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"...I gave all
diligence to
write unto you
of the common
salvation..."
Jude 1v3

Pens

Despite living in a world of touch screen technology, a packet of new pens is usually high up on the list of things kids need for going back to school. In the classroom, as you chew on the end of your pen trying to think of the answer to some question set by your teacher, I want you to consider also some of the biblical lessons associated with this simple writing tool.

I'm sure that Hungarian newspaper editor, Laszio Biro, inventor of the ballpoint pen back in 1938, never dreamed that there would some day be billions of them in circulation. Although pens now come in a vast range of colours and styles, they are all designed to do the same thing... write! And so it is with us. We are all entirely different, yet, our primary purpose, our chief end, is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Is this the case in your life? You see, like pens, each of us is in the hand of the penman. Who that penman is will determine whether we follow good or evil. The Bible speaks much about not being able to serve two masters. We either serve God or we serve the devil. Who do you serve

today? Into whose hand have you placed your life? The average pen will write around 45,000 words before it runs out of ink. Sometimes this happens gradually and as we shake and flick the pen about we can sometimes get another few words out of it. On other occasions, it happens more abruptly. In the middle of a sentence or even a word, the ink suddenly thins, fades away and stops forever. What a picture this is of the human condition. How quickly, suddenly and even unexpectedly, our lives fade away when death comes upon us. The substance of our lives will be seen in the trail of words we leave behind; indeed, they will disclose who and what we have given our lives over to.

In the Bible, many like the great apostle Paul took up their pens to share wholesome words of counsel, guidance and instruction about salvation, while others such as Sanballat, in the book of Nehemiah, penned words that were full of harm and destruction. In closing, I wonder into which category do you fall. Is your life one of service or sin?



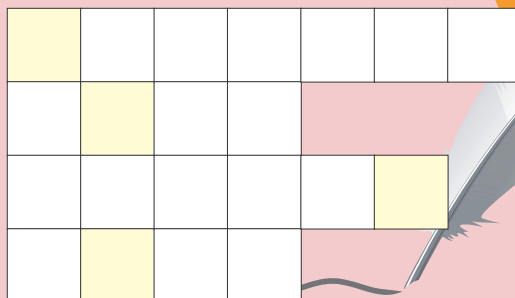
TO FIND THE ANSWERS, LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING
REFERENCES ABOUT PENS IN THE BIBLE.

In Judges 5v14 which tribe
handled the pen?

What type of pen is found
in Job 19v24?

What part of the body in
Psalm 45v1 is the pen like?

What sort of pen was used
to write with in Isaiah 8v1?



Rearrange the four letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the name of
another Bible character that had letters written against his work for God.

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