

# WHO ARE THE ELECT – Old Testament?

## *A Relationship with YAH - Leading to a Life of Power, Mercy, and Grace!*



**Matt 22:14** “For many are called, but few chosen”

**Most Christians** – agree and believe that the “Elect” are those chosen by YAH to receive salvation. The question is, “**does this include “everyone” that is saved through faith in Yahushua and what is the purpose of this election?** Let’s find out the Biblical truth of this matter.

**Looking at Strong’s (G1588) ek-le-TOS** the Greek word for “**Elect**” means “**chosen by YAH to obtain salvation through Christ**”.

So, let’s go back to the first use of the word in the Old Testament, **Isa 42:1-4** – where YAH is speaking – “**<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect (H972) ba-hir** Hebrew word for **chosen one**), in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: **he shall bring forth judgment** (justice or sentencing) **to**

**the Gentiles.** **<sup>2</sup>He will not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring judgment (justice) unto truth. <sup>4</sup>He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment (justice) in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.**”

Of course he is speaking of the coming of his Son, **Yahushua**. So Christ is first called the “**elect**” of YAH. In His first coming he would be harmless, but the end of his “election” is to set justice on earth. Then in **Isa 45:4** YAH says to king Cyrus – “For Jacob my servants’ sake, and **Israel mine**

**“elect**, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.” YAH is working out his plan to free Israel (**his elect**) from Persian captivity under King Cyrus. He identifies those in Cyrus’ captivity as **His Elect** or **Chosen Ones**. So Israel is identified, after Christ, as YAH’s “elect”.

Another witness: **Isa 65:8-9** – “Thus saith the LORD, as the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants’ sakes, that I **may not destroy them all.** **<sup>9</sup>And I will bring**

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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.**"

In this passage, we learn that it is a **"select number"** out of Jacob and Judah that will be saved, even though it may look like Israel is hopeless, YAH will not destroy all of them – there is **a remnant – the elect.** [The saying about the cluster meant that the grape cluster is so small one might think to just throw it away, but the lesson is that even a small amount of wine may still be gotten from such a small cluster. YAH will preserve his **elect of Israel and not destroy them all.**]

One last witness from the OT: **Isa 65:21–24** (In verses 17-19, YAH is speaking of the New Heaven and New Earth that he

will create, and what a joyful, beautiful place it will be. He speaks of the longevity of life for his people, saying: **"<sup>21</sup>And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for **they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. <sup>24</sup>And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they****

*are yet speaking, I will hear.*" So it is quite clear reading from the OT that YAH's chosen people – Israel – are His Elect. No question of any other nation or group of people falling under this label of **"My Elect"** by YAH.

Although Yahushua was the first to be called by this title, he too, most assuredly is an Israelite, of the Tribe of Judah. Because of the unfaithfulness of Israel, YAH only saved a remnant of them to be faithful to his own word/promises to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

Now, let's look at the word **"chosen"** in the ....

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OT, as it is also used many times referring to YAH’s “elect”. First, **Psa 89:3-4**: “I have made a covenant with **my “chosen” (H972 – baw-kheer)**, I have sworn unto David my servant, **4Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah**” (think on this). This Hebrew word (**H972**) means “**choice one** or **elect (of YAH)**”.

**I Chron 16:12-13** – “Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth, **O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen (elect of YAH) ones.**”

**Psa 105:5-6** – says almost the exact same words – “... O ye **seed of Abraham** his servant, **ye children of Jacob his chosen.**”

**Psa 135:4** – “For the LORD hath **chosen Jacob** unto himself, and **Israel for his peculiar treasure.**”

**Isa 41:8-9** – “But **thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob** whom **I have chosen, the seed of Abraham** my friend. **9Thou** whom **I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee,** and not cast thee away.”

Even while Israel is being chastised, they still remain His chosen ones, as per **Isa 48:10** – “Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I

have chosen thee in the **furnace of affliction.**”

YAH has never totally rejected disobedient Israel – **we remained his chosen/elect** and He stays true to his promises to Abraham.

I’ll say it is quite clear who the “**elect/chosen**” are in the OT. I don’t think anyone would argue that any of the Gentile/Heathen nations could wear that label of being YAH’s elect or chosen people.

[Please see **Part 2** of this lesson to see if in the NT there is a change as to who the elect are according to scripture.]

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