

# Marked by God



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This is a Bible study on what it means to be marked by God. More specifically, the mark received in Baptism that proclaims who you are and whose you are. First, we consider a variety of terms associated with being marked and their usage in Scripture to gain a deeper understanding of ‘what does this mean – being marked.’ We will also reference some familiar Bible stories that provide Christocentric context to the visible marks identifying God’s people and the signs pointing toward their promised Savior. Next, we will explore the Sacrament of Baptism and the Scriptural meaning of individual acts in the Rite of Baptism that signifies someone as belonging to the Lord. A brief look at sections of Revelation will illuminate the comfort we have in being marked by God when Christ comes again to fulfill His promises. Until then, we live in a fallen world, and we benefit from knowing we are not of this world. Therefore, our Bible study will conclude with various ways we may continually remember what God did for you in Baptism.

Blessed Lord, grant that I may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Your Holy Word. In Jesus name. Amen.

**I. Marked – What does this mean?** (Definitions from lexico.com)

A. Marked (Sign, Indication, Position)

- A visible impression or stain on.
- Write a word or symbol on (an object), typically for identification.
- Show the position of:
  - To separate or distinguish from other people or things.
  - To acknowledge, honor, or celebrate (a person, time, place, or event) with a particular action.
  - To be an indication of significance; be a noteworthy quality or feature.

1) *Based on the following Scriptures, what additional information does a mark convey?*

a) (Exodus 21:5-6)

b) (Leviticus 21:5)

c) (Exodus 13:15-16)

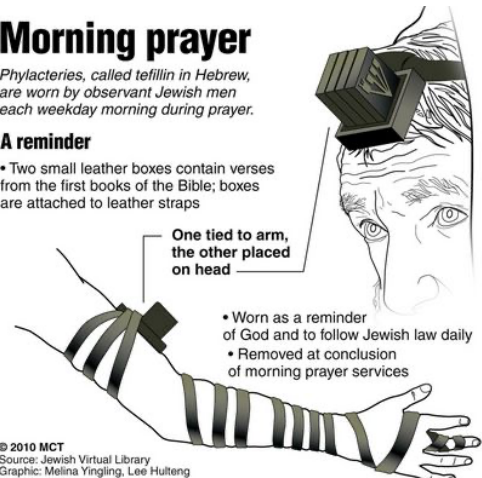
Summarize answer:

**Morning prayer**

*Phylacteries, called tefillin in Hebrew, are worn by observant Jewish men each weekday morning during prayer.*

**A reminder**

- Two small leather boxes contain verses from the first books of the Bible; boxes are attached to leather straps



B. Seal (Close, Validate, Guarantee)

- A device or substance used to join two things together so as to prevent them from coming apart or to prevent anything from passing between them.
- A piece of wax, lead, or other material with an individual design stamped into it, attached to a document to show that it has come from the person who claims to have issued it.
- A thing regarded as a confirmation or guarantee of something.

2) *After reading the following Scriptures, note what additional meanings a seal carries with it?*

a) (Jeremiah 32:10-11)

b) (Daniel 6:16)

Summarize answer:

C. Sign (Indication, Signal, Notice)

- An object, quality, or event whose presence or occurrence indicates the probable presence or occurrence of something else.
- A gesture or action used to convey information or an instruction.
- A notice on public display that gives information or instructions in a written or symbolic form.
- (archaic) Mark or consecrate with the sign of the cross.

3) *Read the following Scriptures. What additional purpose or intended outcome is in the giving of a sign?*

a) (Isaiah 7:14-16)

b) (John 20:30-31)

Summarize answer:

D. Anoint (Apply oil to, Consecrate, Ordain)

- To smear or rub with oil (any other substance).
- Ceremonially confer divine or holy office upon (a priest or monarch).
- Nominate or choose (someone) as successor to or leading candidate for a position.

4) *Based on the following Scriptures, what might you conclude about a person or object that has been anointed?*

a) (Genesis 35:14-15)

b) (Exodus 29:4-9)

c) (1 Samuel 10:1)

Summarize answer:

E. Name (Label, Authority, Reputation)

- A word or set of words by which a person, animal, place, or thing is known, addressed, or referred to.
- A famous person.

5) *Considering the following Scriptures, what more does a name offer us other than just how to address someone?*

a) (1 Samuel 25:25)

b) (Exodus 3:15)

c) (Exodus 20:7)

d) (Deuteronomy 5:20)

e) (Mark 10:46 Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus)

Summarize answer:

**Summary of Marked – What does this mean?:**

God marks:

God seals:

God gives signs:

God anoints:

God names: