

~AX (60)

- A tool with a bladed head on a handle, used for cutting wood or stone, also used as a weapon.
- Several **Hebrew** and **Greek** words refer to this tool. The **Hebrew** word *gar-zen'*, found in the Bible and referring to an ax used to chop wood, is also found in the Siloam inscription for an ax used to excavate stone.
- Or when he goes with his fellowman into the woods to gather wood, and his hand has been raised to strike with the **ax** to cut the tree, and the iron has slipped off from the wooden handle, and it has hit his fellowman and he has died, he himself should flee to one of these cities and must live. (**Deuteronomy 19:5**)
- Will the **ax** enhance itself over the one chopping with it, or the saw magnify itself over the one moving it back and forth, as though the staff moved back and forth the one's raising it on high, as though the rod raised on high the one who is not wood? (**Isaiah 10:15**)
- According to **Koehler and Baumgartner's Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros** (Leiden, 1958, p. 650), the **Hebrew** word *sa-ghar'*, occurring in;
- And draw spear and double **ax** to meet those pursuing me. Say to my soul; I am your salvation. (**Psalms 35:3**)
- Denotes a double **axe**. And at;
- And it came about that a certain one was felling his beam, and the **axhead** itself fell into the water. And he began to cry out and say; Alas, my master, for it was borrowed! (**2 Kings 6:5**)
- Then the man of the true God said; Where did it fall? So he showed him the place. Immediately he cut off a piece of wood and threw it there and made the **axhead** float. (**2 Kings 6:6**)
- The **Hebrew** word *bar-zel'*, literally meaning **iron**, has the meaning of **axhead**.
- And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them,

and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the **ax** for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)

- Reference is made to heirs of the heavenly kingdom who were executed with the **ax** for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God. Since the **ax** was at times used by the political state for execution, this must mean that human governments have judged these loyal servants of God as unworthy to live.