

## ~FRONTLET BAND (290)

### .. Frontlet Band Worn In What Sense

- **A band worn on the forehead.** Although the Israelites were told that they should tie God's Law as a sign upon their hand and have it as a **frontlet band** between their eyes, this evidently did not refer to the literal wearing of Scripture texts.
- And these words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart. (**Deuteronomy 6:6**)
- And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 6:7**)
- And you must tie them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a **frontlet band** between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 6:8**)
- And you must apply these words of mine to your heart and your soul and bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a **frontlet band** between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 11:18**)
- True, they were instructed to wear a literal fringe upon their garments as a reminder of God's commandments.
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them that they must make for themselves fringed edges upon the skirts of their garments throughout their generations, and they must put a blue string above the fringed edge of the skirt. (**Numbers 15:38**)
- And it must serve as a fringed edge for you, and you must see it and remember all the commandments of Yehowah and do them, and you must not go about following your hearts and your eyes, which you are following in immoral intercourse. (**Numbers 15:39**)
- The purpose is that you may remember and may certainly do all my commandments and indeed prove to be holy to your God. (**Numbers 15:40**)

- However, the evidence that the sign and **frontlet band** were to be figurative can be seen from God's instructions to the Israelites concerning their commemoration of his deliverance of them.
- This commemoration was also to serve as a sign upon your hand and as a memorial between your eyes and as a **frontlet band** between your eyes.
- And it must serve for you as a sign upon your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, in order, that Yehowah's Law may prove to be in your mouth, because by a strong hand Yehowah brought you out of Egypt. (**Exodus 13:9**)
- And it must occur that in case your son should inquire of you later on, saying; What does this mean? Then you must say to him, By strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slaves. (**Exodus 13:14**)
- And it came about that Pharaoh showed obstinacy toward sending us away, and Yehowah proceeded to kill every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of man to the firstborn of beast. That is why I am sacrificing to Yehowah all the males that open the womb, and every firstborn of my sons I redeem. (**Exodus 13:15**)
- And it must serve as a sign upon your hand and as a **frontlet band** between your eyes, because by strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt. (**Exodus 13:16**)

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- It appears that Yehowah meant that the Law should be kept as distinctly in view and should be as carefully attended to **as if it were written on a tablet between their eyes**, and as if it were a sign upon their hands, so that, wherever they looked and whatever they did, they could not fail to have the Law before them.
- However, the Jews, sometime after their return from Babylon, developed a formalistic religion based on traditions of men
- In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? (**Matthew 15:3**)
- It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach

commands of men as doctrines. ([Matthew 15:9](#))

- **In which they gave this Law a literal application. Strips of parchment were used, on which four passages of Scripture were written, namely**
- **And Yehowah spoke further to Moses, saying; ([Exodus 13:1](#))**
- **Sanctify to me every male firstborn that opens each womb among the sons of Israel, among men and beasts. It is mine. ([Exodus 13:2](#))**
- **And Moses went on to say to the people; Let there be a remembering of this day on which you went out of Egypt, from the house of slaves, because by strength of hand Yehowah brought you out from here. So nothing leavened may be eaten. ([Exodus 13:3](#))**
- **Today you are going out in the month of Abib. ([Exodus 13:4](#))**
- **And it must occur that when Yehowah will have brought you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which he swore to your forefathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, then you must render this service in this month. ([Exodus 13:5](#))**
- **Seven days you are to eat unfermented cakes, and on the seventh day is a festival to Yehowah. ([Exodus 13:6](#))**
- **Unfermented cakes are to be eaten for the seven days, and nothing leavened is to be seen with you, and no sourdough is to be seen with you within all your boundaries. ([Exodus 13:7](#))**
- **And you must tell your son on that day, saying; It is because of that which Yehowah has done to me when I came out of Egypt. ([Exodus 13:8](#))**
- **And it must serve for you as a sign upon your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, in order, that Yehowah's Law may prove to be in your mouth, because by a strong hand Yehowah brought you out of Egypt. ([Exodus 13:9](#))**
- **And you must keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year. ([Exodus 13:10](#))**

