

THE BLOOD AS A TOKEN

TEXT:

Exodus 12:13:

The blood shall be to you a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

DEFINITION:

TOKEN is a signal (literally or figuratively), such as a beacon, monument, evidence, flag; a mark, miracle, sign.¹

LAW OF FIRST MENTION: THE RAINBOW

The Law of First Mention is a principle used in Bible interpretation, wherein the first time a word is mentioned in the Bible, it establishes the basic, inherent meaning of the word. The first time the word **Token** appears is in Genesis 9:

Genesis 9:12-13, 17:

¹² And God said, This is the **token of the Covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:**

¹³ I do set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a **token of a Covenant between Me and the earth.**

¹⁷ And God said unto Noah, This is the **token of the Covenant, which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.**



¹Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary No. 226

LAW OF SECOND MENTION: THE LAW OF CIRCUMCISION

The second time the word **Token** is mentioned in which the meaning of the word changes is in Genesis 17. God established many **tokens** or **signs** with His people.

Genesis 17:11: And ye shall *circumcise* the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a **TOKEN of the Covenant between Me and you.**

Exodus 3:12b: And this [phylactery] shall be for a **TOKEN unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.**

Matthew 23:5: But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

Numbers 17:10: And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the Testimony, to be kept for a **TOKEN against the rebels; and thou shalt quite takeaway their murmurings from Me, that they die not.**

Deuteronomy 22:15: Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the **TOKENS of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:**

Deuteronomy 22:17: And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the **TOKENS of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.**

Joshua 2:12: Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true **TOKEN.**

Psalms 86:17: Shew me a **TOKEN for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because Thou, LORD, hast helped me, and comforted me.**

Psalms 135:9: Who sent **TOKENS** and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

Isaiah 44:25: That frustrateth the **TOKENS** of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

Mark 14:44: And he [Judas] that betrayed Him had given them a **TOKEN**, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, and lead Him away safely.

Philippians 1:28: And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident **TOKEN** of Perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:4-5:

⁴ So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

⁵ Which is a manifest **TOKEN** of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

2 Thessalonians 3:17: The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the **TOKEN** in every epistle: so I write.

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