



# 100 Key People in the Bible

No.	Name	Biography	Key Scripture References
1	God	The eternal, self-existent Creator of all things, sustaining the universe by His power, revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit. He forms humanity, initiates covenant, gives the Law, speaks through prophets, and enters history in Christ to redeem His people.	Gen 1; Ps 90:2; Isa 40:28; John 1:1–3; Rev 22:13
2	Adam	The first man, formed from dust and given dominion over creation. Lived in Eden until sin entered through his disobedience, bringing death into the world. His life establishes humanity's need for redemption.	Gen 1–5; Rom 5:12–19; 1 Cor 15:22, 45
3	Eve	The first woman, created from Adam's side, the mother of all living. Though deceived in Eden, she receives the promise that her offspring would crush the serpent, foreshadowing the Messiah.	Gen 2–4; 1 Tim 2:13–15
4	Cain	The firstborn son of Adam and Eve. Jealousy over Abel's accepted offering leads to murder, revealing the spread of sin after the Fall. Becomes a wanderer under God's judgement.	Gen 4; 1 John 3:12
5	Abel	A righteous worshipper whose acceptable sacrifice becomes a model of faithful devotion. The first biblical martyr, slain by Cain, yet still testifying to faith through his offering.	Gen 4; Heb 11:4; Matt 23:35



6	Seth	Born to continue the righteous line after Abel's death. Through his lineage the promise unfolds, leading eventually to Noah, Abraham, David, and ultimately Christ.	Gen 4–5; Luke 3:38
7	Enosh	Grandson of Adam. In his generation people begin to call upon the name of the Lord, marking a revival of public worship.	Gen 4:26
8	Enoch	Known for intimate fellowship with God, living obediently in a corrupt world. God takes him without death, showing that a life pleasing to God transcends judgement.	Gen 5:21–24; Heb 11:5; Jude 14–15
9	Methuselah	Longest-living person recorded in Scripture, a reminder of God's patience before judgement. His death occurs the very year the Flood arrives.	Gen 5:27
10	Lamech (father of Noah)	Prophetically names Noah, foreseeing comfort through him. Part of the lineage preserved before the Flood.	Gen 5:28–31
11	Noah	Preacher of righteousness who builds the Ark in obedience. Preserves humanity and creation through covenant faithfulness after judgement, prefiguring God's saving mercy.	Gen 6–9; Ezek 14:14; Heb 11:7; 1 Pet 3:20; 2 Pet 2:5
12	Shem	Son of Noah through whom the Semitic peoples and covenant line continue, eventually leading to Abraham.	Gen 9–11; Luke 3:36



13	Ham	Ancestor of several Near-Eastern and African nations; involved in dishonouring Noah, leading to prophetic consequences for his line.	Gen 9–10
14	Japheth	Ancestor of Indo-European peoples; prophecy of expansion fulfilled through his descendants.	Gen 9:27; Gen 10
15	Nimrod	Powerful early ruler and founder of Babel and other Mesopotamian cities. His kingdom becomes a symbol of human pride in opposition to God's rule.	Gen 10:8–12; Mic 5:6
16	Abraham	Called from Ur to walk by faith. Receives covenant promises of land, descendants, and blessing to all nations. A foundation of biblical faith and covenant hope.	Gen 11–25; Isa 51:2; Rom 4; Heb 11:8–19
17	Sarah	Wife of Abraham; receives miraculous strength to conceive Isaac in old age, demonstrating God's ability to fulfil promises beyond human limitation.	Gen 11–23; Heb 11:11; 1 Pet 3:6
18	Hagar	Servant of Sarah; mother of Ishmael. God shows compassion to her in distress, revealing His care even outside the covenant line.	Gen 16; 21:8–21
19	Ishmael	Son of Abraham; father of twelve princes. Though not the covenant heir, he receives preservation and blessing from God.	Gen 16–21; 25:12–18
20	Isaac	Covenant son of promise. His near-sacrifice becomes one of Scripture's clearest foreshadows of Christ.	Gen 17–35; Heb 11:17–20



