

VERSES ON PREDETERMINATION

Esther 4:12-14 13 Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. 14 For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Psalms 139:16 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance. In your book were written every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Isaiah 25:1 1 Yahweh, you are my God. I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 37:26 26 Have you not heard that I determined it long ago? I planned from days of old what now I bring to pass, that you [Sennacherib] should make fortified cities crash into heaps of ruins....

Isaiah 46:9-11 9 Remember the former things of old. For I am God, and there is no other. I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.... 11 I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass. I have purposed, and I will do it.

Luke 22:22 22 ...The Son of Man goes as it has been determined (ὁρίζω, perf. pass.),¹ but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!

Acts 1:7 7 [Jesus] said to [the apostles], It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed (τίθημι, aor.) by his own authority.

Acts 2:23 23 ...This Jesus, delivered up as determined (ὁρίζω, perf. pass.) by the plan (βουλή) and foreknowledge (πρόγνωσις) of God, you crucified and killed. (aor. act. ind.) by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 4:27-28 27 ...For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan (βουλή) had predetermined (προορίζω, aor. act.)² to take place.

Acts 10:42 42 ...He commanded us [apostles] to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one determined (ὁρίζω, perf. pass.) by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 11:29 29 So the disciples determined (ὁρίζω, aor. act.), every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers and sisters living in Judea.

¹ “[T]o make a determination about an entity, *determine, appoint, fix, set*” (BDAG, 723).

² “[D]ecide upon beforehand, *predetermine*” (BDAG, 873).

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.)³ to eternal life believed.

Acts 17:26-27 26 ...[God] made from one man every nation of humanity to live on all the face of the earth, having determined (ὀρίζω, aor.) fixed (προστάσσω, perf. pass.)⁴ periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us....

Acts 17:30-31 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to change their minds, 31 because he has fixed (ἵστημι, aor.) a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed (ὀρίζω, aor.). And of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Romans 8:29-30 29 For those whom [God] foreknew he also predetermined (προορίζω, aor.) to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predetermined (προορίζω, aor.) he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 9:22-24 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared (καταρτίζω, perf. pass.)⁵ for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand (προετοιμάζω, aor. act.)⁶ for glory— 24 even us whom he has [specially] called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

1 Corinthians 2:7 7 We [apostles] impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God predetermined (προορίζω, aor.) before the ages for our glory.

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 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 good pleasure (εὐδοκία) of his desire (θέλημα), 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:11-12 11 In [Messiah] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predetermined (προορίζω, aor. pass.) according to the purpose (πρόθεσις)⁷ of [God] who

³ “[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).

⁴ “[T]o issue an official directive or make a determination, *command, order, give instructions, determine*” (BDAG, 884).

⁵ “[T]o prepare for a purpose, prepare, make, create, outfit” (BDAG, 526).

⁶ “[P]repare beforehand” (BDAG, 869).

⁷ “[T]hat which is planned in advance, *plan, purpose, resolve, will*” (BDAG, 869).

works all things according to the purpose (βουλή)⁸ of his desire (θέλημα), 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Messiah might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 2:10 10 ... We are his workmanship, created in Messiah Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand (προετοιμάζω, aor. act.), that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 3:9-11 9 ... And to bring to light for everyone what is the plan (οικονομία) of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose (πρόθεσις) that he has realised in Messiah Jesus our Lord....

2 Timothy 1:9-10 9 ... Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Messiah Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Messiah Jesus....

Titus 1:1-3 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Messiah, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior....

Jude 4 4 ... Certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Messiah.

Revelation 13:8 8 ... All who dwell on earth will worship [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

⁸ “[T]hat which one thinks about as possibility for action, *plan, purpose, intention*...that which one decides, *resolution, decision*” (BDAG, 181).