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WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ELECTION

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GOD'S ACT

John 15:16, *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."* Mark 13:20, *"And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."* James 2:5, *"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?"* I Thessalonians 1:4, *"Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."*

GOD'S SOVEREIGN ACT

Romans 9:15-19, *"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?"*

AN ACT OF SOVEREIGN GRACE

Romans 11:5-7, *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded."*

BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

Ephesians 1:4, *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the*

world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

FROM THE BEGINNING

II Thessalonians 2:13, *"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."* Compare with Genesis 1:1, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* John 1:1, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

BEFORE BIRTH

Romans 9:11, *"(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.)"*

THE ELECT SURE OF SALVATION

Matthew 24:31, *"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."* Romans 11:2, *"God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew..."* Romans 8:29-30, *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."*

ONLY A REMNANT ELECTED

Romans 11:5, *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."*

ELECTION UNTO SALVATION

II Thessalonians 2:13, *"...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."* I Peter 1:2, *"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit..."*

ELECTION INCLUDES THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

The same God who elected the individual for salvation, elected the means for their salvation. Those means includes the preaching of the gospel and the calling out of the elect. I Corinthians 1:21, *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."* II Timothy 2:10, *"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."* Romans 8:29-30, *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."* Romans 10:13-15, 17, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

THE ELECT WILL BELIEVE

Acts 13:48, *"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the (Continued on Page 3)"*

MESSIANIC PSALMS

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The Old Testament has prophecies that are fulfilled in the New Testament proving that the entire Bible is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine. II Timothy 3:15-17. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

MESSIANIC PSALMS: THEIR REFERENCES AND THE THING PROPHESIED

Trial and crucifixion: The heathen raging and the rulers plotting against Christ. Psalm 2:1, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" Acts 4:25-26, "...Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ."

Resurrection: Christ, Firstborn from dead. Psalm 2:7, "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." Acts 13:33, "God that fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

Christ's intercession: Psalm 2:8, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." John 17:20 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

Triumphant entry: Praise of children. Psalm 8:2, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." Matthew 21:16, "And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

The ascension: Son of Man. Psalm 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Hebrews 2:6, "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

Resurrection: Soul not left in Hades, Body not to see corruption. Psalm 16:10: "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; nei-

ther wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Acts 2:24-27, "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Acts 13:35, "Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

Calvary: Jesus forsaken by the Father. Psalm 22:1, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" Matthew 27:46, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Crucifixion: Chief Priest mocked. Psalm 22:6. "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people." Matthew 27:39-44, "And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth."

Crucifixion: Faith in God. Psalm 22:7-8, "All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him." Matthew 27:43: "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God."

Crucifixion: Pierced hands and feet. Psalm 22:16, "For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet." John 20:25, "The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Crucifixion: Gazing at Him. Psalm 22:17, "I may tell all my bones: they look and

stare upon me." Luke 23:35, "And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God." Matthew 27:36, "And sitting down they watched him there."

Gambling: Casting lots for His garments. Psalm 22:18, "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." Matthew 27:35, "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."

Church singing at institution of Lord's Supper: He in the midst of church. Psalm 22:22, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee." Hebrews 2:12, "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

Gethsemane. Psalm 22:24, "For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard." Hebrews 5:7, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared."

His death: Committal of spirit to God. Psalm 31:5, "Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth." Luke 23:46, "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

Crucifixion: No bones broken. Psalm 34:20, "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken." John 19:36, "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken."

His obedient life: Delights in God's will. Psalm 40:6-8, "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Hebrews 10:5-7, "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

Trailed by Judas: Judas betrayed Christ. Psalm 41:9, "Yea, mine own familiar

friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." John 13:15-18, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me."

His exaltation: His righteous scepter. Psalm 45:6-7, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Hebrews 1:8-9, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Exaltation: His emptying paradise and taking Old Testament saints to heaven. Psalm 68:18, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them." Ephesians 4:8, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

Hatred of enemies: hated without cause. Psalm 69:4, "They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: than I restored that which I took not away." John 15:25, "But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause."

His reproaches: Our reproaches follow Christ. Psalm 69:9, "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up: and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." Romans 15:3, "For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."

Crucifixion: gaul and vinegar. Psalm 69:21, "They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Matthew 27:34, "They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink."

Desolation or downfall of the Jews. Psalm 69:22, "Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap." Romans 11:9-10, "And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway."

Judas' Suicide. Psalm 69:25, "Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in

their tents." Acts 1:20, "For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take."

His earthly life: Parables. Psalm 78:2, "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old." Matthew 13:35, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

The resurrection: first-born from the dead. Psalm 89:27, "Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth." Romans 8:29, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren." Colossians 1:15, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."

Christ's exaltation: at God's right hand. Psalm 110:1, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Matthew 22:44, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

Melchizedek priesthood: Priest for ever. Psalm 110:4, "The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 5:6, "As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Christ's exaltation: head-stone and corner. Psalm 118:22, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." I Peter 2:7-8, "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed."

Triumphant entry. Psalm 118:26, "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD." Matthew 21:9, "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Resurrection: Christ the fruit of David's loins. Psalm 132:11, "The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne." Acts 2:30, "Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne."

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word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

ELECTION GUARANTEES THE SALVATION OF THE SAME

Romans 10:20, "But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you..."

The gospel is to be preached to all, because God commanded it and we do not know who the elect are. Matthew 20:16, "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen." Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are chosen." Election makes sure that some will hear and be saved." Isaiah 53:11-12, "...By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Otherwise nobody will be saved were it not the God's Elective Grace. Left to himself, all would reject, because it excludes all boasting.