

“The Key of David”  
Philadelphia – Pt 1  
(Rev 3:7a)



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# Scripture Reading



Revelation 3:7-13

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.

# Scripture Reading



Revelation 3:7-13 (Cont'd)

10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. 13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

# Exposit 3:7



7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

- ✧ “To the angel (aggelos)”
- ✧ Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> addresses the angel over Philadelphia and declares that He
- ✧ “who is holy, who is true” sums up the glorified Son of Man John saw in vision
- ✧ “key” is kleis which speaks of authority
- ✧ “has the key of David” [more on this]



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- ❧ How can we find out its meaning?



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**SCRIPTURE!**



# “has the key of David”



- ❧ Conveniently, there was only 1x other time in Scripture both Key+David was used, and it was in Isaiah's prophecy
- ❧ And for this, I'd like to read all of chapter 22...

# Isaiah's Prophecy



Isaiah 22 (Valley of Vision Oracle)

1 The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops?

2 You who were full of noise,

You boisterous town, you exultant city;

Your slain were not slain with the sword,

Nor did they die in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together,

And have been captured without the bow;

All of you who were found were taken captive together,

Though they had fled far away.



# Isaiah's Prophecy



4 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me,  
Let me weep bitterly,

Do not try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my  
people."

5 For the Lord GOD of hosts has a day of panic, subjugation and confusion  
In the valley of vision,  
A breaking down of walls  
And a crying to the mountain.

6 Elam took up the quiver  
With the chariots, infantry and horsemen;  
And Kir uncovered the shield.

# Isaiah's Prophecy



7 Then your choicest valleys were full of chariots,  
And the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate.

8 And He removed the defense of Judah.

In that day you depended on the weapons of the house of the forest,

9 And you saw that the breaches

In the wall of the city of David were many;

And you collected the waters of the lower pool.

10 Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem

And tore down houses to fortify the wall.

# Isaiah's Prophecy



11 And you made a reservoir between the two walls  
For the waters of the old pool.

But you did not depend on Him who made it,  
Nor did you take into consideration Him who planned it long ago.

12 Therefore in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called you to weeping, to wailing,  
To shaving the head and to wearing sackcloth.

13 Instead, there is gaiety and gladness,  
Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep,  
Eating of meat and drinking of wine:

“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die.”

# Isaiah's Prophecy



14 But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself to me,  
“Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you  
Until you die,” says the Lord GOD of hosts.

15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts,  
“Come, go to this steward,  
To Shebna, who is in charge of the royal household,  
16 ‘What right do you have here,  
And whom do you have here,  
That you have hewn a tomb for yourself here,  
You who hew a tomb on the height,  
You who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock?

# Isaiah's Prophecy



17 'Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you headlong, O man.

And He is about to grasp you firmly

18 And roll you tightly like a ball,

To be cast into a vast country;

There you will die

And there your splendid chariots will be,

You shame of your master's house.'

19 "I will depose you from your office,

And I will pull you down from your station.

20 "Then it will come about in that day,

That I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah,

# Isaiah's Prophecy



21 And I will clothe him with your tunic  
And tie your sash securely about him.

I will entrust him with your authority,

And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

22 **“Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder,**

When he opens no one will shut,

When he shuts no one will open.

23 “I will drive him like a peg in a firm place,

And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.

# Isaiah's Prophecy



24 So they will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, offspring and issue, all the least of vessels, from bowls to all the jars. 25 In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "the peg driven in a firm place will give way; it will even break off and fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

# Isaiah's Prophecy



- œ Isaiah 22 Valley of Vision of prophecy encompassed
  - œ Judah being taken into captivity
  - œ The coming Messiah during the end times
- œ A few things to note concerning this prophecy that will help us with end times prophecy
  - œ Mention of housetops
  - œ Being captured without the bow
  - œ The key of the house of David



# Isaiah's Prophecy



## ☞ Mention of housetops

Isaiah 22:1

1 The oracle concerning the valley of vision.

What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone up to the **housetops**?

☞ Who is “you” in this prophecy?

☞ And are they mentioned elsewhere in end times prophecy?

# “housetop”



Matthew 24:15-22 (Olivet Discourse)

15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in **Judea** must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the **housetop** must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

# “housetop”



- ❧ When we take both Isaiah’s and Jesus’s prophecy together, the “housetop” reference are in connection with the take over of Jerusalem and Judah
- ❧ PROPHETIC TRUTH: There will be a parallel between Judah’s Babylonian captivity and their captivity during the end times
  - ❧ Some in Judea were on housetops when they were taken over by Babylon
  - ❧ During the end times: Some Judeans will find themselves on housetops too!
- ❧ ANOTHER PROPHETIC TRUTH: The Abomination of Desolation will involve the temple, Jerusalem, and the people of Israel in the land of Judah
  - ❧ Jerusalem’s Tribulation
  - ❧ “For then there will be great tribulation”
    - ❧ Beginning w/Jerusalem’s Tribulation, global tribulation will shortly follow

# Isaiah's Prophecy



☞ Mention of “being taken without a bow”

Isaiah 22:2-3

2 You who were full of noise,  
You boisterous town, you exultant city;  
Your slain were not slain with the sword,  
Nor did they die in battle.

