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The Subject: Chosen

Ephesians 1:4 - He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love.

Chosen - Greek: eklegomai-to select, make choice, from:

Ek - (ex) - origin, from, out

Lego - to lay forth; relate in words; a systematic discourse (an orderly arranged speech or writing); lego declares what is said (the word or logos); Before the world began, God has chosen (spoken out of his mouth) and prearranged the salvation and holy living of only those that belong to him. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. World -- Greek: kosmos - "orderly arrangement" adorn or decoration From: Komeo (cosmetic); to tend or provide; to carry away from

Jeremiah 4:28. because I have spoken it I have purposed it.

Spoken -- Hebrew: dabar - "to arrange" by command; determine; appoint

God says. "Let there be"-And it is so. He has chosen (predetermined) his people, whom he foreknew, that they should live holy. This holiness is in obedience to Gods word (orderly arrangement). Jesus learned obedience through suffering (Heb. 5:8). He is our example (I Peter 2:21). The word (logos) of God has prearranged that we will follow in his steps (Il Tim 3:12; Heb 12:10). God did not love all the world (Kosmos). He "so" loved the orderly arrangement (world). "So" is an adverb telling how or in what fashion he loved the world. Who are these "whosoevers" that will believe in him? After Paul preached at Antioch, the scripture says, "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:48) (no more no less). We have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Eph. 1:11). It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). God has spoken all things, "Declaring (dabar) the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done. saying, my counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (Isa. 46:10)." Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world (Acts 15:18).

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