

The Sign

By Matthew Day

Exodus 13:9 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.

Deuteronomy 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deuteronomy 6 contains a passage known as the Shema (Hebrew for “hear”). Within the Shema is the commandment to bind God’s Word for a sign upon your hand and make them frontlets between your eyes. I have heard that this commandment is kept when you **do** (hands) God’s Word and **think** (head) on God’s Word. While, I believe this is true, I also believe there is another interpretation.

Exodus 13 is about the Passover. Within this passage, is a scripture that parallels with the command in Deuteronomy 6:8. Keeping the Passover is like a sign upon your hand and a memorial on your forehead. How?

Passover is a shadow of Yeshua’s sacrifice. When we keep Passover, it is for a sign so others can see that we belong to God. It is also for a memorial so that we will remember the price God paid for us.

How does this tie back in with the Shema. Yeshua is the Word.

Preparation – Communication

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First, I want to apologize for getting the newsletter to you so late last month. However, this incident encouraged me to write about different forms of communication and how useful they would be in an emergency.

Email probably ranks highest for convenience, but lowest for reliability. Problems sending and receiving emails are why I was not able to send the newsletter until they were solved or worked around. Email is definitely not for emergency communications.

Cell phones are great because you can use them almost anywhere, at least until the towers go down. I have heard that cell phone towers are the first thing to fail in a disaster. Cell phones are good, but don’t rely on them too much.

Wired phones (normal phones) can be found most places, so they are not too limiting there. However they rely on phone lines and power lines.

Mail is the slowest form of communication and therefore not great for emergency communications. However, as long as the post office is working, mail can be sent.

Amateur radio (aka ham radio) seems to be the best for emergency communications. It can run on a battery. These radios talk directly to each other (like walkie-talkies) or through repeaters which are simply ham radios used for repeating signals. They do require a license to use, but it is not hard to get one.

A few final tips: An out of state contact is good to have. Someone out of state is less likely to be affected by that same disaster than someone local. Also, a meeting place can help you get into contact with others.

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