- And it must occur that when Yehowah brings you into the land of the Canaanites, just as he has sworn to you and to your forefathers, and when he does give it to you. (**Exodus 13:11**)
- Then you must devote everyone that opens the womb to Yehowah, and every firstling, the young of a beast, which will come to be yours. The males belong to Yehowah. (**Exodus 13:12**)
- And every firstling ass you are to redeem with a sheep, and if you will not redeem it, then you must break its neck. And every firstborn of man among your sons you are to redeem. (**Exodus 13:13**)
- And it must occur that in case your son should inquire of you later on, saying; What does this mean? Then you must say to him, By strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slaves. (**Exodus 13:14**)
- And it came about that Pharaoh showed obstinacy toward sending us away, and Yehowah proceeded to kill every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of man to the firstborn of beast. That is why I am sacrificing to Yehowah all the males that open the womb, and every firstborn of my sons I redeem. (**Exodus 13:15**)
- And it must serve as a sign upon your hand and as a **frontlet band** between your eyes, because by strength of hand Yehowah brought us out of Egypt. (**Exodus 13:16**)
- Listen, O Israel! Yehowah our God is one Yehowah. (**Deuteronomy 6:4**)
- And you must love Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**)
- And these words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart. (**Deuteronomy 6:6**)
- And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 6:7**)
- And you must tie them as a sign upon your hand, and they must

serve as a **frontlet band** between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 6:8**)

- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 6:9**)
- And it must occur that if you will without fail obey my commandments that I am commanding you today so as to love Yehowah your God and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. (**Deuteronomy 11:13**)
- I also shall certainly give rain for your land at its appointed time, autumn rain and spring rain, and you will indeed gather your grain and your sweet wine and your oil. (**Deuteronomy 11:14**)
- And I shall certainly give vegetation in your field for your domestic animals, and you will indeed eat and be satisfied. (**Deuteronomy 11:15**)
- Watch out for yourselves for fear your heart may be enticed, and you do turn aside and worship other gods and bow down to them. (**Deuteronomy 11:16**)
- And Yehowah's anger does blaze against you, and he does shut up the heavens so that no rain will occur and the ground will not give its produce and you have to perish speedily from off the good land that Yehowah is giving you. (**Deuteronomy 11:17**)
- And you must apply these words of mine to your heart and your soul and bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a **frontlet** band between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 11:18**)
- You must also teach them to your sons, so as to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 11:19**)
- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 11:20**)
- In order, that your days and the days of your sons may be many on the soil that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. (**Deuteronomy 11:21**)

- At least in later times, the parchment was rolled up in small cases of calfskin and fastened to the forehead and the left arm. Male Jews wore these during morning prayer, except on festival days and the Sabbath.
- Jesus Christ condemned the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, who, in order to impress others with their righteousness, broadened the scripture-containing cases that they wore as safeguards.
- The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses. (**Matthew 23:2**)
- All the works they do they do to be viewed by men, for they broaden the scripture-containing cases that they wear as safeguards, and enlarge the fringes of their garments. (**Matthew 23:5**)
- The **Greek** word *phy-la-kte'ri-on*, **phylactery**, which applies to such a **scripture-containing case**, means primarily an outpost, fortification, or safeguard. These were worn, therefore, as a safeguard, amulet, or charm.
- However, the Bible counsels that the thing to guard is, not beautiful or pious outward appearance, but the heart.
- Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you resemble whitewashed graves, which outwardly indeed appear beautiful **but inside are full of dead men's bones and of every sort of uncleanness**. (**Matthew 23:27**)
- In that way you also, outwardly indeed, appear righteous to men, **but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness**. (**Matthew 23:28**)
- More than all else that is to be guarded, **safeguard your heart**, for out of it are the sources of life. (**Proverbs 4:23**)
- It stresses that what will greatly benefit a person is, not the wearing of written Scripture texts on the body, **but the safeguarding of practical wisdom and thinking ability and the acquiring of understanding**.
- My son, may they not get away from your eyes. **Safeguard**

**practical wisdom and thinking ability. (Proverbs 3:21)**

- **And they will prove to be life to your soul and charm to your throat. (Proverbs 3:22)**
- **Wisdom is the prime thing. Acquire wisdom. With all that you acquire, acquire understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)**
- **Highly esteem it, and it will exalt you. It will glorify you because you embrace it. (Proverbs 4:8)**
- **To your head it will give a wreath of charm, a crown of beauty it will bestow upon you. (Proverbs 4:9)**