21	Rebekah	Wife of Isaac; instrumental in the unfolding of God's sovereign choice between Jacob and Esau.	Gen 24–29; Rom 9:10–12
22	Jacob (Israel)	Father of the twelve tribes. His life moves from self-reliance to dependence on God after wrestling with the angel. Renamed Israel, marking covenant transformation.	Gen 25–50; Hos 12:3–4
23	Esau	Twin brother of Jacob; father of Edom. Forfeits his birthright, becoming a biblical warning about disregarding sacred inheritance.	Gen 25–36; Heb 12:16–17
24	Leah	Mother of six tribes including Judah and Levi. God opens her womb despite relational rejection, showing His compassion.	Gen 29–31; 35:23–26
25	Rachel	Beloved wife of Jacob; mother of Joseph and Benjamin. Her life is marked by devotion, sorrow, and legacy.	Gen 29–35
26	Joseph	Model of integrity and forgiveness. Sold into slavery, exalted to governor of Egypt, and used by God to preserve nations, illustrating providence through suffering and reconciliation.	Gen 30–50; Ps 105:17–22; Acts 7:9–16
27	Moses	Drawn from the Nile; called at the burning bush. Leads Israel out of Egypt, delivers the Law, intercedes for the nation, and exemplifies prophetic covenant leadership.	Exod; Deut; Ps 106:23; Heb 11:23–29; Acts 7
28	Aaron	First high priest; spokesman for Moses. His staff buds as a sign of God-appointed priesthood.	Exod; Lev 8–10; Num 17; Heb 5:4



29	Miriam	Prophetess who leads worship after the Red Sea; later disciplined for pride, yet remains part of Israel's foundational story.	Exod 15:20–21; Num 12; Mic 6:4
30	Joshua	Successor of Moses; leads the conquest of Canaan. A model of courage, obedience, and faith.	Exod 17; Num 13–14; Josh 1–24; Heb 4:8
31	Caleb	Faithful spy who wholly follows God. Rewarded with inheritance in Hebron.	Num 13–14; Josh 14:6–14
32	Rahab	Gentile believer who shelters God's messengers and is grafted into the Messianic line. A testimony of grace and redemption.	Josh 2; 6:22–25; Matt 1:5; Heb 11:31; James 2:25
33	Othniel	First judge of Israel, delivering the nation from Mesopotamian oppression through God's Spirit.	Judg 3:9–11
34	Ehud	Judge who defeats Moab by bold obedience, bringing deliverance through decisive action.	Judg 3:15–30
35	Deborah	Judge and prophetess who leads Israel with wisdom and spiritual authority, guiding military deliverance.	Judg 4–5
36	Barak	Military leader under Deborah; honoured for faith despite initial hesitation.	Judg 4–5; Heb 11:32
37	Gideon	Judge who leads a divinely reduced army of 300, demonstrating that deliverance comes by God's power, not human might.	Judg 6–8; Heb 11:32
38	Jephthah	Judge known for victory and tragedy, marked by a vow showing the danger of impulsive devotion without discernment.	Judg 11–12; Heb 11:32
39	Samson	Nazarite judge of supernatural strength. His life blends calling, compromise, judgement, and mercy.	Judg 13–16; Heb 11:32



