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Scripture List on Predestination

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Main Texts: Romans 9–11, esp. 9:6–29; Ephesians 1–2; John 6:37–45, 65; Matthew 22:1–14

Major Greek Words:

1. **Election** – [Verb, *eklegomai*] Mark 13:20; Luke 6:13; 10:42; 14:7; John 6:70; 13:18; 15:16, 19; Acts 1:2, 24; 6:5; 13:17; 15:7, 22, 25; 1 Cor 11:27 (2x), 28; Eph 1:4; James 2:5 [Noun, *eklektos*] Matt 20:16; 22:14; 24:22, 24, 31; Mark 13:20, 22, 27; Luke 18:7; 23:35; Romans 8:33; 16:13; Col 3:12; 1 Tim 5:21; 2 Tim 2:10; Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2; 2:4, 6, 9; 2 John 1, 13; Rev 17:14.
2. **Predestine** – [Verb, *proōrizō*] Acts 4:28; Romans 8:29–30; 1 Corinthians 2:7; Eph 1:5, 11.
3. **Foreknowledge** – [Verb *proginōskō*] Acts 26:5; Romans 8:29; 11:2; 1 Peter 1:20; 2 Peter 3:17; [Noun, *prognōsis*] Acts 2:23; 1 Peter 1:2.

I. Passages on Predestination:

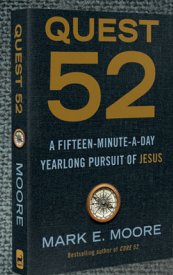
1. “If the Lord Wills” (Romans 1:10; James 4:13–17), (Jesus’ use of Parables): Mark 4:10–12.
2. Based upon God’s Foreknowledge (Acts 2:23; Rom 8:29–30; 1 Pet 1:1–2).
3. Hardening of Hearts or Concealing (Exodus 11:10; Deut 2:30; 1 Sam 1:4; Mark 6:52; Luke 9:45; 10:22; John 12:40; Romans 9:17–18; 11:7–10, 25ff). Jesus used parables for this purpose (Mk 4:10–12).
4. Not Dependent upon Man (John 1:13; 6:44–45, 65; Rom 9:15–19; Ephesians 2:8–10).
5. In Christ – From the Beginning (Ephesians 1:3–11; 2:1–10; 2 Thess 2:13).
6. For His Praise and Glory (Ephesians 1:6, 11–12; 2:1–10).

II. Man’s Freewill

1. Whosoever (Matthew 7:24; Mark 16:16; Luke 9:24; John 10:9; Acts 2:21; Joel 2:32; Romans 9:33; 10:11, 13; 1 John 4:15; 5:1).
2. Unlimited Atonement (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4; John 1:29; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:14–15; 1 John 2:2; Titus 2:11; Romans 5:6–8, 15–19; Isaiah 45:22; Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 33:11).
3. “Harden not your heart” (2 Kings 17:14–15; Psalm 95:7–8; Mark 8:17; Hebrews 3:7–8, 15).
4. Miscellaneous
 - a. “Strive to enter” (Luke 13:24 [23–30])
 - b. “Let us draw near” (Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; 11:6)
 - c. “Many called, few chosen” (Matthew 22:1–14)
 - d. “God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 18:20–32; 33:11)
 - e. “Resist not the Holy Spirit” (Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19)

III. Doctrinal Synthesis

1. Personal Predestination (Revelation 17:8; 21:27):
 - a. Abraham (Nehemiah 9:7)
 - b. Jacob and Esau (Gen 25:19ff; Mal 1:2–3; Rom 9:10–13)
 - c. Pharaoh (Exo 9:16; Rom 9:17)
 - d. Saul and David (1 Samuel 16:1–14)
 - e. Josiah (1 Kings 13:1–3)
 - f. Cyrus (Isa 41:25; 44:28; 45:1–13; 2 Chr 36:22ff)
 - g. John the Baptist (Mal 4:6; Isa 40:3; Lk 1:17ff)
 - h. Jesus (Isa 42:1; Mt 12:18; Lk 9:35; Acts 2:23; 4:28)



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- i. Judas Iscariot (Ps 41:9; 69:25; 109:8; Mk 14:10; Acts 1:20)
- j. Apostles (Lk 6:13; Jn 6:70; 15:16)
- k. Paul (Acts 9:15; 13:2; Ro 1:1; Gal 1:15; Eph 3:7)
- l. Rufus (Romans 16:13)
- m. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5)
2. National Predestination
 - a. Israel (Deut 7:6–11; 14:2; 1 Chr 16:13; Isaiah 41:8–10; Ezekiel 20:5; Acts 13:17)
 - i. This was election to service, not necessarily salvation.
 - ii. Election of a group as opposed to individuals.
 - iii. At times certain individuals were chosen for special roles.
 - b. Christian Community (2 Thess 2:13; Ephesians 1:4–6; 2:11–22; 2 Peter 2:9)
3. Sovereignty of God's Plans (Genesis 45:4–8; 1 Kings 12:15; Psalm 33:11; Proverbs 16:9; Isaiah 46:10; Hebrews 6:17).
4. God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility (Genesis 45:4–8 and Acts 2:23; Deut 7:7–11; Ezekiel 20:5–49; Luke 22:22; John 1:12–13; Romans 11:4–6).
5. God is not Partial (Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; 9:14; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; 1 Peter 1:17; Deut 10:17; 2 Chron 19:7; Job 34:19).
6. Our Response to God's Sovereignty: Accept & Praise (Job 42:1–6; Rom 9:19–20; 11:33–36).
7. Purpose of God's Sovereignty:
 - a. Make His power known (Romans 9:22)
 - b. Make known the riches of His glory (Romans 9:23)
 - c. Work all things together for good (Romans 8:28)
 - d. To have mercy on all (Romans 11:29–32)
8. Observations
 - a. Election is primarily preparation for, or salvation in, Jesus.
 - b. Election is based on God's foreknowledge.