3 All your rulers have fled together,  
And **have been captured without the bow**;  
All of you who were found were taken captive together,  
Though they had fled far away.

# OT: bow

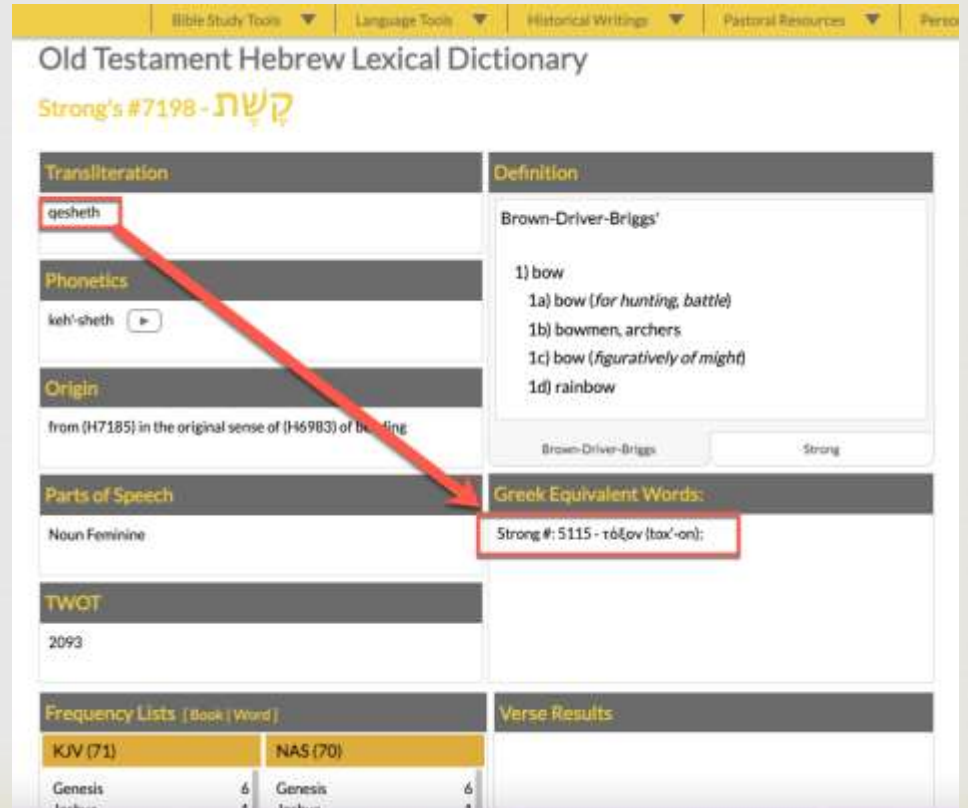


- ❧ “bow” in the Hebrew is qesheth (75x in the OT) and it could mean several things depending on context:
  - ❧ Refer to hunting (with actual bow + arrow)
  - ❧ Bowmen, archers (with actual bow + arrow)
  - ❧ Figurative of might
  - ❧ Rainbow
  - ❧ War
  - ❧ Weapon of war (bow or sword)
  - ❧ Impending attack (bend a bow)
- ❧ In Isaiah’s prophecy Judah’s rulers have fled together and have been captured **without** the bow
  - ❧ Which of the above meaning of ‘bow’ makes most sense?

# NT: bow



- ✧ In the NT, the Greek equivalent word for qesheth is τόxon
- ✧ τόxon in Greek is a bow for shooting arrows
- ✧ The Oxford dictionary defines the adjective *toxic* as “poisonous.” The word first appeared in English in the 1650s.



