

SCRIPTURAL STUDY OF ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION

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What follows is a list of words that deal with the Biblical doctrines of election, predestination, choice, foreordination, and foreknowledge. We have included the Hebrew and/or Greek word and Strong's definitions as a part of the discussion of those particular doctrines not because we believe that they are necessary for the understanding of any English speaking Christian, but because many Calvinists appeal to the Greek and Hebrew when their doctrine is not supported by the English of whatever translation they are using. We do not believe that a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is necessary to the understanding of Biblical doctrines for English speaking peoples. In fact, we believe that most appeals to the Hebrew and the Greek are an attack upon the inerrancy and infallibility of the Scriptures. We believe that the attacks are designed to get the common man to doubt the accuracy of their translation particularly if it is an 1611 Authorized King James Bible. We also believe that many of these attacks stem from an elitist intellectual pride that reeks of Gnosticism and philosophy. They do not contribute to the understanding of the Scriptures. They just cast doubt upon the Scriptures. We are advocates of the 1611 Authorized King James Bible. If its not there in the English, then it does not need to be put there from the Greek and the Hebrew. If we have difficulty understanding or explaining our theology from the English of the 1611 Authorized King James Bible, we will not appeal the Greek or Hebrew to correct the English of my King James Bible. Instead, we need to take a more thorough look at our theology and let the King James Bible correct our theology.

We strongly believe that much of the confusion that is generated by Calvinist theology comes from wresting (twisting) and adding words to the Scriptures. We have yet to read a Calvinist author who does not start to play with the words of Scripture within a few pages after they start defending their unscriptural views of the Scriptural doctrines of election, predestination, foreknowledge, foreordination, and free will. We have yet to read a Calvinist who will stick to a literal reading, or interpretation, of the Scriptures for very long before he starts to add to the words of Scripture when he has his trouble with his theology that is flowing from the tulips in his hand. Calvinism is a doctrine of intellectuals. That is why some of its tenets came slithering out of the pits of Gnosticism.

ELECT:

How you interpret the Biblical doctrine of election turns upon how you answer the following two questions: (1) Are you the elect because you believe?, or (2) Do you believe because you are the elect?.

The word elect occurs in our King James Bibles 17 different times in 17 verses. Four of these are in the Old Testament and 13 of these are in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, the word elect is translated from the Hebrew word *bachiyar* (pronounced *baw-kheer*'; Strong's 972). The Hebrew word *bachiyar* occurs 13 different times in the Old Testament. It is translated *chose* (once), *chosen* (8 times), and *elect* (4 times). In the New Testament the word elect is translated from the Greek word *eklektos* (pronounced *ek-lek-tos*', Strong's 1588). The Greek word *eklektos* is translated

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elect or elect's (16 times) and chosen (7 times). From these verses, we can see that the meaning of the word elect is to choose or to be chosen. In none of the 36 uses of the word elect and its partners chose or chosen is there any indication that the choice is foreordained of God.

The Hebrew word *bachiy* occurs in *2 Samuel 21:6*, *1 Chronicles 16:13*, *Psalms 89:3*, *Psalms 105:6*, *Psalms 105:43*, *Psalms 106:5*, *Psalms 106:23*, *Isaiah 42:1*, *Isaiah 43:20*, *Isaiah 45:4*, *Isaiah 65:9*, *Isaiah 65:15*, *Isaiah 65:22*

2 Samuel 21:6

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD did **choose**. And the king said, I will give *them*.

1 Chronicles 16:13

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his **chosen** ones.

Psalms 89:3

3 I have made a covenant with my **chosen**, I have sworn unto David my servant,

Psalms 105:6

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his **chosen**.

Psalms 105:43

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his **chosen** with gladness:

Psalms 106:5

5 That I may see the good of thy **chosen**, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

Psalms 106:23

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his **chosen** stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

Isaiah 42:1

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine **elect**, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 43:20

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my **chosen**.

