

# WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

## Class 23



## The Free Gift of Salvation

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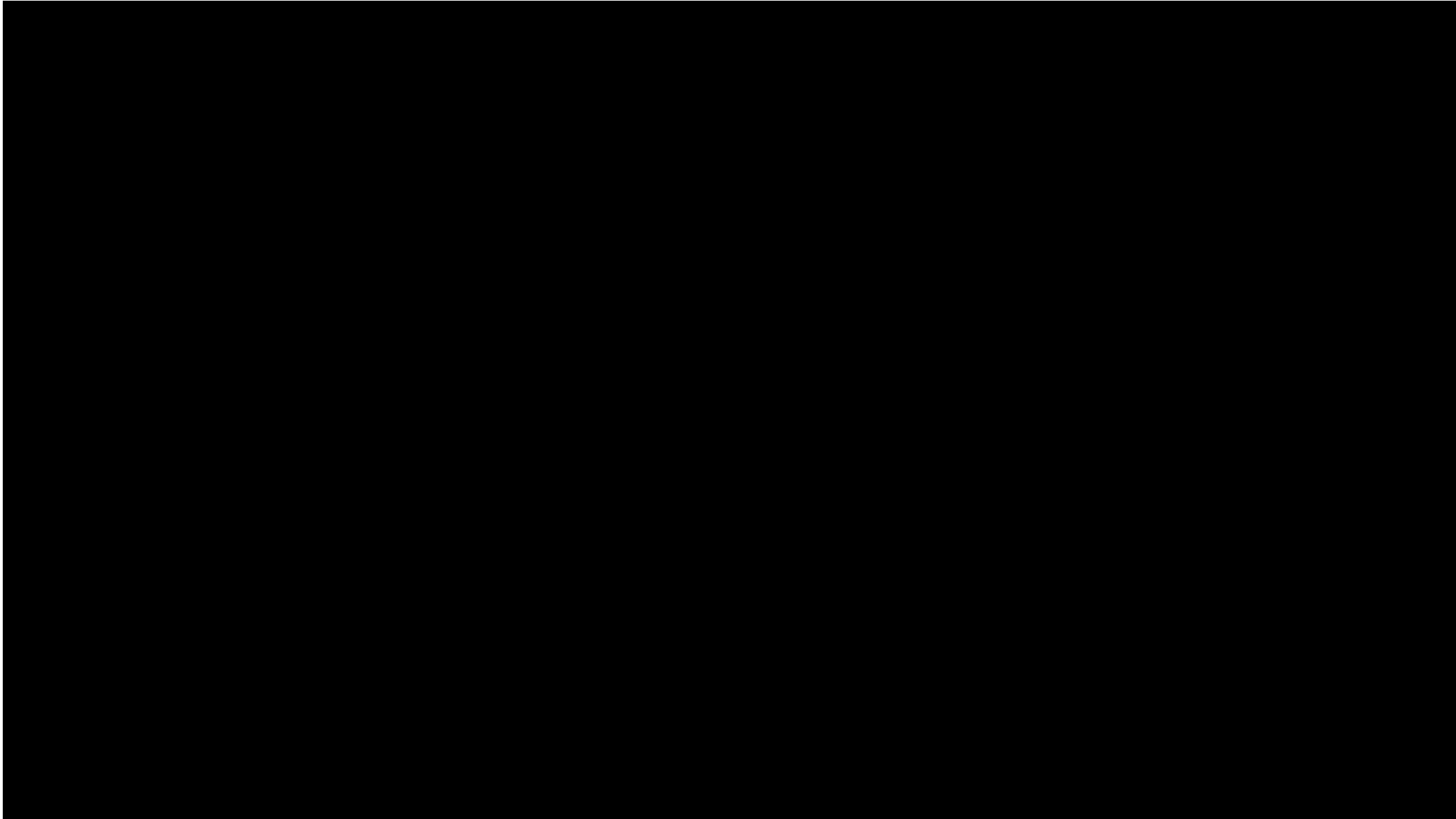
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Steven Lawson

Predestination



# Video Link

- Steven Lawson: Predestination: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3Lh7jybMEw>

