

HAND OF GOD

1. Definition: The physical hand of man is used in idiomatic ways to describe the function of God in specific areas of His plan.
 - A. Hebrew words:

YAD—hand signifies the agency of power.
KAPH—open palm.
YAMIN—right hand.
SEMOL—left hand.
 - B. Greek words:

CHEIR—hand, signifies power, first cause, Hebrews 1:3.
DEXIA—right hand.
ARISTERA—left hand.
2. The different parts of the hand indicate God’s provisions for us.
 - A. The palm, Isaiah 49:16, is a picture of God keeping His promises, eternal security, “inscribed on My palms.” “Behold, I have engraved thee upon the palms of my hands.”
 - B. The thumb, Exodus 29:20, indicates the priesthood ordination; Leviticus 14:14-17, cleansing of a leper. The thumb becomes a physical picture of our priesthood in Christ and the cleansing of our sins by Christ’s work.
 - C. The fingers, Deuteronomy 9:10, the Lord wrote the Mosaic Law with His finger, so the principle of “recorded doctrine” comes from God’s finger work.

Psalm 8:3, the work of the heavens, creation, is God’s finger work.
Daniel 5:56, the finger of God warns of coming judgment.
Luke 11:20, the finger of God casts out demons.

 - 1) Finger work of God is detail work. Fingers are objects that perform small detailed tasks, exact tasks, things that need precision, exactness, the personal touch.
 - 2) God’s personal touch is seen in the giving of doctrine, in creation, in warnings of judgment, and power over evil.

3) God's fingers are exact in their work, never make a mistake, add the personal touch to our lives; we need help so that evil will not destroy us. God's finger is more powerful than thousands or millions of fallen angels (demons).

D. The hand represents the manifested power of God over creation, His creatures, His enemies, His believers.

3. The right hand of God was a picture of strength and power.

A. Exodus 15:6 "Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power, thy right hand, O LORD, has dashed in pieces the enemy", Psalm 17:7; God delivers by His right hand. "Show Thy marvelous lovingkindness, O thou who saves by Thy right hand those who put their trust in Thee..."

B. Other Scriptures

Psalm 60:5 "...save with thy right hand and hear me"

Psalm 63:8; "...thy right hand upholds me."

Psalm 108:6 "...save with thy right hand, and answer me."

Psalm 118:15-16 "...the right hand of the LORD does valiantly. [16] The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

4. The right hand was the place of honor. 1 Kings 2:19; Psalm 45:9; Psalm 110:1. Christ is at the right hand of the Father, Psalm 110:1.

5. The righteous appear at the right hand of God at the Second Advent, Matthew 25:33.

6. The hands of God cause the mature believer to stand daily under maximum pressure. They also give the believer information needed to pass his tests. Psalm 119:73.