



# BIBLE PUZZLES

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## PREFACE

Tony passed away in September 2017, shortly after completing this book. We, his family, are proud of what he has achieved with these puzzles, especially his determination to finish them during the last few months of his life. After he retired from teaching, Tony dedicated many hours to compiling puzzles, both in this and his previous books.

When he entered the teaching profession, Tony started constructing Bible puzzles to show the children that the Bible is not a dry, dusty book to be read only in churches and chapels. These puzzles have been compiled to show how people worked, lived and died in the Middle East over 2,000 years ago. They show a region covered in mountains, rivers, deserts and farmland. They illustrate the diversity of wildlife as well as the different kinds of work people did. The Bible is full of stories of great battles in which many thousands were killed and hardships were endured, and of long journeys that were undertaken, such as the Israelites' exodus from Egypt to their final destination in Moab, which took 40 years to complete.

When reviewing other Bible puzzles, Tony realised they often contained a lot of material that had nothing to do with the Bible. He ensured that his puzzles do not contain any such padding. Therefore, the clues to the puzzles in this book are accompanied by a reference to where it can be found in the Bible.

The Bible is not one book but many; in modern translations, it contains over 31,000 verses, all of which have a reference number. As these puzzles are meant to inform as well as entertain, it is useful to have a Bible to hand to help solve them (see the note on the Bible versions used for this book on page 9).

We hope you will obtain as much pleasure in solving these puzzles as Tony did in researching and constructing them. Good luck!

**Greg Spiller**

June 2018

## A NOTE ON BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

There are numerous English translations of the Bible. Most of the answers to the puzzles in this book use the vocabulary and spelling of the latest edition of the New International Version (NIV), one of the most widely used translations. Although other versions will usually give the same answer, in some cases there are significant differences, particularly with the spelling of certain names and places and with the identification of animals and gemstones.

If an answer uses a word or variant spelling other than that found in the NIV, then the clue will indicate another translation where the correct answer can be found. This will either be the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) or the King James Version (KJV).

Different translations of the same Bible verse are available free online (e.g. on websites such as [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)). If you are still stuck, then as a last resort you can always look up the answers at the back of the book (starting on page 140).

## CROSSWORD 1

### ACROSS

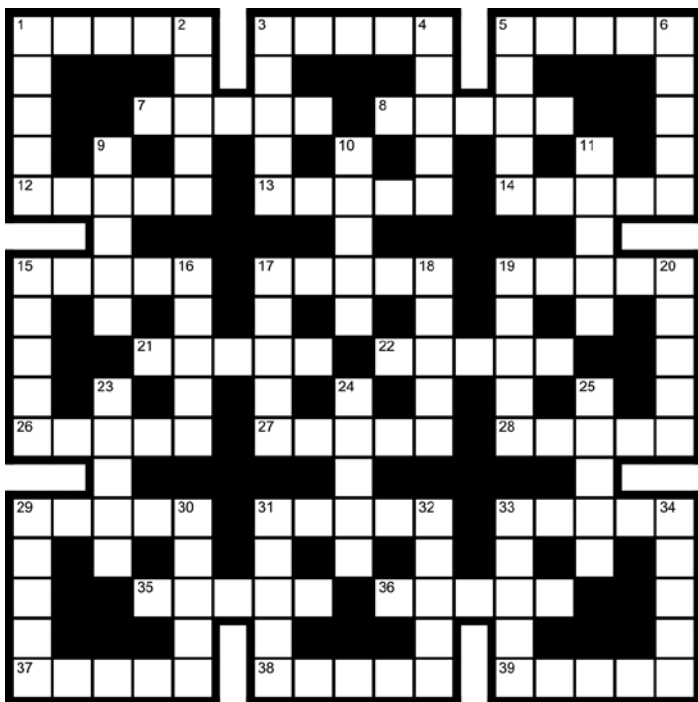
- 1 Second son of Nahor's concubine Reumah – Genesis 22:24 (5)
- 3 Fifth son of Simeon – Exodus 6:15 (5)
- 5 Second son of Ishmael – Genesis 25:13 (5)
- 7 What the tablets given to Moses were made of – Exodus 24:12 (5)
- 8 A food produced by bees – Genesis 43:11 (5)
- 12 Ittai's father – 2 Samuel 23:29 (5)
- 13 A trouble-maker; son of Bikri – 2 Samuel 20:1 (5)
- 14 Hezron was 60 years old when he became the father of this boy – 1 Chronicles 2:21 (5)
- 15 Daughter of Leah and Jacob – Genesis 30:19–21 (5)
- 17 Women made cakes for this royal lady – Jeremiah 7:18 (5)
- 19 Type of tree that reminds her of her beloved – Songs 2:3 (5)
- 21 What Abraham told Sarah to bake for his three visitors – Genesis 18:6 (5)
- 22 A group of Philistine soldiers raided this territory – 1 Samuel 13:17 (5)
- 26 This person hid with the son of King Ahaziah to save him from his grandmother – 2 Kings 11:2–3 (5)
- 27 Third son of Shemida – 1 Chronicles 7:19 (5)
- 28 A joint between the leg and the foot – Isaiah 3:20 (5)
- 29 Son of Abraham – Genesis 25:19 (5)

- 31 Son of Nahash – 2 Samuel 17:27 (5)
- 33 Mother of Ithream – 1 Chronicles 3:3 (5)
- 35 Father of Azmaveth – 1 Chronicles 27:25 (5)
- 36 Judas is described as this – John 12:6 (5)
- 37 Sarai's Egyptian servant – mother of Ishmael – Genesis 16:1–15 (5)
- 38 Father of Jaasiel, one of the administrators – 1 Chronicles 27:21 (5)
- 39 A fish-eating bird – Leviticus 11:19 (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Father of Ashkenaz – 1 Chronicles 1:6 (5)
- 2 A chosen clan of the tribe of Benjamin – 1 Samuel 10:21 (5)
- 3 A lawyer – Titus 3:13 (5)
- 4 Change this 'HOARD' to find the name of the servant girl – Acts 12:13 (5)
- 5 The part of the king's body that started to knock – Daniel 5:6 (5)
- 6 Father of Hadadezer – 2 Samuel 8:3 (5)
- 9 One of the rivers of Damascus – 2 Kings 5:12 (5)
- 10 The grandfather of a Benjamite living in Jerusalem – 1 Chronicles 9:8 (5)
- 11 Where Joseph took Jesus and Mary for safety, away from Herod – Matthew 2:13 (5)
- 15 A Philistine god – Judges 16:23 (5)





- 16 An animal that is used for ploughing – Job 39:18 (5)
- 17 One of the birds driven in by the wind from the sea – Numbers 11:31 (5)
- 18 Son of Vophsi, leader of the tribe of Naphtali – Numbers 13:14 (5)
- 19 Son of Abigail and Jether the Ishmaelite – 1 Chronicles 2:17 (5)
- 20 A bird of prey that lives in an eyrie – Jeremiah 48:40 (5)
- 23 Where the disciples rejoined Paul after leaving Philippi – Acts 20:6 (5)
- 24 Where the ark arrived from Gath – 1 Samuel 5:10 (5)
- 25 A body part that was fractured – Judges 9:53 (5)
- 29 Fifth son of Zophah – 1 Chronicles 7:36 (5)
- 30 Solomon made an altar out of this wood – 1 Kings 6:20–21 (5)
- 31 A chief priest – Acts 19:14 (5)
- 32 Fifth son of David born in Jerusalem – 1 Chronicles 14:3–5 (5)
- 33 One of the chief cities in the land of Shinar (NRSV) – Genesis 10:10 (5)
- 34 Son of Nahash who became king – 2 Samuel 10:2 (5)

