

VERSES ON ELECTION

Deuteronomy 4:37-38 37 [Yahweh] loved your fathers, chose (בחר) their seed after them, and brought you [Israel] out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, 38 driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 6 You [Israel] are a people holy to Yahweh your God. Yahweh your God has chosen (בחר) you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that Yahweh set his love on you and chose (בחר) you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because Yahweh loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that Yahweh has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Numbers 16:5 5 [Moses] said to Korah and all his company, In the morning Yahweh will show who is his and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses (בחר) he will bring near to him.

1 Samuel 16:1-13 1 Yahweh said to Samuel, How long will you grieve over Saul, because I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons. ...3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you will do. And you will anoint for me him whom I declare to you. 4 Samuel did what Yahweh commanded and came to Bethlehem. ...6 When [Jesse's son] came, he looked on Eliab and thought, Surely Yahweh's anointed is before him. 7 But Yahweh said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For Yahweh sees not as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart [positive volition]. ...10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, Yahweh has not chosen (בחר) these. 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, Are all your sons here? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here. 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And Yahweh said, Arise, anoint him, for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day forward.

2 Chronicles 6:4-6 4 ...Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to David my father saying, 5 Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there, and I chose no man as prince over my people Israel. 6 But I have chosen (בחר) Jerusalem that my name may be there, and I have chosen (בחר) David to be over my people Israel.

Nehemiah 9:7-8 7 You are Yahweh, the God who chose (בחר) Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. 8 You found his heart faithful before you and made with him the covenant to give to his seed the land of [Canaan].

Psalm 78:67-70 67 [The Lord] rejected the tent of Joseph. He did not choose (בָּחַר) the tribe of Ephraim, 68 but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves. ...70 He chose (בָּחַר) David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds.

Psalm 89:3-4 3 You have said, I have made a covenant with my chosen one. I have sworn to David my servant, 4 I will establish your seed forever, and build your throne for all generations. Selah.

Isaiah 42:1 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen (בְּחִיר), in whom my soul delights. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 43:20-21 20 The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen (בְּחִיר) people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Isaiah 45:4 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen (בְּחִיר), I call you [Cyrus] by your name. I name you, though you do not know me.

Isaiah 49:7 7 Thus says Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of Yahweh, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you [Jesus].

Isaiah 65:9-10 9 I will bring forth seed from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains. My chosen (בְּחִיר) shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me.

Ezekiel 20:5-6 5 On the day when I [Yahweh] chose (בָּחַר) Israel, I swore to the seed of the house of Jacob, making myself known to them in the land of Egypt. I swore to them, saying, I am Yahweh your God. 6 On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands.

Matthew 12:18 18 Behold, my servant [Jesus] whom I [the Father] have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Matthew 22:14 14 ...Many are called (κλητός), but few are chosen (ἐκλεκτός).

Matthew 24:22-24 22 If those days [the great tribulation] had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect (ἐκλεκτός) those days will be cut short. ... 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect (ἐκλεκτός).

Matthew 24:31 31 [The Son of Man] will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect (ἐκλεκτός) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:20 20 ...If the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect (ἐκλεκτός), whom he chose (ἐκλέγομαι, aor.), he shortened the days.

Luke 9:35 35 ...A voice came out of the cloud saying, This is my Son, my Chosen One (ὁ ἐκλελεγμένος, perf. pass. part.). Listen to him!

Luke 18:7 7 ...Will not God give justice to his elect (ἐκλεκτός), who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

Luke 23:35 35 The rulers scoffed at [Jesus] saying, He saved others. Let him save himself, if he is the Messiah of God, his Chosen One (ὁ ἐκλεκτός)!

John 6:70 70 Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.

John 15:16 16 You [disciples] did not choose me [Jesus], but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.

John 17:1-2 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 because you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

John 17:6 6 I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

John 17:9 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

Acts 1:24-25 24 ...They prayed and said, You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen (ἐκλέγομαι, aor.) 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.