40	Eli	Priest who mentors Samuel; his house judged for failing to restrain corruption, yet part of God's unfolding plan.	1 Sam 1–4
41	Samuel	Prophet, priest, and final judge. Anoints Saul and David, bridging the era of judges to monarchy.	1 Sam 1–16; Acts 3:24; 13:20
42	Saul	First king of Israel; begins humble, ends in tragic disobedience, revealing the danger of rejecting God's command.	1 Sam 9–31; Acts 13:21
43	Jonathan	Loyal prince of faith, covenant friend to David, exemplifying godly allegiance even amid national decline.	1 Sam 13–20; 23:16–18; 31:2
44	David	Shepherd-king, psalmist, warrior, and man after God's heart. Central figure in covenant kingship and ancestor of Christ.	1 Sam; 2 Sam; 1 Kings 1–2; Ps; Acts 13:22; Matt 1:1; Rom 1:3
45	Solomon	Wisest king; builds the Temple. His reign shows the heights of God-given wisdom and the danger of spiritual decline.	1 Kings 1–11; 2 Chron 1–9; Prov; Ecc; Song
46	Rehoboam	King whose folly divides the kingdom, illustrating the cost of ignoring wise counsel.	1 Kings 12; 2 Chron 10–12
47	Jeroboam I	Found the northern kingdom and leads it into idolatry, becoming a benchmark of covenant unfaithfulness.	1 Kings 11–14
48	Ahab	One of Israel's most wicked kings, promoting Baal worship through his rule and alliances.	1 Kings 16–22
49	Jezebel	Queen who aggressively spreads Baal worship, opposes God's prophets, and symbolises spiritual rebellion.	1 Kings 16–21; 2 Kings 9



50	Hezekiah	Faithful king who restores worship, trusts God against Assyria, and receives miraculous deliverance.	2 Kings 18–20; 2 Chron 29–32; Isa 36–39
51	Josiah	Reforming king who restores the Law, removes idols, and renews covenant worship nationally.	2 Kings 22–23; 2 Chron 34–35
52	Isaiah	Major prophet proclaiming judgement and Messianic hope, including Immanuel and Suffering Servant themes.	2 Kings 19–20; Isa 1–66
53	Jeremiah	Weeping prophet of covenant judgement and restoration, witnessing Jerusalem's fall and exile.	2 Chron 36; Jer 1–52
54	Ezekiel	Priest-prophet of visions, divine glory, exile warnings, and restoration promises.	Ezek 1–48
55	Daniel	Prophet of exile, prayer, wisdom, and apocalyptic visions. Stands faithful in Babylon and Persia.	Dan 1–12; Ezek 14:14, 20
56	Ezra	Priest and scribe leading post-exile reform, restoring Scripture to central national life.	Ezra 1–10; Neh 8, 12
57	Nehemiah	Governor who rebuilds Jerusalem's walls, restoring security, identity, and worship.	Neh 1–13
58	Esther	Queen used by God to save the Jewish people from annihilation in Persia.	Esth 1–10
59	Mordecai	Mentor to Esther and defender of the Jews, instrumental in exposing the plot.	Esth 2–10
60	Haman	Enemy of the Jews whose pride leads to downfall.	Esth 3–9
61	Job	Righteous sufferer demonstrating faith under trial; a model of endurance.	Job 1–42; Ezek 14:14; James 5:11



62	John the Baptist	Prophet of repentance and forerunner to Christ, baptising Jesus and calling Israel to renewal.	Matt 3; 11; 14; Luke 1; 3; 7; John 1; 3
63	Jesus Christ	The incarnate Messiah, Saviour, King, Mediator, crucified and risen Lord, centre of redemption.	Entire Gospels; Acts 1; Col 1; Heb 1; Rev 1; 22
64	Mary	Faithful servant chosen to bear and nurture the Messiah; present in early church prayer.	Matt 1–2; Luke 1–2; John 2; 19; Acts 1:14
65	Peter	Apostle and pillar of the church, preaching at Pentecost and leading early expansion.	Matt; Mark; Luke; John 21; Acts 1–12; 15; 1–2 Pet
66	Paul	Apostle to the Gentiles, missionary, theologian, and author of many epistles.	Acts 7–28; Rom–Philem; 2 Pet 3:15
67	Barnabas	Missionary encourager and companion to Paul, bridging believers across cultures.	Acts 4; 9; 11–15
68	Stephen	First Christian martyr whose bold witness fuels church expansion.	Acts 6–8; 22:20
69	Timothy	Paul's disciple, pastor, and co-labourer; exemplar of faithful ministry formation.	Acts 16–20; 1–2 Tim; Heb 13:23
70	Titus	Trusted church organiser and pastoral co-worker with Paul.	2 Cor 7–8; Gal 2:3; Titus
71	Luke	Physician and historian; author of Luke and Acts, chronicling Christ and the church.	Luke 1:1–4; Acts 1:1
72	Mark	Gospel writer and missionary companion, restored to ministry usefulness by grace.	Acts 12–15; Col 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11
73	Priscilla & Aquila	Teachers and church planters, mentoring Apollos and hosting congregations.	Acts 18; Rom 16:3; 1 Cor 16:19; 2 Tim 4:19
74	Zacchaeus	Tax collector converted by Jesus, model of repentance and restitution.	Luke 19:1–10
75	Lazarus	Raised from the dead, living testimony of Jesus' power over death.	John 11–12



