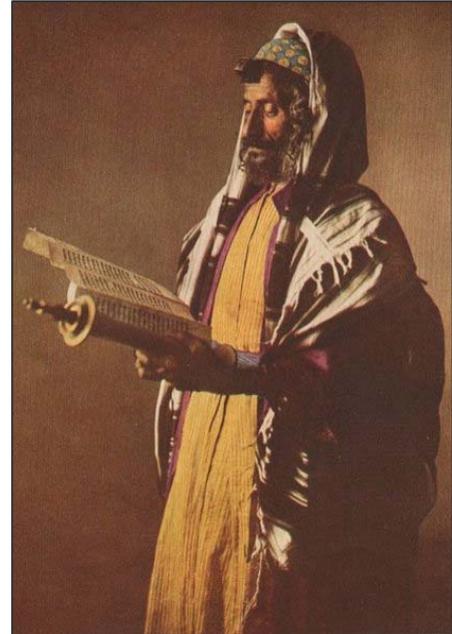


#1295 The Mark of the Beast – Seen Phylacteries vs. the Unseen Mark of the Lord, part 1, Matthew 23:5

Key Understanding: *Matthew 23:5 and seen phylacteries.*
The word phylacteries is found in the Bible only in **Matthew 23:5**. [The next Unsealing discusses *phylacteries* in more depth.] Jesus was denouncing the Pharisees, who, in order that their works might “be seen of men,” made their phylacteries larger. The Lord ordained the comment about the Pharisees wearing their phylacteries to be seen of men because phylacteries are entirely connected with the theme of the Mark of the Lord and the Mark of the Beast (and whether they are seen or unseen).



Here is Matthew 23:1-7, first in the KJV, then in the NIV.

Matthew 23:1-7 (KJV) Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

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,

6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.



Jesus denouncing the Pharisees

Matthew 23:1-7 (NIV) Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:

2 "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

4 They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

5 "EVERYTHING THEY DO IS DONE FOR MEN TO SEE: THEY MAKE THEIR PHYLACTERIES WIDE and the tassels on their garments long;

*6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;
7 they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'*

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