

Books of the Bible Right Angle Puzzle

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Determine the name of the book of the Bible for each clue listed below.

Then write the letters of that book in the 24 by 17 matrix using the following rules:

- (1) Each word makes one right-angle turn somewhere along its length.
But you must determine where each word makes this turn and in which direction.
- (2) As a guide, the starting direction (i.e., the direction of the word before its right angle turn) of each answer is indicated by the letter given after the clue number.
- (3) Words can go North, South, East, or West to start with.
For example, 1E begins on square 1 and heads East.
- (4) Each letter in the correctly completed grid appears in only one word.
- (5) Enter Song of Solomon without any spaces between the words and enter the book of Acts as just one word -- ACTS.
- (6) No duplicate names are used. For example, there will be just one entry for 1 Kings and 2 Kings; similarly, CHRONICLES will be entered just once in spite of the fact that there are two books with that name. So, the sixty-six books of the Bible will be represented by the fifty-six unique names.

- 4E The last verse of this book is a benediction, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.” This is similar to the benedictions found in Philippians and Revelation.
- 5E The story of Noah is found in this book.
- 6W In this New Testament book, Jesus is compared to the Old Testament priest Melchizedek.
- 7E In this book, the prophet warns against worshipping gold and silver idols that have no breath in them.
- 8S The first of two letters to this church from Paul admonishes the members to “rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances...” and to “greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.”
- 9S In the first of two letters to this congregation, Paul said, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”
- 10S Two common phrases, “holier than thou” and “Woe is me” appear in this book.
- 11S In this book, we read that Moses anointed Aaron and his sons with the blood of a ram.
- 12S This Old Testament book of prophecy contains the words: “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.”
- 13N According to the prophet in this book, the city of Nineveh was attacked by soldiers in scarlet uniforms and carrying red shields.
- 14N This book contains the following story:
When Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive a brother who has sinned against him, Jesus said, “I do not say to you seven times but seventy times seven.”
This book also contains the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord’s Prayer.
- 15N The last verse of this book reads, “And for all the mighty power and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.”
- 16N In this book, we find the following verses:
“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” and
“all things work together for good to them that love God.”
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- 17W In this book, the prophet condemned the idle rich on their beds of ivory by saying, “woe to those who lie upon the beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches.”
- 18W In this book, we read about the godly king Josiah who cleansed Jerusalem by burning the bones of false priests on their altars.
- 19E This book tells us that in the Persian capital of Ecbatana, they found the decree permitting the Jews to return to Israel.
- 20N This epistle mentions, “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”
- 21E In this book, Paul asked the two women, Euodias and Syntyche, to stop quarreling.
- 22S In this Old Testament book, we read about a fugitive prophet who slept in the bottom of a ship as it rolled in a storm. This same prophet prayed while in the belly of a whale.
- 23S The malicious king of Moab, Balak, sent the prophet Balaam to curse Israel in this Old Testament book.
- 24S This book has a devoted lover praising a woman’s beautiful feet. This book contains love songs.
- 25S This book is the shortest Old Testament book.
- 26N This book contains Jesus’ statements:
(1) “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s”
(2) “Get behind me, Satan!”
- 27E In this book, there is a plain pronouncement of God’s judgment on Judah for her various sins. The prophet warned of a destruction in which man and beast will be swept away along with all birds of the air and fish of the sea.
- 28W The passage, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son ...” is found in this book.
- 29S In this book, Moses and the people of Israel sing this song to the Lord: “... The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation ...”

- 30W This epistle refers to Christ as a living stone.
- 31N The words from the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah* are found in this book: "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth ... King of kings and Lord of lords!"
- 32W In this short Old Testament book, the prophet describes a locust plague and then says God promises that the suffering people will yet be blessed. He says that the day of the Lord will be a day of blackness.
- 33E This epistle compares false teachers to rainless clouds blown about by the wind. This book ends with one of the most beautiful Biblical benedictions:
"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever."
- 34S In this book, we read of Boaz, the barley farmer, who married a Moabite woman and became an ancestor of David.
- 35S The famous story of King Solomon's decision to "divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other" woman is found in this book.
- 36W In this book, it says that the Lord's people have become as cruel as "ostriches in the wilderness."
- 37S This book contains the verse, "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above."
- 38W In this book, the prophet was told by God to name his son Lo-ammi.
- 39E In this last book of the Old Testament, the prophet speaks about Jews divorcing their wives to marry pagan women.
- 40S "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want ..." is found in this book.
- 41E The prophet in this book warns of the consequences of sin and poses the question, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil?"
- 42S This epistle from Paul says that Christian women should not wear pearls or have braided hair, and that they should not teach or have authority over men.

- 43W In this book, the prophet has a vision of four living creatures and four wheels. Each wheel was constructed as if it were a wheel within a wheel.
- 44N In this eighteenth book of the New Testament, Paul writes to his friend urging him to take back in Christian love a runaway slave named Onesimus.
- 45S The common phrase, “I have escaped by the skin of my teeth,” originated in this book.
- 46E In this book, we read about the Israelite woman named Jael who killed a Canaanite captain by driving a tent peg through his head.
- 47N In this book, we read of a Jewish girl who became queen of Persia.
- 48W The Jewish leader in this Old Testament book was deeply offended when he saw people engaging in trade on the Sabbath. He says, “In those days, I saw in Judah men treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on asses ...”
- 49S This book chronicles the story of King David’s rebellious son Absalom being killed by Joab.
- 50W This book offers pastoral advice to the pastor on the isle of Crete.
- 51W This book contains the story of Paul and Silas.
- 52S In this book, the prophet claimed that God would make a new covenant that would be written on men’s hearts.
- 53W This book contains the story of Zacchaeus and the sycamore tree.
- 54W In this book, we read about the conquest of Jericho and about Rahab who hid the spies who were sent to Jericho.
- 55N This book tells of a banquet hosted by King Belshazzar where a phantom hand left a message on the palace wall.
- 56N This book contains the admonition, “He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.”