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N V X A D H K O B C S F H R A  
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Q E T U O P I Y R W A D G J L  
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**For my wife, Nerry.**

*You are the delight of my eyes.*

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## WORDMINE: *The Prophets*

"There is nothing . . . hid, that shall not be known" (Matt. 10:26). Ready to do some digging? Buried in the box below are the names of 23 prophets. Words may be forward, backward, upward, downward, or diagonal. When you are done, the leftover letters will spell a Bible message. *Answers are on page 67.*



### WORD LIST

AHIJAH  
AMOS  
DANIEL  
ELIJAH  
ELISHA  
EZEKIEL

HABAKKUK  
HAGGAI  
HANANI  
HOSEA  
ISAIAH  
JEREMIAH

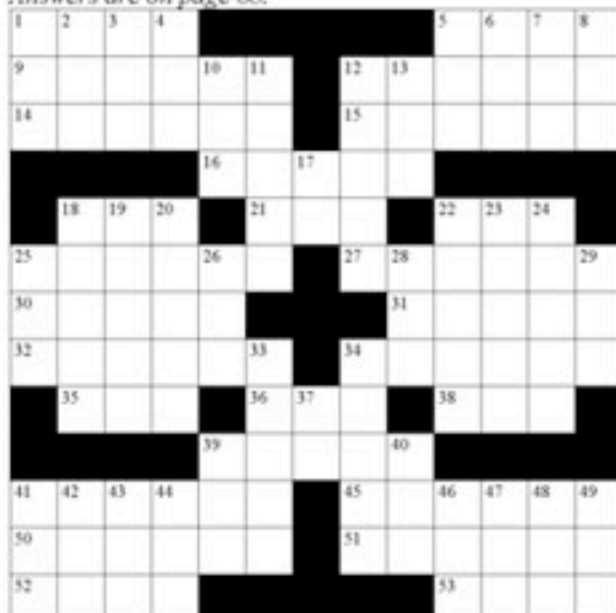
JOEL  
JONAH  
OBADIAH  
ODED  
MALACHI  
MICAH

NAHUM  
NATHAN  
SHEMAIAH  
ZECHARIAH  
ZEPHANIAH

**MESSAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# CROSS-SWORD 1

Answers are on page 68.



## ACROSS

1. — insult upon insult
5. prefix meaning eight
9. of immediate concern
12. without parents
14. farmer
15. go to bed
16. tares
18. Seattle High School (abbr.)
21. wide shoe size
22. — Lanka
25. declares
27. turn from sin
30. church instrument
31. Norman Vincent —
32. used a phone
34. molded by God
35. before, prefix
36. goal

38. reset (abbr.)

39. Saul offered David his
41. "— Night" (carol)
45. "Am I my brother's —?" (Gen. 4:9).
50. places faith in
51. authority
52. droops
53. "Rock of —"

## DOWN

1. show affection
2. sin
3. in the past
4. chapel seat
5. choose
6. "x" in Greek
7. Moses' pitch, today
8. unified
10. certain testament
11. cedar and olive

12. command
13. resurrection, for short
17. engineering degree (abbr.)
18. remove old varnish
19. Ishmael's mom
20. spoiled, like food
22. Israelite weapon
23. harvests
24. arm of the sea
25. turf
26. compass direction
28. Galatians follower (abbr.)
29. media mogul Turner
33. "[Take] the shield of faith . . . to quench all the fiery — of the wicked" (Eph. 6:16).
34. fire indicator
37. "— just a poor, wayfaring stranger."
39. "Go to the —, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6).
40. king (Latin)
41. saints (abbr.)
42. retirement acct. (abbr.)
43. tote
44. squiggly letter
46. govt. environmental group (abbr.)
47. wooden nail
48. "before" in old poetry
49. routes (abbr.)

**Cross-Sword def:** n.

A crossword puzzle with a Christian emphasis, thus the reference to the *cross* of Christ and the *sword* of the Lord – the Word of God.

