

Exodus 13:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

Analysis

The return to 'sign upon thine hand' and 'frontlets between thine eyes' emphasizes total life orientation around redemption. Physical imagery pictures spiritual reality —redemption should govern action (hand) and thought (forehead/eyes). The rationale 'by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth' credits God's power alone. Constant remembrance prevents pride ('we delivered ourselves') and maintains humble dependence.

Historical Context

This verse reinforced verse 9's imagery. Later literalization in phylacteries attempted visible obedience, though the primary intent was comprehensive life-orientation around redemption.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How can you keep redemption truth constantly governing both thoughts and actions?
2. What does crediting God's 'strength of hand' rather than human contribution protect against?

Interlinear Text

וְיֹתֶן	לְאוֹת	עַל	תְּ	וְיֹתֶן	בְּ
H1961	And it shall be for a token	H5921	of hand	and for frontlets	H996
	H226		H3027	H2903	
בּּין עֵינֶיךָ	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּחֵזֶק	בְּ	חַזְקִיאָה כִּי	יְהִי הָ
between thine eyes	for by strength	H2392	of hand	brought us forth	the LORD
H5869			H3027	H3318	H3068
מִמִּצְרַיִם:					
out of Egypt					
H4714					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 13:9 (References Lord): And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

Exodus 13:14 (References Lord): And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

Deuteronomy 11:18 (Parallel theme): Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.