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Isaiah 45:4

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine **elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

Isaiah 65:9

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine **elect** shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Isaiah 65:15

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my **chosen**: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

Isaiah 65:22

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine **elect** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

The Greek word *eklektos* occurs in: *Matthew 20:16, Matthew 22:14, Matthew 24:22, Matthew 24:24, Matthew 24:31, Mark 13:20, Mark 13:22, Mark 13:27, Luke 18:7, Luke 23:35, Romans 8:33, Romans 16:13, Colossians 3:12, 1 Timothy 5:21, 2 Timothy 2:10, Titus 1:1, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 Peter 2:4, 1 Peter 2:6, 1 Peter 2:9, 2 John 1, 2 John 13, Revelation 17:14*

Matthew 20:16

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **chosen**.

Matthew 22:14

14 For many are called, but few *are* **chosen**.

Matthew 24:22,24,31

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the **elect's** sake those days shall be shortened. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very **elect**. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his **elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:20,22,27

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the **elect's** sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. 22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if

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it were possible, even the elect. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Luke 18:7

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

Luke 23:35

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

Romans 8:33

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Romans 16:13

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

Colossians 3:12

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

1 Timothy 5:21

21 I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

2 Timothy 2:10

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Titus 1:1

Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

1 Peter 1:2

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

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1 Peter 2:4,6,9

4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but **chosen** of God, *and* precious, 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, **elect**, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 9 But ye *are* a **chosen** generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2 John 1,13

The elder unto the **elect** lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; 13 The children of thy **elect** sister greet thee. Amen.

Revelation 17:14

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and **chosen**, and faithful.

ELECTION:

The primary meaning for the word election is the state of being chosen or the chosen. It is from the Greek word *ekloge* (pronounced ek-log-ay', Strong's 1589) The Enhanced Strong's meaning is (divine) *selection* (abstr. or concr.):— chosen, election. AV - election 6, chosen 1; used 7 times total in the King James Bible. Its shades of meaning are: (1)the act of picking out, choosing (1a)of the act of God's free will by which before the foundation of the world he decreed his blessings to certain persons (1b)the decree made from choice by which he determined to bless certain persons through Christ by grace alone (2)a thing or person chosen (2a)of persons: God's elect.

The Greek word *ekloge* is used in *Acts 9:15*, *Romans 9:11*, *Romans 11:5*, *Romans 11:7*, *Romans 11:28*, *1 Thessalonians 1:4*, and *2 Peter 1:10*.

Acts 9:15

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a **chosen** vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Romans 9:11

11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to **election** might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

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Romans 11:5,7,28

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded 28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

2 Peter 1:10

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

ELECTED:

Elected is from the Greek word *suneklektos* (pronounced soon-ek-lek-tos', Strong's 4899) and means: to be chosen with. It only occurs once in our Bibles in *1 Peter 5:13*.

1 Peter 5:13

13 The *church that is* at Babylon, elected together with *you*, saluteth you; and *so doth* Marcus my son.

CHOSEN:

The word chosen is translated from the Greek word *eklegomai* (pronounced ek-leg'-om-ahee, Strong's 1586). It means to *select*:— make choice, choose (out), chosen. The Greek form of the word occurs twenty-five times in our Bibles. It occurs in the following verses: *Mark 13:20, Luke 6:13, Luke 10:42, Luke 14:7, John 6:70, John 13:18, John 15:16* (thrice), *John 15:19, Acts 1:2, Acts 1:24, Acts 6:5, Acts 13:17, Acts 15:7, Acts 15:22, Acts 15:25, 1 Corinthians 1:27* (twice), *1 Corinthians 1:28* (twice), *Ephesians 1:4, and James 2:5* (twice).

Mark 13:20

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

Luke 6:13

13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

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Luke 10:42

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Luke 14:7

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

John 6:70

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

John 13:18

18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 15:16,19

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Acts 1:2,24

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

Acts 6:5

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 13:17

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

Acts 15:7,22,25

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that

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the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send **chosen** men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: 25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send **chosen** men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

1 Corinthians 1:27-28

27 But God hath **chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath **chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God **chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Ephesians 1:4

4 According as he hath **chosen** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

James 2:5

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God **chosen** the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

