

Memorizing Visually

God gave His word visually for the first time in Exodus

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.” (Ex 24:12)

“And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses’ anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.” (Ex 32:19)

God preserves His visual word

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.” (Ex 34:1)

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” (Psa. 12:6-7)

Written reminders

*“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**. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:” (Deut. 11:18-20)*

“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:” (2Pe 3:1-2)

God wants reminders

“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.” (Prov. 7:2-3)

***Frontlets**

Objects containing Scripture passages worn on the forehead and between the eyes, primarily at prayer times. Jews followed scriptural commands, literally, writing Exodus 13:1-10, Exodus 13:11-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Deuteronomy 11:13-21 on small scrolls, placing these in leather containers and placing these on their forehead and left arm. See Exodus 13:9, Exodus 13:16; Deuteronomy 6:8; Deuteronomy 11:18.

By New Testament times, the frontlets were known as phylacteries (Matthew 23:5). Jewish men wore phylacteries during prayer times, except on the sabbath and feast days.

Phylacteries were bound with thongs to the forehead, though some phylacteries were worn on the upper arm so that when a person crossed his arms the Scriptures contained in the phylactery would be close to the heart.

Jesus condemned individuals who called attention to themselves by wearing larger than usual phylacteries (Matthew 23:5). *From Bible-history.com*