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PART 18: DETERMINING YOUR FATE

PREDESTINATION

The apostle Paul wrote about how God selects people to do His work. He stated that while Jacob and Esau were still in the womb, God had already chosen Jacob to be in the bloodline for the future nation of Israel. **Romans 9:10-13**

During Rebecca's pregnancy, the two children in her womb were fighting with each other. This is the single instance where something like this is recorded in the Bible. **Genesis 25:22**

The conflict within the womb troubled Rebecca and sought the Lord about the matter. God told her that there were two nations inside her womb and there would be future conflict between them. What Rebecca felt was a spiritual battle in her womb as Satan fought to destroy both boys and spoil the plan that God had for Abraham and his descendants. **verse 23**

When it was time to give birth, she found out she had twins. **verse 24; Isaiah 55:8-11**

Did God condemn Esau to be cursed before he was even conceived? Yes and no. God has the capacity to travel in time and at any given time He sees the past, present and future at the same time. Therefore, when He designed the souls to be created before the foundation of the world, He could see into the future and know what choices each soul would make. **Malachi 1:1-4**

Esau was the first born and was the heir of the family property and the leader of the next generation. **verses 25-26**

Esau despised his birthright as a young adult, which is the same as rejecting God. **Genesis 25:27-34**

Some years later Esau rebelled again and married two Hittite women. God did not want the seed of Abraham to mingle with unbelievers but Esau did not share the same values. **Genesis 26:34-35**

God did not seal the fate of Esau; that was something he did himself. **Hebrews 12:15-17**

GOD IS SUPREME

There is no unrighteousness with God; He is supreme and there is no darkness in Him. **1 John 1:4-5; Romans 9:14**

God shows mercy and it is entirely up to Him how much mercy to grant and how long His grace lasts before He punishes a sinner. **Romans 9:15-16**

God created the soul of Pharaoh and He knew before the creation of the world the decisions this man would make. Since Pharaoh decided to be an evil man, God



hardened his soul in order to show the world that God is supreme. **Exodus 7:1-5, 13-14; Romans 9:16-17**

God gave Pharaoh a chance to surrender but he chose a different path that ended in destruction. **Exodus 8:12-15**

BEWARE OF HARDENING YOUR HEART

Mankind has a free will. We can use it to obey God or not. **Hebrews 3:7-19; 1 Peter 5:8-9**

God will mark the people who rebel against Him and harden their hearts. It is important to stop what you are doing if you feel convicted by the Holy Spirit or the same will happen to you. **Romans 9:18-23**

GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO ALL

God has called for all Jews and Gentiles to be saved. **Romans 9:24-26; Hosea 2:23**

ONLY A REMNANT WILL BE SAVED

God knew that the people of Israel and their leaders would reject the Messiah. This foreknowledge was shared with the prophet Isaiah 700 years before Jesus' arrival. **Isaiah 10:20-23; Romans 9:27**

The Israelites were given a choice. **John 1:1-14**

Prior to Jesus' second return, the Holy Spirit will open the understanding of a remnant and those Israelites will choose to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. All the Israelites who rejected God's Messiah for the last 3,000 years are in hell today. Only a small remnant before the onset of the 1,000 year kingdom will be saved. **Romans 9:28-29; Zechariah 12:8-10**

NO SALVATION THROUGH THE LAW

While Gentiles did not have the written Word of God, the Lord has still shown His righteousness by saving them through Jesus. The Jews which rejected the cornerstone have stumbled and are dying in their sins. **Romans 9:30-33; Isaiah 8:14-15**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?