Old Testament Hebrew Lexical Dictionary

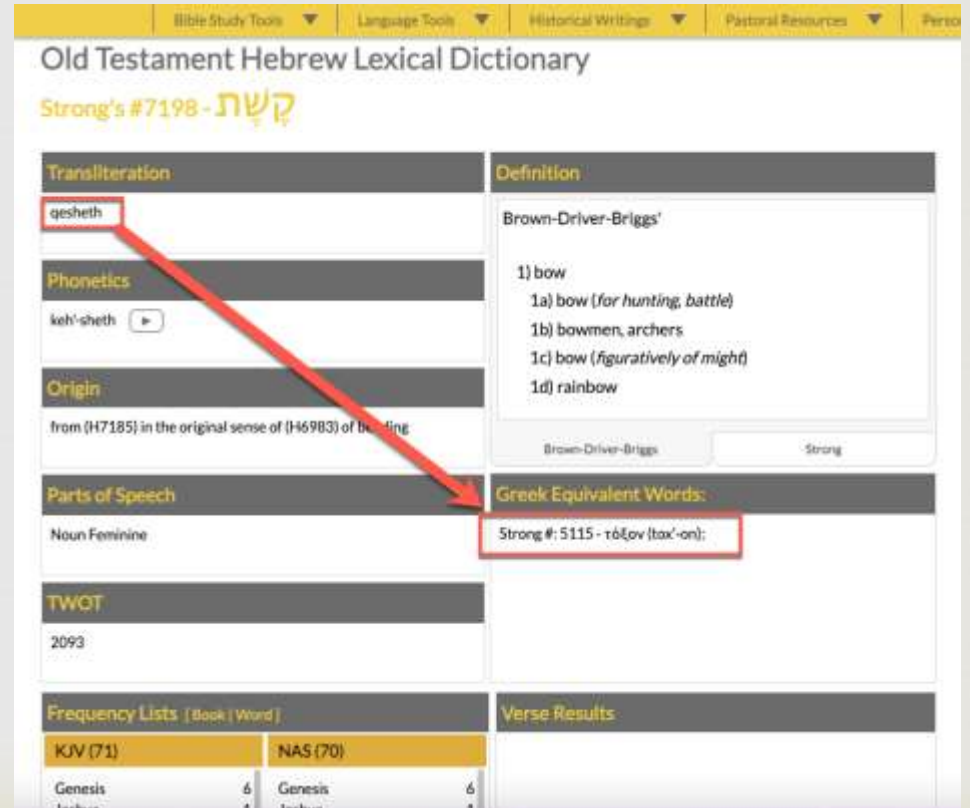
Strong's #7198 - קשת

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qesheth	Brown-Driver-Briggs' <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) bow<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1a) bow (for hunting, battle)</li><li>1b) bowmen, archers</li><li>1c) bow (figuratively of might)</li><li>1d) rainbow</li></ol></li></ol>
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keh'-sheth	
Origin	
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KJV (71)	NAS (70)
Genesis 1:1	Genesis 1:1

# NT: bow



- ❧ "toxic" came from the Latin word *toxicus*, meaning "poisoned."
- ❧ The Latin word itself actually came from the Greek term *toxon*, meaning "bow."
- ❧ In ancient Greece, fighters with **bows** would put poison on the points of their arrows.



The screenshot shows the 'Old Testament Hebrew Lexical Dictionary' interface. The word 'qesheth' is highlighted in the 'Transliteration' section. A red arrow points from this section to the 'Greek Equivalent Words' section, which lists 'Strong #: 5115 - τόξον (tox'-on)'. The 'Definition' section lists 'Brown-Driver-Briggs' and '1) bow' with sub-definitions: '1a) bow (for hunting, battle)', '1b) bowmen, archers', '1c) bow (figuratively of might)', and '1d) rainbow'. The 'Parts of Speech' section identifies it as a 'Noun Feminine'. The 'Frequency Lists' section shows 'KJV (71)' and 'NAS (70)' with counts for 'Genesis'.

Frequency Lists	Book	Word
KJV (71)	Genesis	6
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# NT: bow



☞ τόxon is used only 1x in the entire NT, and it happens to be in Revelation:  
Revelation 6:1-2 (the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal)

1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a **bow (τόxon)**; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

☞ NOTE: just because "arrow" was not mentioned, does NOT mean this figure came in peace



# NT: bow



- ☞ Since bow (tóxon) + crown (stephanos which means crown or wreath) + conquering and to conquer is the context, the bow (tóxon) is to be understood as war, including a weapon of war that is potentially poisonous
- ☞ The 1<sup>st</sup> Seal involves a ruler given great authority who wages war potentially through the use of poisonous toxins
- ☞ PROPHEMIC KEY: If we were to take Isaiah's prophecy and Jesus's Olivet Discourse, the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal will be in connection with the Abomination of Desolation!
  - ☞ And this conquest will begin with Jerusalem and the land of Judah
- ☞ NOTE: Remember at the very beginning, we are to view prophecies, including end times prophecies, with the land and people of Israel as the focal point

# Isaiah's Prophecy



☞ With this in mind, I'd like for us to look at the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of Isaiah's prophecy that is in line with the title of our study and that is "the key of the house of David" reference...