76	Martha & Mary	Sisters who model service and devotion; Mary anoints Jesus.	Luke 10:38–42; John 11–12
77	Nicodemus	Pharisee seeker who later honours Jesus in burial.	John 3; 7; 19:39–42
78	Pilate	Roman governor presiding over Jesus' trial, revealing political tension around Messiahship.	Matt 27; Luke 23; John 18–19
79	Caiaphas	High priest overseeing Jesus' trial, unwittingly affirming substitutionary necessity.	Matt 26–27; John 11:49–52
80	Annas	Influential priestly authority behind Jesus' hearing.	Luke 3:2; John 18; Acts 4:6
81	Herod the Great	King at Jesus' birth, opposing God's plan in fear of rival kingship.	Matt 2
82	Herod Antipas	Ruler who beheads John the Baptist and encounters Jesus.	Matt 14; Luke 23
83	Herod Agrippa I	King judged by God for prideful self-exaltation.	Acts 12
84	Herod Agrippa II	Hears Paul's defence, confronted with the gospel.	Acts 25–26
85	Onesimus	Converted runaway slave, transformed into faithful ministry partner.	Col 4:9; Philemon
86	Philemon	House-church host embodying forgiveness and reconciliation.	Philemon
87	Cornelius	First Gentile household convert, opening a new covenant chapter.	Acts 10–11; 15
88	Ethiopian Eunuch	Early Gentile convert baptised by Philip, carrying gospel into Africa.	Acts 8:26–40
89	Demas	Warning example of loving the present world over covenant labour.	Col 4:14; 2 Tim 4:10; Philem 24



90	Lot	Righteous yet conflicted patriarch rescued from Sodom; a warning and mercy example.	Gen 11–19; 2 Pet 2:7
91	Abimelech	King encountered by Abraham and Isaac; later a warning figure in Judges.	Gen 20; 26; Judg 9
92	Abner	Commander under Saul, significant in early kingdom politics.	1 Sam; 2 Sam 2–3
93	Joab	David's military commander, complex figure of loyalty and vengeance.	2 Sam; 1 Kings 1–2
94	Uriah	Faithful soldier whose death exposes David's sin, yet commended by God.	2 Sam 11–12; 1 Kings 15:5
95	Zerubbabel	Leads first wave of Temple rebuilding post-exile.	Ezra 2–5; Hag 1–2; Zech 4
96	Jeshua (High Priest Joshua)	High priest restored in Zechariah's visions, symbol of cleansing and renewal.	Ezra 2–5; Zech 3–6
97	Levi	Patriarch of the priestly tribe, tied to covenant worship and intercessory ministry.	Gen 29:34; Heb 7:5–10
98	Ephraim	Son of Joseph, father of the leading northern tribe.	Gen 41; 48–50; Josh 16
99	Manasseh	Joseph's son; half-tribe father with large territorial inheritance.	Gen 41; 48–50; Josh 17
100	Melchisedek	Priest-king of Salem, type and foreshadow of Christ's eternal priesthood.	Gen 14:18–20; Ps 110:4; Heb 5–7