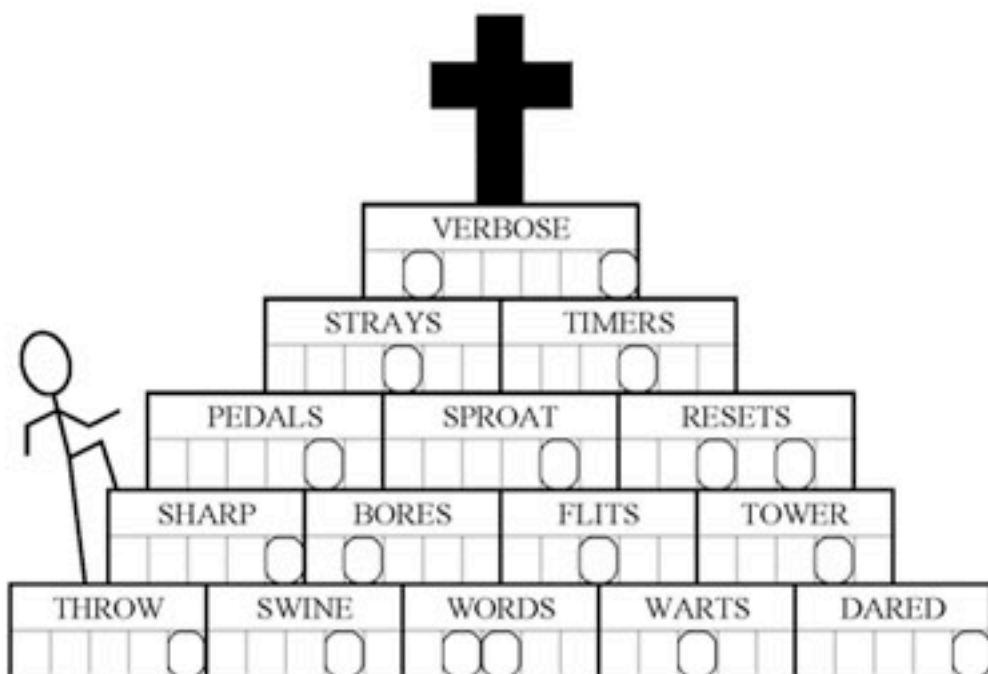
## THE BIBLE OR SHAKESPEARE?

"Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God" (1 John 4:1, NIV). The phrases below have been drawn from both the Bible and the writings of William Shakespeare. Can you tell which are from God and which are from the pen of the famous bard? Circle S for Shakespeare and B for Bible. *Answers are on page 68.*

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird."  | S | B |
| 2. "The devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape."  | S | B |
| 3. "Pray you now, forget and forgive."   | S | B |
| 4. "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of sin."   | S | B |
| 5. "If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction." | S | B |
| 6. "How poor are they that have not patience!"   | S | B |
| 7. "We know what we are, but know not what we may be."   | S | B |
| 8. "Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife."  | S | B |
| 9. "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; . . . they flatter with their tongue."  | S | B |
| 10. "The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose."  | S | B |
| 11. "I know thy words, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is."   | S | B |
| 12. "Lord, Lord, how this world is given to lying!"  | S | B |
| 13. "Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity."   | S | B |

# HOSANNAGRAM 1

"Such men are false apostles . . . masquerading as apostles of Christ" (2 Cor. 11:13, NIV). Listed below are 15 words "masquerading" as other words (anagrams). Using the clues at the bottom, rearrange the letters to spell the correct words. As an additional challenge, the clues are not listed in order. When you are finished, the circle boxes, when read from left to right, top to bottom, will spell a Bible message. *Answers are on page 66.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Row

