



GOD'S USE OF KEY WORDS AND PHRASES – 2 TIMOTHY 2:15a

In parts one and two we examined similitudes, types, and word pictures in order to broaden our biblical perspectives and increase our understanding of how God communicates truth. Today we will learn about a method of Bible study that focuses on particular words and phrases _____ throughout scripture. It is not the thoughts, concepts or message, but rather the very _____ of God that are of greatest importance (Pr. 22:20-21). Therefore, this form of study will help you identify doctrinal and prophetic _____ revealing details concerning various narratives not explained in other similar passages.

1. God uses key words and phrases to communicate truth to believers

a. Basic considerations

- Every event recorded in scripture is for a specific reason – Jo. 20:30-31; 21:24-25
- Every event, _____, and _____ has a specific purpose – 1 Sam. 3:19; Ps. 12:6-7; Deut. 4:2; Pr. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19
- Jesus said that every jot and tittle is to be _____ – Mt. 5:18; Ps. 119:73; see vs. 25-153
- This is a very serious _____ when you consider the avalanche of modern Bible translations. Particular and precise words have been sacrificed for the “flow of thoughts” and “readability.” The road signs have been removed and consequently the actual “words” are lost.

b. Key words and phrases have many purposes

- They establish contexts and, therefore, provide _____ for comparing scripture with scripture – Num. 35:30; Deut. 17:6; 19:15; Is. 28:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 2 Cor. 13:1
- A host of _____ words, phrases, sayings, idioms, and expressions used in everyday English come from your preserved King James Bible – see addendum

2. Key words and phrases

a. *Some examples*

- Jesus Christ

Innocent blood	Silver – his redemption
Without a cause	Bridegroom
Son of man – 100% man	Right hand – counterfeited
Son of God – 100% God	Right arm – counterfeited
Light – interchangeable with word of God	Lion – counterfeited
Bread – interchangeable with word of God	Passover, Passover lamb, lamb
Gold – his deity	

- Israel

Virgin daughter	Remnant – Israel in tribulation, Israel preserved
Thy people	Woman in travail (prior to and during tribulation)
Precious stones	Olive leaf/tree
Wife	

- Judgment of God

Brimstone	Deep
Fire	Wrath
Hell	Winepress
Vengeance	Punish; punished

- Death

Sleep – the death of his saints
Billows and waves
Deep
The floods

- Rapture

Come up hither
Come away
Harvest
Day of Jesus Christ; the day of Christ
Thunder
Gleanings

- Second coming of Christ

The day of the Lord	Cloud; clouds
That day	Whirlwind
The day	Morning
Brightness	Day of wrath

- Tribulation period

Time of trouble	Shadow of death
Those days	Former or early rain
Wilderness	Endure

b. Miscellaneous words and phrases

- Last days – end of a dispensation; the time after Christ’s resurrection to end of millennium; the last part of the church age—the Laodicean church period
- Field – the world
- Sea – multitudes of people; top of universe
- Third day – resurrection; power of resurrection; new life
- Council(s) – Formed against Jesus (except Mt. 5:22)
- Strangers – Gentiles
- Ears – spiritual hearing and understanding
- Eyes – spiritual seeing and understanding; omnipresence of God
- The deep; waters; deep water – the body of water separating the third and second heaven
- Stars – certainly they are stars – angels
- Selah – Rest of Israel; rest for all God’s saints
- Sons of God – Angels; church age saints

NEXT WEEK: METHODS OF BIBLE *STUDY* – PART FOUR
Rules and Tools for effectual productive biblical study

Addendum

Common words, sayings, idioms and expressions found in the Bible

Advertise	Ruth 4:4
“Aha!”	Ezekiel 25:3; 26:2; 36:2
A little birdie told me	Ecclesiastes 10:20
Always darkest before the dawn	Tribulation into 2 nd advent
Artillery	1 Samuel 20:40
At my wits end	Psalms 107:27
Aunt	Leviticus 18:14
Beat around the bush	Moses – Exodus 3-4
Beware of the dog	Philippians 3:2
Bigger they are, the harder they fall	Goliath
Bit the dust	Genesis 3:14
Blind leading the blind	Matthew 15:14
Booty	Numbers 31:32
Brought the house down	Judges 16:30
“By God”	Genesis 21:23; 2 Chronicles 36:13
“By the way”	Mark 8:27
Cannibalism	2 Kings 6:28-29
Can’t get blood out of a turnip	Cain – Genesis 4:1-5
Can’t keep a good man down	Rapture – Revelation 4:1
Children – “kids”	Song of Solomon 1:8
Circuit Judge	1 Samuel 7:15-16
“Come on”	Exodus 1:10
Congratulate	1 Chronicles 18:10
County fair	Ezekiel 27:12
Creditor	Deuteronomy 15:1
Devil’s Advocate – counterfeit	1 John 2:1
Die on the vine	John 15:2
Dirty bird	Ecclesiastes 9:12
Don’t lose your head	Revelation 20:4
Don’t miss the boat	Genesis 6-7
Down in the mouth	Jonah
Drop in the bucket	Isaiah 40:15
Eat, drink, and be merry	Isaiah 22:13
Eat my dust	Psalms 72:9; Genesis 3:14
“Expecting”	Hebrews 10:13
Far be it	Job 34:10
Ferry boat	2 Samuel 19:18
First love	Revelation 2:4
Fishermen called “anglers”	Isaiah 19:8; Habakkuk 1:15
Fish story	Jonah
Fly in the ointment	Ecclesiastes 10:1
“For Christ’s sake”	Ephesians 4:32; 2 Corinthians 12:10