God speaks of choosing and being chosen 123 times in our KJV Bibles. Thirty of these occurrences appear in the New Testament. Ninety-three of these appear in the Old Testament. In none of these Scriptures is it indicated that God predestinated particular individuals to salvation and particular individuals to damnation. Of these 123 occurrences, I have chosen to look at 24 of these that I feel can, or do, have bearing on the discussion at hand. These include: *Deuteronomy 7:6, Deuteronomy 14:2, 1 Kings 3:8, 1 Chronicles 16:13 Psalms, 33:12, Psalms 105:6, Isaiah 41:8-9, Isaiah 43:20, Isaiah 44:1-2, Isaiah 48:10, Matthew 20:14, Matthew 22:14, Mark 13:20, John 6:70, John 15:16-19, Acts 9:15, Acts 10:41, Romans 16:13, Ephesians 1:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, and Revelation 17:14.*

The word choose as it is used in *Deuteronomy 30:19* and *Joshua 24:15* also has some bearing on our discussion. Note also the choosing of Jeremiah in *Jeremiah 1:4-5*.

Deuteronomy 7:6

6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath **chosen** thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 14:2

2 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath **chosen** thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

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1 Kings 3:8

8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast **chosen**, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

1 Chronicles 16:13

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his **chosen** ones.

Psalms 33:12

12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath **chosen** for his own inheritance.

Psalms 105:6

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his **chosen**.

Isaiah 41:8-9

8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom I have **chosen**, the seed of Abraham my friend. 9 *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have **chosen** thee, and not cast thee away.

Isaiah 43:20

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my **chosen**.

Isaiah 44:1-2

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have **chosen**: 2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have **chosen**.

Isaiah 48:10

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have **chosen** thee in the furnace of affliction.

Matthew 20:16

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **chosen**.

Matthew 22:14

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Mark 13:20

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John 15:16-19

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. 18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it* hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Acts 9:10-16

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. 11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 10:41

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Romans 16:13

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

Ephesians 1:4

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

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2 Thessalonians 2:13

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen** you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Revelation 17:14

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and **chosen**, and faithful.

Deuteronomy 30:19

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Joshua 24:15

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose** you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

FOREKNOWLEDGE:

The word foreknowledge is translated from the Greek word prognosis (pronounced prog'-no-sis, Strong's 4268). It means to have forethought. It occurs twice in our KJV bibles; once in *Acts 2:23* and once in *1 Peter 1:2*.

Acts 2:23

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and **foreknowledge** of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

1 Peter 1:2

2 Elect according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

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FOREKNEW:

The word foreknew is used one time in our KJV Bibles in *Romans 11:2*. It is translated from the Greek word *proginosko* (pronounced prog-in-ocē'-ko, Strong's 4267). The word literally means to know beforehand or to foresee. The Greek word *proginosko* occurs in *Acts 26:5*, *Romans 8:29*, *Romans 11:2*, *1 Peter 1:20*, *2 Peter 3:17*.

Acts 26:5

5 Which **knew me from the beginning**, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

Romans 8:29

29 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 11:2

2 God hath not cast away his people which he **foreknew**. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

2 Peter 3:17

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye **know these things before**, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

FOREKNOW:

The word foreknow is used once in our KJV Bibles in *Romans 8:29*. See the discussion for the word foreknew.

Romans 8:29

29 For whom he did **foreknow**, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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ORDAINED:

The word ordained occurs thirty-seven times in our KJV Bibles (Old Testament 16 times, New Testament 21 times). The word is never used in relation to salvation in the Old Testament. For the twenty-one times it is used in the New Testament, it is translated from thirteen (13) different Greek words. The passage of Scripture that is of most interest to us is in *Acts 13:48*. The Greek word translated ordained in *Acts 13:48* is tasso (pronounced tas'-so). The Greek word occurs in *Matthew 28:16*, *Luke 7:8*, *Acts 13:48*, *Acts 15:2*, *Acts 22:10*, *Acts 28:23*, *Romans 13:1*, and *1 Corinthians 16:15*.

Matthew 28:16

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had **appointed** them.

Luke 7:8

8 For I also am a man **set under authority**, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

Acts 13:42-49

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were **ordained** to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

Acts 15:2

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they **determined** that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

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Acts 22:10

10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are **appointed** for thee to do.