# Predestination.... Who What Where

**Who**—Attributed to John Calvin's preaching (French theologian, 1509-1564)

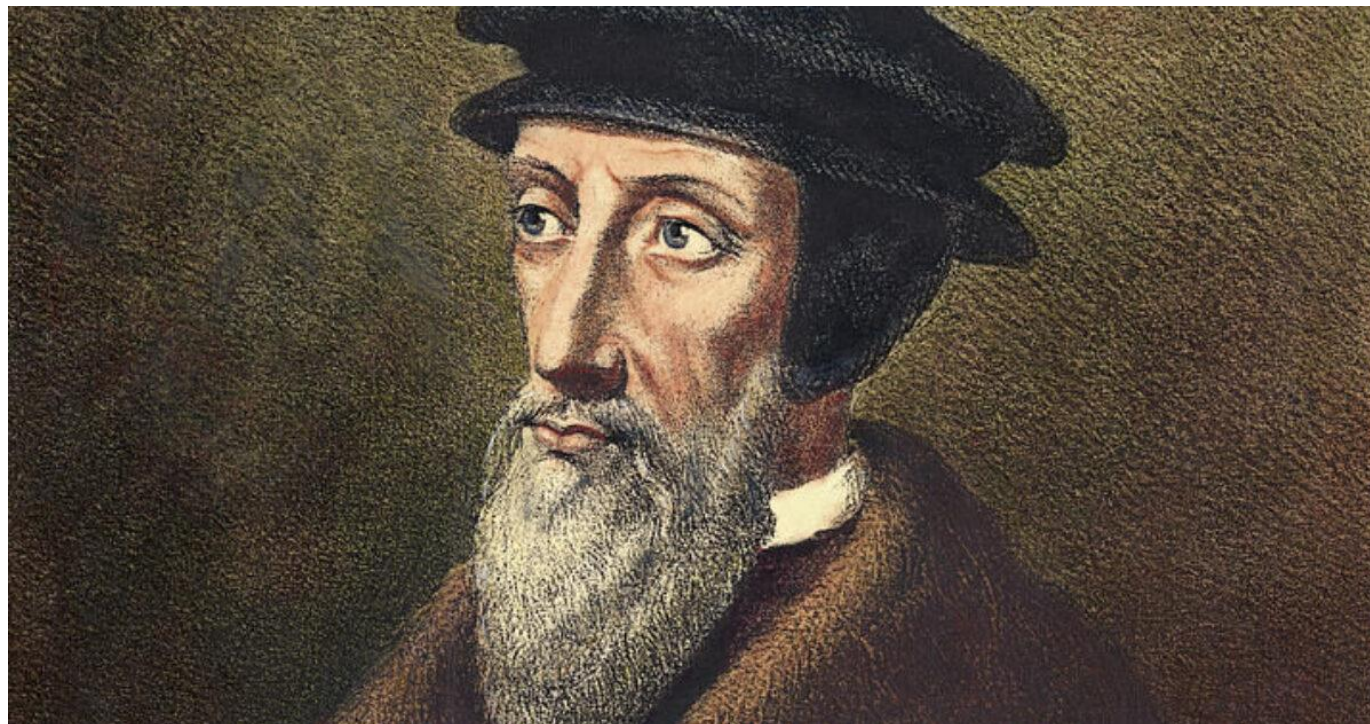
**What**—Predestination—only some are saved based on God's prior choosing. Likewise he chooses who to send to Hell.

**Where**—After life. Some pre-chosen to be with God

**When**—For Eternity

**Why**-- because 'That is How God Is.' Just accept it.

Passed off as beautiful and holy



[https://en.wikipedia.org › wiki › John Calvin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Calvin)

(return)



# Unconditional Election

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unconditional\\_election](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unconditional_election)

(Wikipedia) “Unconditional election is a [Reformed](#) doctrine relating to [predestination](#) that describes the actions and motives of [God](#) prior to his creation of the [world](#),

when he predestined some people to receive [salvation](#), “the elect”

and the rest he left to continue in their sins and receive the just punishment, eternal damnation, for their transgressions of God's law as outlined in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

**God made these choices according to his own purposes apart from any conditions or qualities related to those persons.”**



# New Testament Scriptures regarding Elect, Election, Predestination

This website (one of many) lists scriptures regarding **Predestination**.

<https://reformedwiki.com/verses/predestination/kjv>

These scriptures include key words such as 'Elect' and the 'Election' with Predestination.