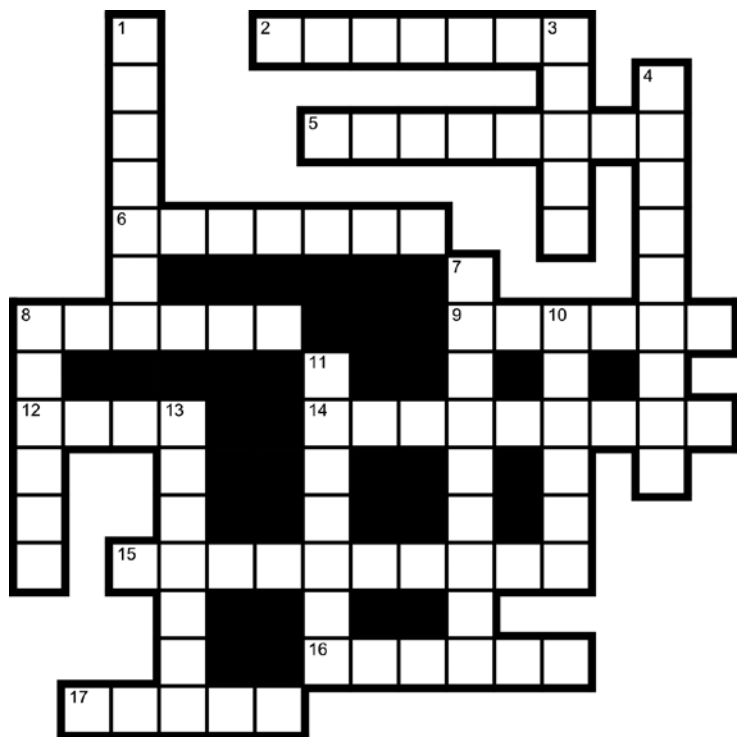
## ANAGRAM PUZZLE 2

### ACROSS

- 2 'DOM AND I' fight over this precious stone (KJV) – Exodus 28:18 (7)
- 5 Paul landed here after weathering 'A SEA RACE' – Acts 18:22 (8)
- 6 'PAT HATH' changed; she is Solomon's daughter – 1 Kings 4:11 (7)
- 8 Alter 'HIP SAG' to give the name of a slave master – Nehemiah 11:21 (6)
- 9 This tree can be remodelled from an 'OLD MAN' – Exodus 25:33 (6)
- 12 Work this 'SOIL' to form a grandmother – 2 Timothy 1:5 (4)
- 14 Is he 'SUCH A REAL' man? – Matthew 2:22 (9)
- 15 Reassign 'AIRBUS TEAM' to give the name of a blind man – Mark 10:46 (10)
- 16 'DR AZIL' changes into this animal – Leviticus 11:29 (6)
- 17 Unjumble 'M' HAIR' to find one of Zophah's sons – 1 Chronicles 7:36 (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Replace the 'VEIL SET' to give the name of the group sent to question Jesus – John 1:19 (7)
- 3 'BREED' revolution in this Lycaonian city – Acts 14:6 (5)
- 4 'CAMERA PUN' wordplay reveals a favourite place of the apostles – Matthew 4:13 (9)
- 7 This wife of Uriah 'HATH BABES' upset – 2 Samuel 11:3 (9)
- 8 Make 'ALI BOG' this mountain – 1 Samuel 31:8 (6)
- 10 These fruits are not 'SOLEMN' – Numbers 11:5 (6)
- 11 This angel might be 'REAL BIG' in doing messages – Luke 1:19 (7)
- 13 Change 'SEA PORT' to give one of Paul's companions – Acts 20:4 (7)



## WORD SEARCH 4

### Royal and noble women

Below is a list of biblical women of high birth. Find them in the grid. From the unused letters find the names of 18 biblical kings.



