

EKKLESIA AND THE ELECT

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Election or the Elect is always an interesting discussion as always is no matter what group you're in. Looking at the word and how many times it's used and how many times it's related to The Church (assembly) of Jesus Christ, I find it interesting to see how this word Elect is used throughout the scriptures.

The First Chosen to be called out away from the (his) world or his people was Abram in Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:** [Abraham is called out and called into a God's own land of choice – as in Ekklesia]

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old **when he departed out of Haran.**

Let's look at the word and how many times it's used in the Bible.

The word elect is translated from two words in the Bible text.

The first is Hebrew which is **972. bachiyr**, baw-kheer'; from H977; **select:--choose, chosen one**, elect.

977. bachar, baw-khar'; a prim. root; prop. to try, i.e. (by impl.) **select:--acceptable, appoint, choose** (choice), excellent, **join**, be rather, require.

Then from the Greek: 1588. eklektos, ek-lek-tos'; from G1586; **select; by impl. favorite:--chosen, elect.**

1586. **eklegomai**, ek-leg'-om-ahee; mid. from G1537 and G3004 (in its prim. sense); to **select:--make choice**, choose (out), chosen.

Eklegomai has a similarity to **Ekklesia** which is Greek for **Church** as used by Yeshua in Matt 16:18. Yeshua first used "Elect" in Matthew 24:24 the Greek, Eklegomai. So it appears straight from the Bible that the Elect is God's Chosen relating to the same called out to be called in as used in Ekklesia.

(Isa 42:1 KJV) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; **mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth**; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

(Isa 45:4 KJV) For Jacob my servant's sake, **and Israel mine elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

(Isa 65:9 KJV) And I will bring forth a **seed out of Jacob**, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

(Isa 65:22 KJV) They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: **for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands**.

(Mat 24:24 KJV) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, **they shall deceive the very elect**.

(Mat 24:31 KJV) 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**.

(Mark 13:22 KJV) For **false Christs and false prophets shall rise**, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, **if it were possible, even the elect**.

(Mark 13:27 KJV) And then shall he send his angels, **and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven**.

(Luke 18:7 KJV) And **shall not God avenge his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

(Rom 8:33 KJV) Who shall lay any thing to the **charge of God's elect?** It is God that justifieth.

(Col 3:12 KJV) **Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**

(1 Tim 5:21 KJV) I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

(Titus 1:1 KJV) Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

(1 Pet 1:2 KJV) Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

(1 Pet 2:6 KJV) Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

(2 John 1:1 KJV) The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

(2 John 1:13 KJV) The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

577. ekklesia, ek-klay-see'-ah; from a comp. of G1537 and a der. of G2564; **a calling out**, i.e. (concr.) a popular meeting, espec. a religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Chr. community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both):--assembly, church.

The Church are people who are called out by God and called into his assembly, synagogue. It's interesting to know that the Hebrew word for assembly is SYNAGOGUE and the Greek, is Ekklesia, Church. In the Septuagint the Old Testament was written in Greek because many Jews in the day were losing their own language, and the common language as English is today, was Greek. However, the word for assembly throughout the Septuagint was the word **Ekklesia**, **CHURCH**, the same word used by Yeshua as the identification of his people who were called out of the world and into his fold.

1537. ek, ek; or ex, ex; a prim. prep. denoting origin (the point whence motion or action proceeds), **from, out** (of place, time or cause; lit. or fig.; direct or remote):--after, among, X are, at betwixt (-yond), by (the means of), exceedingly, (+ abundantly above), for (-th), from (among, forth, up), + grudgingly, + heartily, X heavenly, X hereby, + very highly, in, . . . ly, (because, by reason) of, off (from), on, out among (from, of), over, since, X thenceforth, through, X unto, X vehemently, with (-out). Often used in composition, with the same general import; often of completion.

Although many people have discussed this word, and the question often comes up: who is doing the choosing? If by Invitation, the Choice has been predetermined by the prerequisite the agreement set down, such as The LORD determined those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved (John 3:16). Therefore by accepting the invitation, they have been pre-chosen by response and become a part of the elect of people as set aside ones. If it were not an invitation we could choose all we want and it wouldn't matter.