"For the birds"	Revelation 19:17-21
For goodness sake	Psalms 25:7
For your own good	Job 5:27
Free spirit	Psalms 51:12
Friends like that, who needs enemies	Job 2:11
Getting the problems "ironed out"	Judgement Seat of Christ – Rev. 19:8; Eph. 5:27
"Go ahead, it won't kill you"	Genesis 3:4
Go jump in the lake	Revelation 20:15
Good for nothing	Jeremiah 13:10
Gone to the dogs	Jezebel – 2 Kings 9:36-37
Go the extra mile	Matthew 5:41
Grapes of wrath	Revelation 14:17-20
Great day in the morning	Millennium – 2 Peter 1:19
"Gross"	Matthew 13:15
Half-baked	Hosea 7:8
Hair standing on end	Job 4:15
Handwriting on the wall	Daniel 5:5
Hanukkah	Esther 9:19
Hardheaded	Ezekiel 3:8-9
Heart failure	Psalms 73:26
He can run like a deer	2 Samuel 2:18
Hell on earth	Isaiah 66:24
He who laughs last, laughs best	Psalms 2:4; Proverbs 1:24-27
High time...	Romans 13:11
His days are numbered	Psalms 90:12
"Hiss" (booing)	Job 27:23
Holier than thou	Isaiah 65:5
Holy smoke	Isaiah 6:4
Horse feathers	Revelation 19:11
Horse laugh	Job 39:19-25
If I live to be a 1,000	Ecclesiastes 6:6
Ignorance is no excuse	Leviticus 5:17-19
I have to "find myself"	Proverbs 18:2
I'll be hanged	Galatians 3:13
Invasion	1 Samuel 30:14
I've had it up to here	Flood – Genesis 6-7
Ivory Palace	1 Kings 22:39
I wasn't born yesterday	Job 15:7
Jumpin' Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22:32
Keep your head above water	Flood – Genesis 6-7
K-mart, Wal-mart, etc.	Isaiah 23:3
Know it all	1 John 2:20
"Land o'Goshen"	Genesis 47:4
Lay it on the line	Isaiah 28:17
Learn by experience	Genesis 30:27
Left hand doesn't know what the right hand does	Matthew 6:3
Left high and dry	Genesis 8:4

Leopard won't change his spots	Jeremiah 13:23
Let nature take its course	James 3:6
"Like there is no tomorrow"	Isaiah 22:13
Lion – King of beasts	Micah 5:8; Revelation 5:5
Live by the sword, die by the sword	Matthew 26:52
Lord gives, Lord takes away	Job 1:21
"Man"	Luke 12:14
Man of the world	Genesis 25:27
Meet your maker	Isaiah 17:7
Mess hall	Genesis 43:34
Money talks	Ecclesiastes 10:19
Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation	Genesis 2:7
Mouthy – "Bag of wind"	Job 8:2
Mr. Ed, the talking horse	Numbers 22:28-30
My goodness	Psalms 144:2
"My Heavens"	Matthew 5:34
"My lord"	Matthew 5:35
My name is mud	Genesis 2:7
"My stars"	Matthew 5:34
Nothing to sneeze at	Malachi 1:13
"Nowadays"	1 Samuel 25:10
"Older than the hills"	Job 15:7
Olympic medals	Exodus 25:3
"One of these days"	Tribulation – Matthew 24:21-22
Out of the frying pan, into the fire	Revelation 20:11-15
Pass away	Micah 1:11
Patience of Job	Job 1:22; James 5:11
Pay through the nose	Numbers 11:20
Pedigree	Numbers 1:18
Pierced ears	Deuteronomy 15:17; Exodus 21:6
Piggybank	2 Kings 12:9
Political "intelligence"	Daniel 11:30
Praying to "Mecca"	1 Kings 8:44
Prostitutes working street corners	Proverbs 7:8-12
Pulpit	Nehemiah 8:4
Pure as the driven snow	Isaiah 1:18; Revelation 1:14
Put words in my mouth	Jeremiah 1:9
Raising Cain	Genesis 4
Red light district	Joshua 2:18
Riding high	Isaiah 58:14
Right hand man	Psalms 80:17
"Right on"	Proverbs 4:25
Robbing Peter to pay Paul	Acts
Sailors get "liberty"	Acts 27:3
Salt of the earth	Matthew 5:13
Scapegoat	Leviticus 16
Set your teeth on edge	Jeremiah 31:29

Shoulder blade	Job 31:22
Situation ethics	Joshua 2
Skin of your teeth	Job 19:20
Snake in the grass	Devil – Genesis 3
Son-in-law	2 Kings 8:27
Sour grapes	Jeremiah 31:29
Straw boss	Exodus 5:7
Stroke	Ezekiel 24:16
Suburbs	Leviticus 25:34
Tax exemptions	Ezra 7:24; Genesis 47:26
That'll be the day	"That day" – Christ's 2 nd coming
That winds it up	Acts 5:6
That wraps it up	Ezekiel 21:15
The apple of my eye	Proverbs 7:2
The devil made me do it	Genesis 3:13
The devil's "pitchfork"	1 Samuel 2:13
"The heat is on"	Psalms 19:6
This and that	Psalms 87:5
Tough guys – hitch up their belt	Job 38:3
Treason	2 Kings 11:14
Two heads are better than one	Ecclesiastes 4:9
United Nations	Zephaniah 2:1
Walk a mile for a camel	Genesis 24:63-65
Watchdogs	Isaiah 56:10
"What do you say for yourself?"	John 2:22
"What's the matter? Were you born in a barn?"	Luke 2:12
Wild bear sleeps in the woods	Ezekiel 34:25
Wonder bread – builds strong bodies 12 ways	Manna (12 tribes)
Worth his salt	Matthew 5:13
You ain't seen nothin' yet	Tribulation – Matthew 24:21