ASENATH

HAMUTAL

JEHOADDAN

MAAKAH

RIZPAH

ATHALIAH

HEPHZIBAH

JEKOLIAH

MERAB

TAHPENES

BATHSHEBA

HERODIAS

KANDAKE

MICHAL

ZEBIDAH

HAGGITH

JEDIDAH

KOZBI

NEHUSHTA

ZIBIAH

1 \_ \_ \_ \_ 2 \_ \_ \_ \_ 3 \_ \_ \_ \_ 4 \_ \_ \_ \_

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9 \_ \_ \_ \_ 10 \_ \_ \_ \_ 11 \_ \_ \_ \_ 12 \_ \_ \_ \_

13 \_ \_ \_ \_ 14 \_ \_ \_ \_ 15 \_ \_ \_ \_

16 \_ \_ \_ \_ 17 \_ \_ \_ \_ 18 \_ \_ \_ \_

**FILL-IN PUZZLE 3****Niners**

Fill in the grid opposite with these nine-letter words from the Bible. A letter has been placed to get you started.

AMPLIATUS

CORMORANT

DIONYSIUS

EPHPHATHA

GOLDSMITH

ILLYRICUM

JEHOSHEBA

NATHANAEL

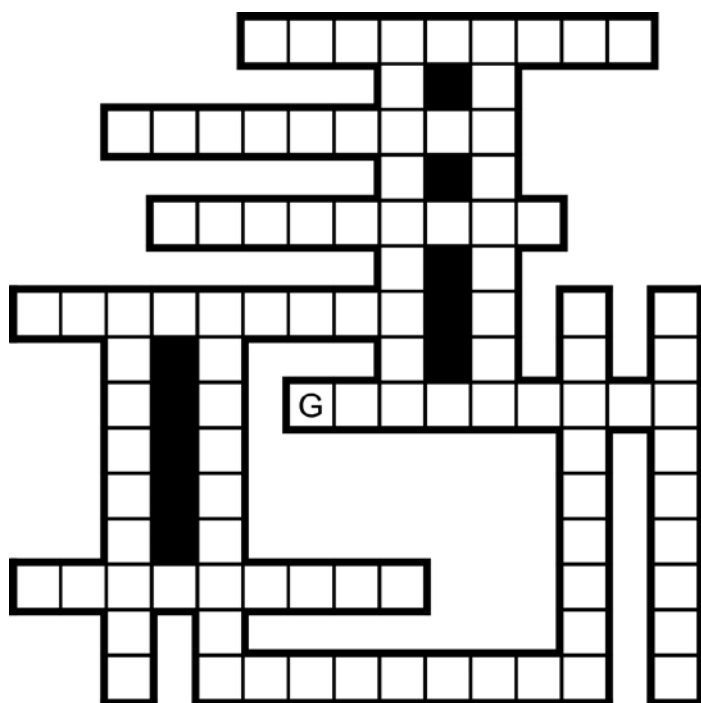
PRISCILLA

QUIRINIUS

SOSTHENES

TERTULLUS

ZECHARIAH



## MAGIC SQUARE 3

### Bible kings

Match each king (A-I) with the correct reference from 1 Chronicles (2-18), then complete the magic square by writing the number that corresponds with each letter. When the square is completed correctly, all columns, rows and diagonals will add up to the same number.

A	TALMAI	2	1 Chronicles 19:1
B	HEZEKIAH	4	1 Chronicles 18:9
C	PUL	6	1 Chronicles 18:3
D	SAUL	8	1 Chronicles 14:1
E	DAVID	10	1 Chronicles 11:3
F	HIRAM	12	1 Chronicles 11:2
G	HADADEZER	14	1 Chronicles 5:26
H	TOU	16	1 Chronicles 4:41
I	NAHASH	18	1 Chronicles 3:2