As for the Elect, there is a special selection which God puts on people for a job to be done. The other night I saw were Pastor Murray used the Apostle Paul as this very example. He had no choice in the matter. He was persecuting Christians because he believed that YHVH wanted him to do so but during his Journey, The LORD showed up and demobilized him and put him on the road to Election to do his work that would influence many, many, many people then and now.

Look at the disciples it's not like they volunteered; Yeshua came to them and told them to follow him. I would imagine if that this was a hard call to resist.

It's also interesting to note in . . .

Matt 20:16 "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for **many** be **called**, but **few** **chosen**."

Called: 2822. kletos, klay-tos'; from the same as G2821; **invited**, i.e. **appointed**, or (spec.) a saint:--called.

Chosen: 1588. eklektos, ek-lek-tos'; from G1586; select; by impl. **favorite**:--**chosen**, elect.

The Study of Earth Ages and this Election and the answering to the calling as carry over from our actions of the last age; I find to be

extremely interesting which for me puts more understanding on what is going on with God, Man and the Earth today.

ARE THE ELECT THOSE WHO JUST BELIEVE IN JESUS?

I'm sure it's about a little more than just believing, even Satan knows, which does more than him just believing that Yeshua is the Lord. Many people believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and they also believe in Jesus Christ but have never ever read the Bible for it's fullest. They have committed to him that they are lost and need salvation to get to the Father, and they know it's only through Jesus/Yeshua this could be possible. They have sealed their fate with God but when it comes to knowing Satan in the world they have no defense or data (in their foreheads) to see the truth of one coming in the name of Jesus (the Muslim name is Īsā.)

Sure these believers might listen to the Preacher do and exposition on a verse or two but doesn't really express God's Word to his congregation rather his own word. However, to the believer who has studied the word knows difference. Too many times we've been led astray by man's beliefs and men's formulating dogmas of what we should do or should not do and how we should do these things.

KNOWLEDGE, DRIVE REASONING, JUDGEMENT, MEMORY

A prominent Bible Study teacher makes a good point that the Mark of the Beast is in the forehead where we store our knowledge.

Actually the Frontal Lobes are predominately for:

- Motor Functions, **Higher Order** Functions, Planning, **Reasoning, Judgment**, Impulse Control, Memory.

(<http://biology.about.com/library/organs/brain/blfrontallobe.htm>)

This Bible scholar teaches that on (in) our foreheads is the mark, Rev 16:2 this mark of the beast is mentioned.

Mark. 5480. charagma, khar'-ag-mah; from the same as G5482; a scratch or etching, i.e. stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): --graven, mark.

The marks on (in) our foreheads can resonates Satan and his Antichrist or YHVH and his Christ, the Savior of the World, Jesus (Yeshua) Christ the Messiah. However this knowledge is collected in our memories for recall as we need it, and therefore the false

teachings of the imitation, the impersonations of God and their counterfeits cannot fool the elect, those believers who are aware and have the Knowledge of God from His word on (in) their foreheads.

This is why Yeshua makes the statement in Matt 24:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: **but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

THE DOLLAR BILL OR COUNTERIT.

The dollar bill and other denominations of our currency is a great example of what we're talking about. The experts in the banks and the US Treasury Department know the real thing so well that they can detect counterfeit immediately. So will the elect do in the times as mention in v. 24, above.

I've often wondered why all my life I've seem to be familiar with the things of God and his Word; long before I began to study it. As I studied on further and rightly divide the word, I realized that I had a knowing in my spirit concerning the things mentioned in the Bible; the differences in the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of the lie(s) of Satan. I often wondered how God already planted this seed in me and does he do it for everyone?

I've since been studying Messianic Israel from the United Kingdom of Israel to the Two Houses (Judah and Joseph-Ephraim) and again when Yeshua returns, the Whole House - reunited. I read the other day that it's even in the Jewish Talmud about all of the tribes re-uniting again. (see <http://www.teerobb.com/RobbsOwnWrite/TeerobbInsights.html>)

In this study, I've realized the injustice to Judah by it's teaching that we have replaced the Jews and all of Israel and the Church is the NEW ISRAEL. Again, if we studied the likes of Ezekiel 37 we'd see that's counterfeit teaching and not teaching from the Word of God.