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## **Ephesians 1:4-5**

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:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,  
according to the good pleasure of his will,

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## **Romans 8:28-30**

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 **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.

30 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.

## **John 15:16**

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## **John 6:44**

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

## **2 Timothy 1:9**

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

# Elect, Election, Predestination

## 1 Peter 1:2

**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.

# Elect, Election, Predestination

## Colossians 3:12

12 Put on **therefore, as the elect of God**, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;



# Elect, Election, Predestination

## Titus 1:1

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;

## 2 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.

# Greek Definition of 'Elect'-'Elektos'

**Strong's Greek: 1588. ἐκλεκτός (eklektos) —**

**Matthew 20:16 Adj-NMP**

**GRK:** ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί

**KJV:** but few *chosen*.

**INT:** few however *chosen*

**Matthew 22:14 Adj-NMP**

**GRK:** ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί

**NAS:** are called, but few *[are] chosen*.

**KJV:** but few *[are] chosen*.

**INT:** few however *chosen*

**elect**

ἐκλογή (eklogē)

**Noun - Nominative Feminine Singular**

**Strong's 1589:** A choosing out, selecting, choice (by God).

**From eklegomai; selection.**

# Greek Definition of 'PreDestine'

**having been predestined**

προορισθέντες (prooristhentes)

Verb - Aorist Participle Passive - Nominative  
Masculine Plural

Strong's 4309: To foreordain, predetermine,  
mark out beforehand. From pro and horizo; to  
limit in advance, i.e. **predetermine**.

**Ephesians 1:11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

The New Testament Can Not be Read.....

.....Without The Old Testament.

# The Old Testament

.....Remember Elect means 'Chosen'

# Deuteronomy 7

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.



# Deuteronomy 7

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

**6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.**

# Deuteronomy 7

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

**8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers,** hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

**9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;**

# Chosen in Hebrew

- THESE WERE 'THE ELECT' OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
- THOSE WHO WERE CHOSEN BY PROMISES TO THE FOREFATHERS TO FULFILL THE COVENANT.

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Bible Hub Translations of **Deuteronomy 7:6**

**has chosen**

) | בָּחַרְתָּ (bā·ḥar)

Verb - Qal - Perfect - third person masculine singular

[Strong's 977](#): To try, select

# Chosen in Hebrew—Referring to ISRAEL by LINEAGE

## Isaiah 44:1

Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant;  
and **Israel, whom I have chosen:**

## Isaiah 44:2

Thus saith the LORD that made thee,  
**and formed thee from the womb,** which will help thee;  
Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, **whom I have chosen.**

## Isaiah 48:10

Behold, I have refined thee,  
but not with silver;  
**I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.**

# Chosen in Hebrew—Referring to ISRAEL by LINEAGE

New Testament is STILL TALKING ABOUT THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Nothing changed for the people of the day then—it was still about the covenants, the promises.

The Problem is most 'Christians' only study the New Testament.



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## New Testament Greek

**elect**

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eklegomai; selection.

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# Israel as 'Elect' can be lineage but also Spiritual (depends on context)

## Isaiah 45:4

**For Jacob** my servant's sake,  
and **Israel mine elect**,

I have **even called thee** by thy  
name. ([the nation of Israel](#))

**I have surnamed thee**,  
though thou hast not known  
me.

## 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.

# Jesus also called 'The Elect'

## Isaiah 42:1

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.

## 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**  
**firstborn** among many  
brethren.

# ISAIAH QUIZ

What is MILK and (wine or honey) WITHOUT MONEY or PRICE.

## Isaiah 55:1

Ho, every one that thirsteth,  
come ye to the waters.

And he that hath no money;

come ye, buy, and eat;

yea, come, **buy wine and milk  
without money and without  
price.**

## Isaiah 55:2

Wherefore do ye spend money  
for that which is not bread?

and your labour for that which  
satisfieth not?

hearken diligently unto me,

and eat ye that which is good,  
and let your soul delight itself  
in fatness.

# Compare Bible and Book of Mormon

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## 2 Nephi 6:99 (Jacob)

**Come, my brethren** Everyone that  
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## 2 Nephi 6:199-102 (Jacob)

Wherefore, do not spend money for that  
which is of no worth,

Nor your labor for that which cannot  
satisfy.