F=	A=	H=
G=	E=	C=
B=	I=	D=



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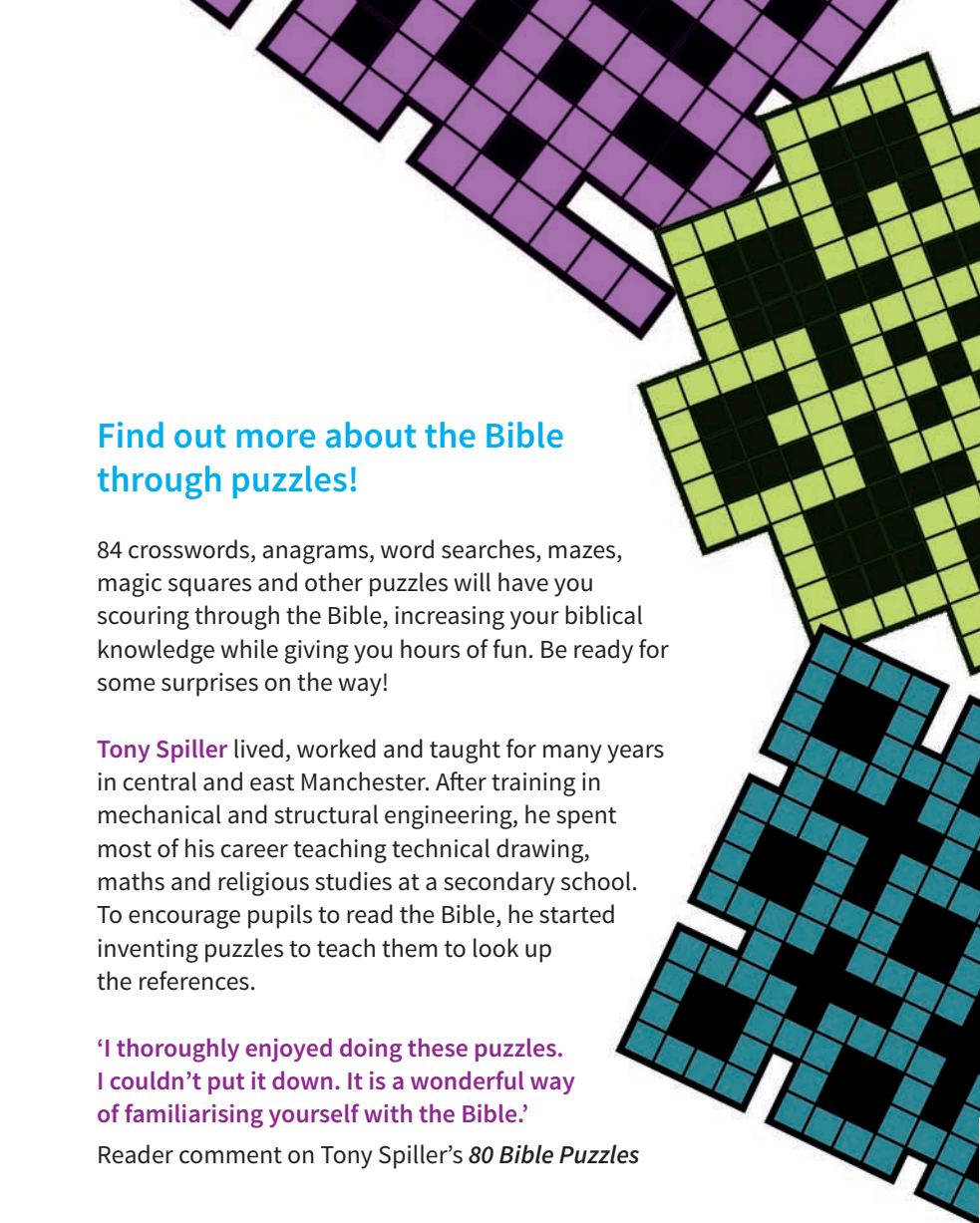


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84 crosswords, anagrams, word searches, mazes, magic squares and other puzzles will have you scouring through the Bible, increasing your biblical knowledge while giving you hours of fun. Be ready for some surprises on the way!

**Tony Spiller** lived, worked and taught for many years in central and east Manchester. After training in mechanical and structural engineering, he spent most of his career teaching technical drawing, maths and religious studies at a secondary school. To encourage pupils to read the Bible, he started inventing puzzles to teach them to look up the references.

**'I thoroughly enjoyed doing these puzzles. I couldn't put it down. It is a wonderful way of familiarising yourself with the Bible.'**

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