



Divine Foreknowledge of the Jewish Remnant: The Spiritual Line of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob Is Foreknown & Will Inherit the Promises, Gen 15:6; 21:12

Romans 11:2 - God has not repudiated His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah when he pleaded to God against Israel?

- 1- In verse 1 Paul asked the rhetorical question if God had repudiated Israel. In verse 2 he rejects the idea with a declarative statement: "God has not repudiated His people whom He foreknew."
- 2- Paul's use of the word "foreknow" nails the certainty of the fact that God will not repudiate Israel and Jews are the children of the promises.
- 3- Foreknowledge resulted when divine omniscience separated the potentials of human history away from the reality of human history and programmed the results into the computer of divine decrees.
- 4- Omniscience perceived in eternity past those things that could have occurred in human history but did not occur. For example, when we speculate about what could have happened in history but didn't we are delving into the realm of alternative history or "iffy" history.
- 5- Divine omniscience is able to calculate what would have occurred differently had human decisions been otherwise. It could further analyze the impact these decisions would have had on human history from the greatest to the most minute.
- 6- But what does occur in history was perceived by divine omniscience as reality and was programmed into the computer of divine decrees.
- 7- This imaginary computer contains a PROM chip on which all the decisions of every person in human history are recorded.
- 8- In addition, it also contains a ROM chip on which all the decisions made by God regarding human history are recorded.
- 9- It was God's desire that Abraham become the patriarchal and spiritual head of a new race called the Jew. He consummated the former in Ur of the Chaldees where Abraham believed in Messiah for eternal life and God imputed to Abraham His perfect righteousness.

Genesis 15:6 - And Abram had already been caused to believe in Jehovah [אָמַן *'aman*: **hiphil perfect which is causative** (*Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, 144*)] in the past [**while living in Ur of the Chaldees**] with results that go on forever. And God kept on crediting to his account [חָשַׁב *chashav*: **Qal imperfect denotes continuous action on the part of the subject on behalf of the object** (*Weingreen, Practical Grammar of Classical Hebrew, 76*)] his faith to Abram for righteousness.

NOTE: Abraham did not become righteous through works. He was imputed divine righteousness because of his faith.

- 10- God consummated the latter in Genesis 17 where the Abrahamic Covenant is confirmed by circumcision. Abraham was promised a child with Sarah and through him would come the promise. He is identified in:

Genesis 21:12 - "... through Isaac your descendants shall be named."



- 11- It is through the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that the Messiah is revealed. It is to this line that the promises are to be imputed. To insure the inauguration of the millennial kingdom, the true Jew must be protected in every dispensation throughout history.
- 12- God decreed the covenants to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their progeny. Thus the fulfillment of these promises is decreed as well.
- 13- Because of the divine decrees God foreknew in eternity past all the exigencies that would threaten true Israel and He made decisions in the ROM chip to insure their survival.
- 14- Omniscience perceives reality in eternity past and programs it into the computer of divine decrees. The divine decrees establish the reality of all events of human history. Foreknowledge acknowledges what is certain:

Thieme, R. B., Jr. *The Integrity of God*. 2d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1998), 103:

The Term "foreknowledge" applies to a very specialized subcategory of God's knowledge. Based on knowing how each believer would use his free will, God decreed in eternity past that certain things would occur in that believer's life. God's awareness of those events, which He Himself decreed, before they come to pass in human history, is called foreknowledge. Only believers are said to be "foreknown."

Consequently, there will always be a remnant. God decreed the promises in the ROM chip. Foreknowledge confirms the spiritual life of true Israel. Therefore, the prophecy of Shear-jashub will be finally fulfilled at the Second Advent.

- 15- True Israel is in the divine decrees. Divine foreknowledge recognizes this. Nothing can successfully challenge this reality.
- 16- Those who are concerned that because of anti-Semitism the Jews will not survive to receive the imputation of the promises in the millennial kingdom need to be reminded of Pivot power within the ranks of believer Jews throughout history.
- 17- To amplify this, Paul presents Elijah as an example, "Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah when he pleaded to God against Israel?"
- 18- Elijah's fear and self-centeredness caused him to believe that he was the only Pivot member left in the Northern Kingdom and as a result it was about to suffer the fifth cycle under Ahab and Jezebel.
- 19- Paul reminds the Jews of his day that even if Judea falls to the Romans, the Pivot will be preserved and that true Israel will return to the land to populate the millennial client nation.