Acts 28:23

23 And when they had **appointed** him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are **ordained** of God.

1 Corinthians 16:15

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have **addicted** themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

Before we proceed any further in this discussion, we want to note that *Acts 13:48* says ordained and **not** foreordained. This Scripture also does not say that all those Jews who rejected the preaching of Paul were ordained or foreordained to do so. *Acts 13:46* says that the Jews had put the gospel from themselves judging themselves unworthy of eternal life. There is no idea of foreordination for the Jews or the Gentiles in this passage of Scripture

FOREORDAINED:

Foreordained only occurs once in the main text of our KJV Bibles. It is only used in 1 *Peter 1:20*. Foreordained is translated from the Greek word *proginosko* (pronounced prog-in-ocē'-ko). It also appears in *Romans 3:25* as a KJV marginal note for the phrase "hath set forth".

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;
¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was **foreordained** before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Romans 3:24-25

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

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25 Whom God hath **set forth** *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

The stated foreordination in *1 Peter 1:20* has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ and not believers and unbelievers. Looking at *Romans 3:25*, we can see that the setting forth (foreordination in the marginal note) comes through faith in his blood. Nothing is said about any decree. In *Romans 3:25*, FAITH and not election is set forth as THE CONDITION for salvation. *Romans 3:25* deals with the setting forth of the Lord Jesus Christ and not with particular individuals. It is the Lord Jesus Christ who is foreordained and not human beings.

PREDESTINATION:

The word predestinate is from the Greek word *proorizo* (pronounced pro-or-id'-zo, Strong's 4309). It has the primary meanings: (1) to predetermine, decide beforehand (2) in the NT of God decreeing from eternity (3) to foreordain, appoint beforehand. *Note* (from Vines Expository Dictionary):

This verb is to be distinguished from *proginosko*, "to foreknow"; the latter has special reference to the persons foreknown by God; *proorizo* has special reference to that to which the subjects of His foreknowledge are "predestinated".

The Greek word *proorizo* from which predestinate is translated occurs seven times in six verses in the New Testament. These are: *Acts 4:28*, *Romans 8:29-30*, *1 Corinthians 2:7*, *Ephesians 1:5*, *Ephesians 1:11*.

Acts 4:24-28

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel **determined before** to be done.

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate** *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he

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also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

1 Corinthians 2:6-7

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God **ordained before** the world unto our glory:

Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having **predestinated** us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Note from verses 11 and 12 above that the predestination was not unto salvation. The predestination was that we would be unto the praise of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Note that the predestination applied only to those **who first trusted in Christ**. Trusting (Faith) in Christ is the condition for predestination and not the other way around. Only those who have trusted in Christ are predestined unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ.

The phrase “from the foundation of the world” is much used by the Calvinists to teach predestination to salvation and predestination to damnation (reprobation). It is interesting to note that the word predestinated is never used in our Bibles in relation to the lost. The phrase “from the foundation of the world” is found twelve (12) times in our KJV Bibles. These occur in *2 Samuel 22:16, Psalm 18:15, Matthew 13:35, Matthew 25:34, Luke 11:50, John 17:24, Ephesians 1:4, Hebrews 4:3, Hebrews 9:26, 1 Peter 1:20, Revelation 13:8, and Revelation 17:8*. The phrase is translated from

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the Greek word katabole (pronounced kat-ab-ol-ay', Strongs 2602). Its primary meaning is "a throwing or laying down". It is used in the sense of that which causes conception and in a founding, or the laying of a foundation.

2 Samuel 22:16

16 And the channels of the sea appeared, **the foundations of the world** were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

Psalms 18:15

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and **the foundations of the world** were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. ¹

Matthew 13:35

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret **from the foundation of the world**.

Matthew 25:34

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from the foundation of the world**:

Luke 11:50

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed **from the foundation of the world**, may be required of this generation;

John 17:24

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me **before the foundation of the world**.

Ephesians 1:4

4 According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Hebrews 4:3

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished **from the foundation of the world**.

Hebrews 9:26

26 For then must he often have suffered **since the foundation of the world**: but now

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once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

1 Peter 1:20

20 Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Revelation 13:8

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain **from the foundation of the world**.

Revelation 17:8

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life **from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.