

~PEN 2 (33)

[Greek, *ka'la-mos*]

- **An implement for writing with ink or similar fluid.** When ancients wrote on clay, wax, or soft metal they used a stylus, but writing was also done on **parchment or papyrus** with pen and ink.
- I had many things to write you, yet I do not wish to go on writing you with ink and **pen**. (3 John 1:13)
- Although I have many things to write you, I do not desire to do so with paper and ink, but I am hoping to come to you and to speak with you face to face, that your joy may be in full measure. (2 John 1:12)
- The **Greek** word translated, **pen**, *ka'la-mos* refers to a reed or cane and can literally be rendered, **writing-reed**.
- Among ancient Egyptians the **reed pen** was made with a flat chisel-shaped head that was cut or sliced so that it would act as a brush.
- The reeds may have been dried and hardened by leaving them under dung heaps for several months, as has been the practice in recent years.
- The Greeks and Romans used a **reed pen** that was pointed and slit, as was later done with quill pens and as has been done even in recent times with **pen points**.

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