Hearken diligently unto me and  
remember the words which I have  
spoken, **And come unto the Holy One of**  
**Israel and feast upon that which**  
**perisheth not, neither can be corrupted.**

And let your soul delight in fatness.



# Nephi Explains Isaiah

What is MILK and (wine or honey) WITHOUT MONEY or PRICE.

## 2 Nephi 11:95-96

95 For behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that

the Lord God worketh not in darkness;

96 He doeth not anything,

save it be for the benefit of the world,

For He loveth the world, even that He layeth down His own life.

that He may draw all men unto Him;

# Nephi Explains Isaiah

What is MILK and (wine or honey) WITHOUT MONEY or PRICE.

## 2 Nephi 11:97-98

97 Wherefore,

He commandeth none that they shall not partake of His salvation.

98 Behold, doth He cry unto any, saying, "Depart from Me"?

Behold I say unto you, Nay

But He saith **Come unto Me, all ye ends of the earth.**

**Buy milk and honey without money and without price."**

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## 2 Nephi 11:99-103

Behold, hath He commanded any that they should depart out of the synagogues, or out of the houses of worship?

Behold I say unto you, Nay

Hath He commanded any that they should not partake of His salvation?

Behold I say unto you, Nay

But He hath given it free for all men; And He hath commanded His people that they should persuade all men unto repentance.

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But all men are privileged, the one like unto the other,

And none are forbidden.

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What is MILK and (wine or honey) WITHOUT MONEY or PRICE.

2 Nephi 11:112-115

And He doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men;

And He inviteth them all to come unto Him  
and partake of His goodness;

And He denieth none that come unto Him –  
black and white, bond and free, male and female.

And He remembereth the heathen;

And all are alike unto God  
both Jew and Gentile.

# The Book of Mormon Teaches

Salvation is freely offered by God  
and He denies NONE who come to him.

# Which Version of John 3:16?

## The Actual Bible

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his  
Only Begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth  
on him should not perish  
but have everlasting life.

## Implied by Predestination

For God so loved some of the the world,  
that he gave his  
Only Begotten Son,  
that those I have predestinated  
should not perish  
but have everlasting life.

# Which Version of Revelation 21?

## The Actual Bible

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.**

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.

**And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

## Implied by Predestination

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**And let him I have predestinated come. And whosoever I have predestinated, let him take the water of life cautiously.**



# What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

## Salvation is offered FREELY to ALL

**2 Nephi 11:99** Behold I say unto you, Nay! But He saith:  
"Come unto Me, all ye ends of the earth, Buy milk and honey without money and without price."

### **2 Nephi 12:41**

Nevertheless, **I will be merciful unto them**, saith the Lord God, "**if they will repent and come unto Me**,

For Mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, " saith the Lord God of Hosts.

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2 Nephi 6:45 And He cometh into the world that He may save all men, if they will hearken unto His voice.

Mosiah 11:195 "But now that they may foresee that He will come and that He remembereth every creature of His creating,

3 Nephi 7:10 "Behold, I Am the law and the light; **Look unto Me** and endure to the end and ye shall live, **For unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life.**

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## 2 Nephi 1:66

And the way is prepared from the fall of man,  
And salvation is free;

## Alma 19:109

And thus cometh about the **salvation** and the redemption of men,  
And also their destruction and misery.

Therefore, O my son,

**whosoever will come may come and partake of the waters of life freely;**

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Helaman 2:25 Thus we may see **that the Lord is merciful unto all who will** in the sincerity of their hearts, call upon His holy name.

**Yea, thus we see that the gate of heaven is open unto all,** even to those who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ, which is the Son of God.

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Alma 12:180 And we see that **His arm is extended to all people** who will repent and believe on His name.

Alma 3:84 "And behold,  
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**Yea, the sins of every man which steadfastly believeth on His name.**

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- i.e. Thank you God you have saved SOME (i.e. US and not THEM).

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## Alma 16:88

Now when they had come into the land, Behold, to their astonishment, they found that the **Zoramites** had built synagogues,

And that they did gather themselves together on one day of the week, which day they did call the day of the Lord;



# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

89 And they did worship after a manner which Alma and his brethren had never beheld,

For they had a place built up in the center of their synagogue – a place of standing which was high above the head,

And the top thereof would only admit one person;

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

90 Therefore, whosoever desired to worship must go forth and stand upon the top thereof And stretch forth his hands toward the heavens

and cry with a loud voice, saying:

Holy, Holy God!

We believe that Thou art God,

And we believe that Thou art holy, and that Thou wast a Spirit, and that Thou art a Spirit, and that Thou wilt be a Spirit forever.

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

91

Holy God, we believe that Thou hast separated us from our brethren;  
And we do not believe in the traditions of our brethren which  
was handed down to them by the childishness of their fathers,

But we believe that Thou hast elected us to be Thy holy children;

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

92 And also,

Thou hast made it known unto us that there shall be no Christ,  
But Thou art the same yesterday, today and forever;

**And Thou hast elected us that we shall be saved,**

**whilst all around us are elected to be cast by Thy wrath down to hell,**

**For the which holiness, O God, we thank Thee.**

Note: this section is only place 'elected' is used in Book of Mormon, but is properly used.

NOTICE THIS IS ULTIMATELY THE ATTITUDE OF STEVE LAWSON AND  
PREDESTINATION OF SALVATION TEACHERS (CALVINISTS)

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

93

And we also thank Thee that **Thou hast elected us**

that we may not be led away after the foolish traditions of our brethren  
which doth bind them down to a belief of Christ,  
which doth lead their hearts to wander far from Thee our God;

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

94 And again, we thank Thee, O God,  
**that we are a chosen and a holy people. Amen.”**

100 Now when Alma saw this, his heart was grieved, For he saw that they were a wicked and a perverse people, Yea, he saw that their hearts were set upon gold and upon silver and upon all manner of fine goods,

101 Yea, and he also saw that their hearts were lifted up unto great boasting, in their pride.

Note Book of Mormon Correctly associates ‘Elected’ and ‘Chosen’—Strongs Concordance did NOT exist in Joseph Smith’s day.

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

108 "O Lord God, how long wilt Thou suffer that such wickedness and infidelity shall be among this people?

109 "O Lord, wilt Thou give me strength that I may bear with mine infirmities? For I am infirm and such wickedness among this people doth pain my soul.

110 "O Lord, my heart is exceeding sorrowful; Wilt Thou comfort my soul in Christ?

111 "O Lord, wilt Thou grant unto me that I may have strength that I may suffer with patience these afflictions which shall come upon me because of the iniquity of this people?

# In the Book of Mormon, this is the essence of ZORAMITE DOCTRINE—Alma 16

114 "O Lord, wilt Thou grant unto us that we may have success in bringing them again unto Thee in Christ?"

115 "Behold, O Lord, their souls are precious and many of them are our near brethren;

Therefore, give unto us, O Lord, power and wisdom that we may bring these our brethren again unto Thee."



# How Did Alma Counter this Doctrine?

- Teaches of Salvation to all who will come to Christ

The point of the word COVENANT regarding God's side of the Covenant:

- God's **COVENANT** IS a **GUARANTEE**.
- This is what Nephi labors to describe.

What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

# The Type and Lesson of The Serpent

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## Numbers 21:5

5And the people spake against God and against Moses

Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?  
for there is no bread, neither is there any water;

and our soul loatheth **this light bread..**

# The Type and Lesson of The Serpent

## Numbers 21:6

And the LORD sent fiery **serpents** among the people,  
and they bit the people;  
and **much people of Israel died.**

# The Type and Lesson of The Serpent

## Numbers 21:7

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said,  
We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD,  
and against thee;  
**pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.**

And Moses prayed for the people.

# The Type and Lesson of The Serpent

## Numbers 21:8

And the LORD said unto Moses,

**Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole.**

**And it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten,  
when he looketh upon it, shall live.**

(Bitten by it is judgement/justice for sin.

Looking upon it is sin removed for LIFE ETERNAL)

# The Type and Lesson of The Serpent

## Numbers 21:9

And Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole.

And it came to pass, that **if a serpent had bitten any man,**  
when **he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.**



# Questions?

- What do the serpents represent
- What does being bitten mean?
- Where is the serpent of brass placed?
- What is looking unto the serpent?
- Who was restricted from looking to the serpent?
- If any man was \_\_\_\_\_, if he looked, he was healed.
- What does this represent about those who 'have sinned' vs the blameless (such as little children)?

What (therefore) is the relevance of John 3?

# What Does Book of Mormon plainly explain about the Serpent?

- Remember, Nicodemus didn't make the connection between the serpent, death, life, salvation and Jesus.
- How did Joseph Smith figure this out so well and explain it so plainly??

# What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

## 1 Nephi 5:134

He sent flying **fiery serpents** among them.

And **after they were bitten,**

**He prepared a way that they might be healed;**

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2 Nephi 11:38-39 And as the Lord God liveth that brought Israel up out of the Land of Egypt, And gave unto Moses power that he should heal the nations, **that after that they had been bitten by the poisonous serpents, if they would cast their eyes unto the serpent which he did raise up before them,** And also gave him power that he should smite the rock and the water should come forth,

39 Yea, behold I say unto you that as these things are true, And as the Lord God liveth, **There is none other name given under heaven, save it be this Jesus Christ of which I have spoken, whereby man can be saved.**

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## Helaman 3:47

Yea, did he (Moses) not bear record that the Son of God should come?  
**And as he lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness,  
even so should He be lifted up which should come;**

## Helaman 3:48

And **as many as should look upon that serpent should live,  
Even so, as many as should look upon the Son of God with faith,  
having a contrite spirit might live,  
even unto that life which is eternal.**

49 "And now behold, Moses did not only testify of these things,  
but also all the holy prophets,  
From his day even to the days of Abraham -

# The idea of Chosen

- Take up the idea of **ELECTION**—This was from Deuteronomy to refer to ISRAEL.
- GENTILES HAVE HIGHJACKED THIS IDEA THINKING IT IS OF THEIR SALVATION.
- THE ELECTION WAS THE IDEA THAT GOD HAD A PURPOSE IN FULFILLING HIS COVENANTS THROUGH ISRAEL.
- YOU CAN NOT SEPARATE THE NEW TESTAMENT FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.
- BUT THAT IS WHAT STEVE LAWSON DOES.

**Isaiah 45:4** 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.

# Book of Mormon Teaches Israel Chosen because of Covenant with Abraham

## 1 Nephi 5:132

Behold, He loved our fathers,  
And He **covenanted** with them.

yea, even **Abraham**, Isaac and Jacob,

**And He remembered the covenants** which He had  
made;



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[Mormon 2:49](#) But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles;  
And after that they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles,  
**Behold, then will the  
Lord remember the covenant which He made unto  
Abraham and unto all the house of Israel;**

# What the Book of Mormon Teaches

## Alma 9:

60 "And now my brethren, seeing we know these things and they are true, Let us repent and harden not our hearts, that we provoke not the Lord our God to pull down His wrath upon us in these His second commandments which He hath given unto us,

61 But let us enter into the rest of God which is prepared according to His word.

62 "And again my brethren, I would cite your minds forward to the time which the Lord God gave these commandments unto His children;

# What the Book of Mormon Teaches

## Alma 9:

63 And I would that ye should remember that the Lord God ordained priests after His holy order which was after the order of His Son, to teach these things unto the people;

64 And those priests were ordained after the order of His Son in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to His Son for redemption.

# What the Book of Mormon Teaches

## Alma 9:65

And this is the manner after which they were ordained,

**being called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God,**

**On account of their exceeding faith and good works,** in the first place being left to choose good or evil -



# What the Book of Mormon Teaches

## Alma 9:66

Therefore they,

having chosen good and exercising exceeding great faith,

are called with a holy calling,

Yea, with that holy calling which was prepared with and according to,

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# What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

## [Alma 9:67](#)

And thus they having been called to this holy calling on account of their faith –

"While others would reject the Spirit of God on account of the hardness of their hearts and blindness of their minds,

While, if it had not been for this, they might have had as great privilege as their brethren;

# What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

## Alma 9:68

Or in fine, in the first place they were on the same standing with their brethren –

Thus this holy calling

being prepared from the foundation of the world for such as would not harden their hearts,

Being in and through the atonement of the Only Begotten Son which was prepared;

# What the Book of Mormon Teaches—Alma 9

## Alma 9:69

And thus being called by this holy calling and ordained unto the high priesthood of the holy order of God, to teach His commandments unto the children of men, that they also might enter into His rest,

70 This high priesthood being after the order of His Son, which order was from the foundation of the world,

# What was ACTUALLY PREDESTINED??

By BOTH the Bible and Book of Mormon....  
The Calling to Priesthood.

**BUT NOT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SALVATION**

# Compare NT to Book of Mormon

## New Testament

### Ephesians 1

1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ** by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

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:

5 **Having predestinated us** unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

**8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;**

**9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

**11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**

**12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.**

## Book of Mormon

### Alma 9

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| <p data-bbox="338 207 715 244"><b>2 Timothy 1 (in context)</b></p> <p data-bbox="338 297 1212 468">8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner:<br/>but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;</p> <p data-bbox="338 518 1251 732">9 <b>Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,</b><br/>(priesthood from before the world began)</p> <p data-bbox="338 782 1230 911">10 But is <u>now made manifest</u> by <u>the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light</u> through the gospel:</p> <p data-bbox="338 961 1235 1089">11 <u>Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle,</u><br/>and a teacher of the Gentiles.<br/>(Stating his priesthood)</p> | <p data-bbox="1268 207 1391 244"><b>Alma 9</b></p> <p data-bbox="1268 251 2372 379">63... <b>remember that the Lord God ordained priests after His holy order</b><br/>which was after the order of His Son, to teach these things unto the people;</p> <p data-bbox="1268 386 2321 508">64 And those priests were ordained after the order of His Son in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to His Son for redemption.</p> <p data-bbox="1268 515 2372 686">65 "And this is the manner after which they were ordained, being called <b>and prepared from the foundation of the world</b> according to the foreknowledge of God, On account of their exceeding faith and good works, in the first place being left to choose good or evil -</p> <p data-bbox="1268 694 2359 865">66 "<u>Therefore they, having chosen good and exercising exceeding great faith, are called with a holy calling,</u> Yea, with <b>that holy calling</b> which was prepared with, and according to, a preparatory redemption for such,</p> <p data-bbox="1268 915 2346 993">67 And thus <b>they having been called to this holy calling on account of their faith –</b></p> <p data-bbox="1268 1043 2333 1265">68 Or in fine, in the first place they were on the same standing with their brethren - "<b>Thus this holy calling being prepared from the foundation of the world for such as would not harden their hearts, Being in and through the atonement of the Only Begotten Son which was prepared;</b></p> |

# Paul and Apostles being 'chosen'

## Acts 22:13-14

Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me,  
Brother Saul, receive thy sight.

And the same hour I looked up upon him.

And he said, **The God of our fathers hath chosen thee**,  
that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One,  
and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

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:

2 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:



# Summary

- **God offers salvation to ALL who will come to him. NONE who come to him are restricted.**
- He did not preselect certain ones only to salvation whether or not he knows who will come to him.
- THIS IS BECAUSE IF THERE IS AN OPPOSITION IN ALL THINGS AND THE POINT OF SALVATION IS OUR WILL/OUR HEART CHANGING, THERE CAN NOT BE A PREDISPOSED PLAN TO SAVE ONLY SOME OR LIKEWISE, GOD WOULD CEASE TO BE GOD.
- IF GOD CEASES TO BE GOD FOR BREAKING HIS RULES, THEN IMPLIED THE RULES ALSO HAVE TO BE JUST.
- WHAT IS THE POINT OF PREACHING A SALVATION TEACHING ONLY SOME CAN BE SAVED AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
- BUT REALIZE, THIS IS ON PAR WITH TEACHING A SALVATION THAT YOU CAN NOT KNOW EITHER OF INFINITE LEVELS OF SALVATION. THIS IS WHY IT IS WRONG ON EVERY LEVEL
- 
- THE POINT OF CHRIST IS THAT OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM HIM. TO ALL WHO WILL COME TO HIM THE SIN MAY AND CAN BE REMOVED. HE HAS THE ANSWER. THE ONLY ANSWER.
- THIS IS THE MILK, HONEY, WINE HE OFFERS FREELY. IT IS SALVATION.

# Also Note...'From the Foundation of the World'

Applied too generally in New Testament Translations.

One website states should be 'since man was thrust out of heaven'  
That is 'The Fall of Man.'

What Does Book of Mormon say?

So 'Since the Foundation of the World' might not mean from before time began' but since man fell away from God.

The Book of Mormon couples 'Foundation of the world' and 'Fall of man' two different times in the Book of Mormon in near verses. Ties the concepts together.

The Fall of Man—term does not exist in English translations of the Bible.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

The Subject: God ordains certain men to hell

### on purpose

*Isaiah 64:8 - O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay; and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.*

*work* - Hebrew: Maaseh-an action (good or bad); product; transaction; business

*Romans 9:20-23 - Who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter the power over the clay of the same lump, to make one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour - What if God willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he hath afore prepared unto glory.*

*fitted* - Greek: katarizo - to complete thoroughly; fit; frame; arrange; prepare. Thayer says this word speaks of men whose souls God has so constituted that they cannot escape destruction; their mind is fixed that they frame themselves.

Men get angry to think that we serve a God that can do as it pleases him. They actually think that an almighty God thinks the way they think and that he could not possibly form-fit a vessel to hell merely to show his wrath and power. Paul said he does. Men have difficulty perceiving a God that predestinates men (Rom. 8:29) on whom he desires to show his grace (unmerited favor) and mercy, that he may shower them throughout eternity with the riches of his glory. We like to believe that we must give him permission; if he is to operate in our hearts and minds. The Lord said, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8,9)". Our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased (Psalms 115:3). He doeth whatsoever pleaseth him (Ecc1 8:3). Thou, O Lord hast done as it pleased thee (Jonah 1:14). Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and earth, and in the seas, and in all deep places (Psalms 135:6). He does all his pleasure (Isa. 46:10; Isa. 44:24-28; Eph. 1:5,9; Philipplans 2:13). It is Jesus that holds the keys to death and hell (Rev. 1:18), not Satan. God will intentionally cast these evil vessels of wrath into hell and lock them up for eternity because it is not his pleasure to draw them to him (John 6:44). This doctrine angers men, though it is taught throughout the pages of God's Holy Book. Men do not have a Biblical view of the living God when they think he is not in control of all things including the minds and hearts of all men. God is not only love to the vessels of mercy, but he is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24) upon the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. We do not serve a God who is Superman that can only shake mountains, implode blackholes, and explode quasars. The God of the universe can harden and soften the hearts of men at will (Rom 9:18; Ezek. 38:28). He giveth not account of any of his matters (Job 33:13).

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# What kind of Christian Doctrine?

- Paints God as fickle?
- We can't be sure of salvation?
- He only intends to save some?
- Most are intentionally sent to hell?
- Discussion of salvation seems futile IF YOU CAN NOT KNOW, or IF THERE IS NO GUARANTEE.
- ....then comes the question: Are You Saved?

# Predestination in the New Testament?

## 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 firstborn among many brethren.

# Predestination in the New Testament?

## Romans 8:30

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.

# Predestination in the New Testament?

## Ephesians 1:5

**Having predestinated us** unto  
the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,  
according to the good pleasure of his will,



# Predestination in the New Testament?

## Ephesians 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,  
**being predestinated according to the purpose of him**  
who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

# ISAIAH Explained in Book of Mormon– 2 Nephi 11

95 For behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness;

96 He doeth not anything, save it be for the benefit of the world, For He loveth the world, even that He layeth down His own life that He may draw all men unto Him;

97 Wherefore, He commandeth none that they shall not partake of His salvation.

98 Behold, doth He cry unto any, saying, "Depart from Me"?

99 Behold I say unto you, Nay! But He saith: "Come unto Me, all ye ends of the earth, Buy milk and honey without money and without price." (Quoting and explanation of Isaiah)

# Assurances

- God is establishing in the OLD testament that ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM WILL HAVE SALVATION, NONE ARE RESTRICTED.



The FALSE understanding of salvation by these is ALSO because they do not understand THOSE WITHOUT THE LAW ARE NOT CONDEMNED.

# What Does the Book of Mormon Teach?

## 3 Nephi 12:18

Have they not read the scriptures which saith, '**Ye must take upon you the name of Christ, ' which is My name? For by this name shall ye be called at the last day.**

And whoso taketh upon him My name and endureth to the end, **the same shall be saved at the last day.**

# Concerns about Predestination

- Is this because of inaccurate translation?
- Or is this scripture made unplain as the Book of Mormon indicates did happen?
- Or is this actually true?
- What Does the Book of Mormon teach?

# Lawson errors

What he calls the 'God side'

Being Born of God is being confused with 'being singled out or selected' by God.

The scripture 'BORN of GOD' means transformed, chosen of God, NOT that God predestined only some.