

Predestination – A Biblical Concept

Ephesians 1:4, 5

- I. THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF PREDESTINATION DEALS WITH THE BELIEVER ONLY. There is no such thing as the unbeliever being predestined to Hell. The believer has a destiny – the unbeliever goes to Hell by his own choice. ([John 3:18](#)) (Study here [John 3:36](#) in the Greek) The Bible teaches the existence of Heaven and angelic choice and divine choice.
- II. THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF PREDESTINATION DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH CHOICE BUT EMPHASIZES IT.
- III. THE PURPOSE OF THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION IS TO RELATE THE BELIEVER PERMANENTLY TO THE PLAN OF GOD THROUGH POSITIONAL TRUTH. ([Eph. 1:5](#))
- IV. THERE ARE 5 GREEK WORDS USED TO COMMUNICATE THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF PREDESTINATION:
 1. The vb. προορίζω means to pre-designate. [Rom. 8:28, 20](#); [Eph. 1:11](#); [Eph. 1:5](#)
 2. The vb. προτίθημι means pre-determine; place. [Rom. 3:25](#)
 3. The noun πρόθεσις means pre-determined plan. [Rom. 9:11](#); [Eph. 1:11](#); [3:11](#); [II Tim. 1:9](#)
 4. The vb. προγίνωσκω fore-ordain or pre-ordain; pro-προ means before and ginosko γίνωσκω means know. [Rom. 8:29](#); [11:2](#)
 5. The noun προγνώσις prognosis – fore-knowledge or pre-determined purpose.

The next points 5-12 deals with passages which use these words.

- V. THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST IS RELATED TO THE ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD AND PREDETERMINED PURPOSE OF GOD. [Acts 2:23](#); [James 1:18](#) presents the strongest Greek word for WILL, which means DECREE made in the eternal ages past. This is the EPOG-the Eternal Plan of God.
God has a plan with your name on it! Jesus was delivered to the Cross by the pre-determined purpose for the Cross by the Father and not by man.
- VI. ALL BELIEVER'S SUFFERING IS RELATED TO THE ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD. [ROMANS 8:28](#) "PROTHESIS" – PRE-DETERMINED PLAN "ALL things work together (with grace) resulting in Divine good."

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- VII. IN GOD'S GRACE HE IN ETERNITY PAST, THOUGHT OF US AND PRE-DESIGNED FOR US PROVISIONS FOR TIME AND ETERNITY. [Rom.8:29, 30](#)
- VIII. IN [Rom. 3:25](#) THE FATHER PRE-DETERMINED THE GRACE CONCEPT OF PROPITIATION – Jesus was designed to satisfy the Father.
- IX. THIS PRE-DETERMINED PLAN OF GOD TAKES CARE OF THE BELIEVER BEFORE THE BIRTH OF TH BELIEVER. [Rom. 9:11](#) Prothesis
- X. Both Pro-thesis and Pro-orizo are (is) combined in [Eph. 1:11](#) to define the EPOG and relate them to Predestination. (God set things up millions of years ago) He decrees from His will and purpose. He knew everything we would ever need and set the whole thing up without any flaws. He does not coerce us or violate our free choice or destroy our free will. God's plan tip toes around our free will and still provides everything for us, and [Eph. 1:6](#) says that He pursues us through grace.
- XI. THE BORN AGAIN JEW OF THE PREVIOUS DISPENSATION IS A PART OF THE PRE-ORDAINED PLAN OF GOD UNDER THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANTS TO ISRAEL – THEREFORE THE SAVED JEW OF THE OT IS NOT A CASTAWAY – [ROM. 11:2](#) there is a definite relationship between Predestination and Eternal Security.
- XII. THE FATHER PRE-DESIGNED HIS PERCECT PLAN IN THE LJC. PREDESTINATION IS RELATED TO JESUS. [Eph. 1:9](#); [I Pet. 1:2](#); [I Pet. 1:20](#) and [II Tim. 1:9](#). The Lord Jesus Christ is the only issue for life.