Answer Key:

1. Mark
2. Luke
3. Kings
4. Acts
5. Revelation
6. James
7. Job
8. Amos
9. Esther
10. Ruth
11. Judges
12. Preacher (Ecclesiastes)*
13. Numbers
14. Titus
15. Lamentations
16. Hebrews
17. Proverbs
18. Peter
19. Nahum
20. Hosea

*Note: This is the “groaner,” since “Preacher” is only very rarely used as an alternate name for the Book of Ecclesiastes.
Someone showed me this story and remarked that there are twenty books of the Bible hidden here. He challenged me to find them. Sure enough, they’re all here. Still this thing is a lulu. Kept me looking so hard for the longest time. Some of you will get bogged down with the facts; others are hit by them like they were some kind of revelation. You may get in a jam, especially since the names are not capitalized and often leap the spaces between the words. This makes it a real job to find them, but it’ll provide a most fascinating few minutes for you. Yes, there are some really easy ones to spot, but don’t get a big head ‘cause truthfully you’ll soon figure that it would take most federal judges and preachers numbers of hours to find them all. I will admit that it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and that it is not uncommon for there to be loud lamentations when it is pointed out. One lady says that when she is confronted with puzzles like this, she brews a cup of tea to help her concentrate better. But then this gal is a real pro! Verbs, nouns, and all that stuff are her thing. See how well you can compete. Relax! There really are twenty names of Bible books in this story. If you fail to find them, there’s a penalty. You’ll have to go fly a kite, sit on a banana, hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic, or hose a dog (a mean one).

Now Get To It!!!