- > muscle
- > terror
- > Jesus' bed
- > incensed
- > weapon

## 4<sup>th</sup> Row

- > clothes
- > removes a burden
- > angelic instruments
- > sent a missive

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Row

- > pilots
- > shepherd
- > implores

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Row

- > fauns
- > bishops' hats

## 1<sup>st</sup> Row

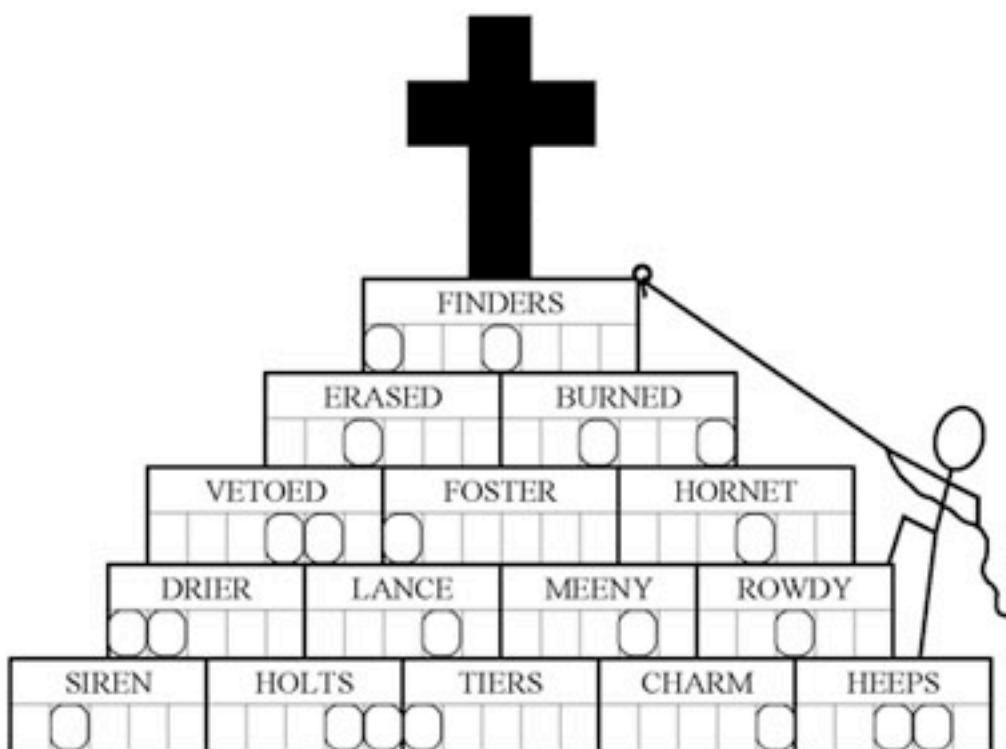
- > keep; obey

MESSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_



## HOSANNAGRAM 2

See instructions on preceding page. *Answers are on page 66.*



### 5<sup>th</sup> Row

- > laziness
- > military hike
- > "Feed My -"
- > endeavors
- > resurrected

### 4<sup>th</sup> Row

- > adversary
- > horse passenger
- > bride's possessions
- > purified

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Row

- > God's chair
- > consecrate
- > woodland

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Row

- > load
- > like some consciences

### 1<sup>st</sup> Row

- > the Twelve, to Jesus

MESSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

## BIBLE QUIZ: *The Bible*

"I have hidden your word in my heart" (Ps. 119:11, NIV). The following questions are about the Bible as a whole. Test your Bible knowledge and see how well you do. *Answers are on page 69.*

1. The first Bible in Latin was called the . . .  
a. Syriac      b. King James      c. Septuagint      d. Vulgate
2. Who first translated the Scriptures into English?  
a. John Wycliff      b. John Huss      c. Bishop Polycarp      d. St. Clement
3. The most widely read Bible in America is the . . .  
a. NIV      b. KJV      c. NASB      d. RSV
4. The seven Bible books before Revelation are referred to as . . .  
a. the Apocrypha      b. the Diaspora      c. the Church Letters      d. the General Letters
5. The Bible contains approximately how many words?  
a. 500,000      b. 775,000      c. 1,000,000      d. 1,250,000
6. The time span between the Old and New testaments is approximately how long?  
a. 0 years      b. 200 years      c. 400 years      d. 800 years
7. The first five books of the Bible are called the . . .  
a. Pentateuch      b. Synoptics      c. Torah      d. both A & C
8. Which of the following is NOT a real version of the Bible?  
a. Douay      b. Coverdale      c. Nicene      d. Berkely
9. Who was the most prolific Bible author?  
a. Isaiah      b. Jeremiah      c. John      d. Paul
10. Early Hebrew Scriptures did not have . . .  
a. chapters      b. punctuation marks      c. the Pentateuch      d. both A & B
11. The Bible did not become widely available until an invention by which man?  
a. Albert Einstein      c. Eli Whitney  
b. Johannes Gutenberg      d. Thomas Edison
12. The Greek version of the Bible is called the . . .  
a. Authorized      b. Septuagint      c. Vulgate      d. Sinaiticus
13. The Bible was originally written in what 3 languages?  
a. Hebrew, Greek, and Yiddish      c. Hebrew, Aramaic, and Persian  
b. Roman, Greek, and Hebrew      d. Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek
14. The word "Bible" comes from the Phoenician city of Byblos because . . .  
a. most Bibles were printed there      c. there were a lot of Christians there  
b. it was a key port for Bible distribution      d. it was the main source of papyrus for books
15. The longest book in the Bible is . . .  
a. Genesis      b. Isaiah      c. Psalms      d. Revelation

### **SCORING:**

- 1-3 Correct: The pages of your Bible are still crisp.  
4-9 Correct: You should probably find out what time Sunday School starts.  
10-13 Correct: Have you considered becoming a Sunday School teacher?  
14-15 Correct: Thanks for taking our little quiz, Reverend!

# PHRAZE MAZE 1

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105). Wind your path correctly through the maze below to reveal a well-known Bible verse. *Answer is on page 70.*



# FRACTURED PHRASES

"This is a great mystery" (Eph. 5:32). The puzzles below represent common Biblical or Christian words, phrases, and proverbs. See if you can piece together the clues and solve the riddles.

Answers are on page 66.

1.

**SPRING  
PRIDE  
FALL  
WINTER**

Solution:

2.

B  
O  
W + KNEE

Solution:

3.

**BTEHGEIWNONRIDNG**

Solution:

4.



Solution:

5.



Solution:

6.

**JEHOVAH  
AMERICA**

Solution: