,13, 11:10-14, Lk. 1:13, Jn. 3:29, John (93), voice (5), messenger (4), child/babe (6), son (3), Elijah (3), etc (6)
23	Absalom	117	117	0	rebellious son of King David , 2 Sam. 3:3, 13:1-38, 15:1-14, 18:9-33, Psa. 3 title, Absalom (109), son (6), judge (1), that young man (1)
24	Elisha	105	104	1	Elijah's successor , 1 Kgs. 19:16-21, 2 Kgs. 2:1-24, 5:1-27, 6:10-20, 13:19, Lk. 4:27, Elisha (59), man of God (27), prophet (5), master (5), lord (4), baldhead (2), etc.
25	Esau	101*	98*	3	Jacob's twin brother , Gen. 25:21-34, 27:1-46, Mal. 1:2-3, Rom. 9:13, Heb. 12:16, Esau (87), brother (5), son (2), lord (2), older/first (2), Edom (1), etc. (2*)
-	Jonathan	101*	101*	0	oldest son of King Saul, David's friend , 1 Sam. 13:16-14:45, 18:1, 2 Sam. 1:17-27, Jonathan (97), the mighty (4/2=2), the beauty of Israel (1), both (1/2=1*)
27	Elijah	100	85	15	prophet who opposed Ahab , 1 Kgs. 17:1-2 Kgs. 2:18, Mat. 11:14, 17:3, Jam. 5:17, Elijah (83), man of God (7), master (3), man (3), father (1), enemy (1), etc. (2)
28	Ezekiel, son of man	99	99	0	leading prophet in Babylon , Ezekiel (Eze 1:3, 24:24), prophet (Eze. 2:5, 33:33), watchman (Eze, 3:17, 33:7), son of man (93) Eze. 2:8, 3:1, 8:15, 11:4, 12:9, etc.
29	King Jeroboam	98	98	0	first king of the northern kingdom, idol maker , 1 Kgs. 12:26-13:10, 14:7-11, Jeroboam (75), sins of Jeroboam (14), king (7), young man (1), officer (1)
30	King Josiah	97	95	2	last good king of Judah , 1 Kgs. 13:2, 2 Kgs. 22:1-20, 23:1-30, Mat. 1:10-11, Josiah (56), king (39), man who sent you (2)

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31	<i>the chief priests</i>	96	0	96	chief priest(s) who opposed Jesus, Mat. 16:21, 26:63, John 18:13, Acts 4:6, 9:1, chief priests (59), high priest (28), Caiaphas (5), Annas and Caiaphas (4)
32	<i>Pharaoh (Joseph's time)</i>	95	95	2	Pharaoh who promoted Joseph, Gen. 37:36, 41:1-46, 45:16, 47:7, Act 7:10, 7:13, Pharaoh (90), king (5) Gen. 39:20, 40:1, 5, 46
33	<i>Eleazar</i>	92	92	0	Aaron's son, chief priest, Ex. 6:23-25, Num. 3:4, 32, 25:7-8, Deut. 10:6, Josh. 14:1 Eleazar (64), Aaron's sons (74/4 + (19/2) = 28)
34	<i>King Zedekiah</i>	91	91	0	last Judean king, mostly in Jeremiah, Jer. 1:3, 38:14-19, Eze. 12:10, 17:6, 19:14, Zedekiah (54), king (26), prince (4), vine (4), Mattaniah (1), rod (1), offspring (1)
35	<i>Daniel</i>	88	86	2	leading prophet in Babylon, Eze. 14:14, 28:3, Dan. 1:6-21, 2:47-48, 6:10, 10:19, Daniel (80), Belteshazzar without Daniel (4), man (4), Mat. 24:15
36	<i>King Jehoshaphat</i>	83	81	2	mostly good Judean king, cooperated with Ahab, 1 Kgs. 22:41-50, 2 Kgs. 3:1-27, Jehoshaphat (77), king (4), three kings (4/3=1*), his father (1), Mat. 1:8
37	<i>Sarah, Sarai</i>	82	75	7	Abraham's wife, Isaac's mother, Gen. 11:29-25:10, Rom. 4:19, Gal. 4:22, Heb. 11:11, Sarah (42), Sarai (17), wife (10), sister (5), (free)woman (7), daughter (1)
38	<i>Job</i>	76	75	1	pre-Moses, righteous sufferer, Job 1:1-42:17, Eze. 14:14, 20, Jam. 5:11, Job (59), man (5), stranger/alien (2), this (2), father (1), male child (1), etc. (6)
39	<i>King Rehoboam</i>	72	70	2	son of King Solomon, king of Judah, 1 Kgs. 11:43-15:6, 2 Chr. 9:31-13:7, Mat. 1:7, Rehoboam (52), king (16), king's house (4/2=2), son (1), servant (1)
40	<i>Laban</i>	67	67	0	Rebekah's brother, Jacob's deceptive father-in-law, Gen. 24:29, 29:13,25, 31:6-7, Laban (55), father (10), brother (2)
41	<i>Pilate</i>	65	0	65	Roman governor who judged Jesus, Mat. 27:11-27, Lk. 23:12, John 18:29-19:38, Pilate (56), (Roman) governor (9), (He is named more often in John's Gospel.)
42	<i>Abner</i>	64	64	0	Saul's military commander, 1 Sam. 14:50, 26:5-15, 2 Sam. 2:8-4:1, 1 Kgs. 2:5, 32, Abner (63), a prince (2 Sam.3:38)
-	<i>Balaam</i>	64	60	4	covetous prophet, Num. 22:5-24:25, 31:8, Deut. 23:4-5, Josh. 24:9-10, Neh. 13:2, Balaam (63), prophet (1), 2 Pet. 2:15-16, Jude 11, Rev. 2:14
-	<i>Esther</i>	64	64	0	Jewish queen in Persia, Est. 2:7-22, 4:4-17, 7:6-8, 8:1-7, 9:29-32, Esther (55), Hadassah (Est. 2:7), queen (4), daughter (2), young woman (2)
45	<i>King Asa</i>	61	59	2	mostly good king of Judah, 1 Kgs. 15:8-24, 2 Chr. 14:1-16:6, Jer. 41:9, Mat. 1:7-8, Asa (59), king (1), his father (1) He did not finish well (2 Chr. 16:7-12).
46	<i>Mordecai</i>	60	60	0	Esther's cousin, Jewish ruler in Persia, Est. 2:5-11, 3:2-6, 4:1-17, 6:2-13, 10:2, Mordecai (52), Mordecai the Jew (6), the man whom the king honors (4/2=2)
47	<i>Noah</i>	59	50	9	builder of the ark, Gen. 5:29-32, 6:8-9,22, 7:5-13, 9:1,28, Mat. 24:37, Heb. 11:7, Noah (54), father (3), a just man (1), a preacher (2 Pet. 2:5)
48	<i>Gideon</i>	58	57	1	well-known judge, Jud. 6:11-8:33, 9:1-57, 1 Sam. 12:11, Heb. 11:32, Gideon (38), Jerubbaal (14), Jerubbesheth (1), father (3), son (1), mighty man (1)
-	<i>Rachel</i>	58	57	1	Laban's daughter, Jacob's wife, Gen. 29:6-28, 30:1-2,22, 35:19, Hos. 12:12, Mat. 2:18, Rachel(48), daughters/wives (9/2=5*), wife/spouse(3), mother(2), women(2/4=1*)
50	<i>Benjamin</i>	58*	58*	0	second son of Jacob & Rachel, Gen. 35:18, 24, 42:4, 43:30, 44:16-20, 45:15, Ex.1:3, Benjamin (20), brother(21), lad(9), son(3), man (2), child/children(2*), Ben-Oni (1)
51	<i>Isaiah</i>	57	33	24	leading O.T. prophet, 2 Kgs. 19:5-20:19, Isa.37:5-39:8, Mat. 3:3, 13:14, Acts 8:34, Isaiah (53), man (1), the prophet (Mat. 1:22, Acts 7:48, 8:34)
52	<i>Mary</i>	57*	2*	55	Jesus' mother, Gen.3:15, Isa.7:14, Mat.1:16, Lk.2:51, Jn.2:4, 19:26, Acts 1:14, Gal.4:4, mother (24), Mary (19), woman (4*), virgin (4), maidservant (2), etc. (4)
53	<i>Adam</i>	~56	~40	16	man, Gen. 1:26-27, 2:7-8,21, 3:6, 5:1-2, Rom. 5:12-17, 1 Cor. 15:47, 1 Tim. 2:13-14, Adam (29), (the) man (13), male (4), one (man) (4), first man (2), husband (2), etc.
54	<i>Haman</i>	55	55	0	evil Persian nobleman in Esther, an Agagite, Est. 3:1-15, 5:9, 6:13, 7:6-10, 9:24, Haman (54), enemy (1) (For background, see Ex. 17:8-16 and 1 Sam. 15:1-35.)
55	<i>the Antichrist</i>	~53	~12	~41	false messiah of the end times, Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 21, 24, 9:26, 27, Zech. 11:16-17, 2 Thes. 2:3-9, 1 Jn. 2:18, Rev. 6:2, 11:7, 13:1-4, 14:9, 17:11-17, 19:19-20, 20:4, etc.