Acts 9:15 15 ...The Lord [Jesus] said to [Ananias], Go, for he [Saul] is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Acts 13:48 48 ...When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed (τάσσω, perf. pass.)¹ to eternal life believed.

¹ “[T]o bring about an order of things by arranging, *arrange, put in place...* of a pers. put into a specific position...*assign someone to a (certain) classification...*, pass. *belong to, be classed among those possessing*” (BDAG, 991).

Acts 22:14 14 And [Ananias] said, The God of our fathers appointed (προχειρίζω)² you to know his desire, to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth....

Romans 8:33 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect (ἐκλεκτός)? It is God who justifies.

Romans 9:10-18 10 ... When Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose (πρόθεσις)³ of election (ἐκλογή)⁴ might continue (μένω, pres. act. subj.), not because of works but because of him who calls (καλέω, pres. act.)— 12 she was told, The older will serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. 16 So then [election] depends not on desire (θέλω) or exertion (τρέχω), but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he desires (θέλω), and he hardens whomever he desires (θέλω). 19 You will say to me then, Why does [God] still find fault? For who can resist his desire? 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is moulded say to its moulder, Why have you made me like this? 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honourable use and another for dishonourable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction [based on foreknowledge and predetermination], 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory [based on foreknowledge and predetermination]?

Romans 11:5-7 5 At the present time there is a remnant, chosen (ἐκλογή) by grace.⁵ 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works. Otherwise grace would no longer be grace. 7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect (ἐκλογή) obtained it [through faith], but the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:28 28 As regards the gospel, [the Jews] are enemies for your sake. But as regards election (ἐκλογή), they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Romans 16:13 13 Greet Rufus, chosen (ἐκλεκτός) in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:22-29 22 ... Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach [as a general call] Messiah crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are [specially] called, both Jews and Greeks, Messiah the power of God and the

² “[T]o express preference of someone for a task, *choose for oneself, select, appoint*” (BDAG, 891).

³ “[T]hat which is planned in advance, *plan, purpose, resolve, will*” (BDAG, 869).

⁴ “[A] special choice, selection, choice, election act. sense” (BDAG, 306).

⁵ “[S]election out of generosity = selected out of generosity or by grace” (BDAG, 306).

wisdom of God. ...26 For consider your [special] calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose (ἐκλέγομαι, aor.)⁶ what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Galatians 1:15 15 ...When he who had set me [Paul] apart (ἀφορίζω, aor.)⁷ before I was born, and who called me by his grace....

Ephesians 1:3-6 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah, who has blessed us in Messiah with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose (ἐκλέγομαι, aor.) us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predetermined (προορίζω, aor.) us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Messiah, according to the purpose of his desire, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Colossians 3:12 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones (ἐκλεκτοὶ), holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 13 God chose (αἰρέομαι, aor.) you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief (πίστις) in the truth. 14 To this he called (καλέω, aor.) you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Messiah.

1 Timothy 5:21 21 In the presence of God, of Messiah Jesus, and of the elect angels (τῶν ἐκλεκτῶν ἀγγέλων) I charge you to keep these rules....

1 Peter 1:1-2 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Messiah, To those who are elect (ἐκλεκτός) exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge (πρόγνωσις) of God the Father....

1 Peter 2:4 4 As you come to [Jesus], a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen (ἐκλεκτός) and precious....

1 Peter 2:6 6 ...It stands in Scripture: Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen (ἐκλεκτός) and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

1 Peter 2:9 9 You are a chosen (ἐκλεκτός) race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for [God's] own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

⁶ “[T]o make a choice in accordance with significant preference, *select someone/someth. for oneself*, w. simple acc....w. indication of the purpose for which the choice is made” (BDAG, 305).

⁷ “[T]o select one pers. out of a group for a purpose, *set apart, appoint*” (BDAG, 158).

2 Peter 1:10 10 Brothers and sisters, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling (κλησις) and election (ἐκλογή), for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2 John 1 1 The elder to the elect (ἐκλεκτός) lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth.

Revelation 17:14 14 [The ten kings] will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called (κλητός), chosen (ἐκλεκτός), and believing (πιστός).