Seven Key Observations

- 7.) There are many **kings** on the list, but **God Himself is the true King**.
- 6.) **Saul (#4)** is covered extensively to illustrate the failings of human kings.
- 5.) **David (#2)** is mentioned often in the N.T. because the Messiah came through his line.
- 4.) **Abraham (#7)** is mentioned often in the N.T., because he was a man of faith (Rom. 4:3).
- 3.) **Moses (#3)** is mentioned often in the N.T., to help explain the relationship between the law and grace.
- 2.) There are **few New Testament people** on the list, because the N.T. focus is far more on Jesus than on his disciples.
- 1.) **Jesus** is #1 by a wide margin, because He is God the Son, the King of kings, the Way, etc. (See the list of his ranked titles.)

WHO ARE YOU? (whole Bible)*(a Bible survey game)*

An individual or a team is assigned one of the top 55 Bible characters. Others or the other team members use the categories shown on this page to ask questions and guess who the character is. The goal is to identify the character while asking as few questions as possible.

- Are you a king? *Yes*
 Are you in Samuel? *Yes*
 Are you David? *No*
 Are you King Saul? *Yes!*

in Hebrews 11	
2	King David
3	Moses
6	Jacob, Israel
7	Abraham
11	Joseph (<i>Jacob's son</i>)
14	Isaac
16	Samuel
37	<i>Sarah</i>
47	Noah
48	Gideon

a New Testament person	
1	Jesus, (Christ). - <i>O.T. also</i>
10	Paul, Saul
13	Peter, Simon
22	John (the Baptist)
31	the chief priests
41	Pilate
52	<i>Mary</i>
55	the Antichrist

a woman	
37	<i>Sarah</i>
42	<i>Esther</i>
48	<i>Rachel</i>
52	<i>Mary</i>

very bad	
15	King Ahab
21	Pharaoh (<i>of the Exodus</i>)
23	Absalom
29	King Jeroboam
31	the chief priests
42	Balaam
54	Haman
55	the Antichrist

a king	
1	Jesus (Christ)
2	King David
4	King Saul
5	King Solomon
9	Nebuchadnezzar
15	King Ahab
17	King Hezekiah
20	Ahasuerus (<i>Xerxes</i>)
21	Pharaoh (<i>of the Exodus</i>)
29	King Jeroboam
30	King Josiah
32	Pharaoh (<i>Joseph's time</i>)
34	King Zedekiah
36	King Jehoshaphat
39	King Rehoboam
45	King Asa

a high / chief priest	
1	Jesus (Christ)
8	Aaron
31	the chief priests (<i>small group</i>)
33	Eleazar

a prophet	
3	Moses
16	Samuel
19	Jeremiah
22	John (the Baptist)
24	Elisha
27	Elijah
28	Ezekiel, son of man
35	Daniel
42	Balaam
51	Isaiah

a Gentile	
9	Nebuchadnezzar
20	Ahasuerus (<i>Xerxes</i>)
21	Pharaoh (<i>of the Exodus</i>)
25	Esau, Edom
32	Pharaoh (<i>Joseph's time</i>)
38	Job
41	Pilate
42	Balaam
54	Haman
55	the Antichrist

in Genesis	
6	Jacob, Israel
7	Abraham
11	Joseph (<i>Jacob's son</i>)
14	Isaac
25	Esau, Edom
32	Pharaoh (<i>Joseph's time</i>)
37	<i>Sarah</i>
40	Laban
47	Noah
48	<i>Rachel</i>
50	Benjamin
53	Adam

know Moses	
3	Moses
8	Aaron
12	Joshua
21	Pharaoh (<i>of the Exodus</i>)
33	Eleazar
42	Balaam

in Samuel / know David	
2	King David
4	King Saul
5	King Solomon
16	Samuel
18	Joab
23	Absalom
25	Jonathan
42	Abner

know King Ahab	
15	King Ahab
24	Elisha
27	Elijah
36	King Jehoshaphat

in Esther / know Esther	
20	Ahasuerus (<i>Xerxes</i>)
42	<i>Esther</i>
46	Mordecai
54	Haman