

They stumble, refusing belief in the word, unto which also they were appointed (ἐτέθησαν -- 1st aor. ind. pass. fr. τίθημι.)"

(4) Jude 4

"For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand designated (οἱ πάλαι προγεγραμμένοι -- perf. pass. part. fr. προγράφω) for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."

(5) Rev. 17:8, 20:15

"The beast which you saw was and is not, and is about to ascend from the abyss, and to depart to destruction. And those who dwell upon the earth will be filled with wonder, whose name has not been written (γέγραπται) upon the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, because he was and is not and will come."

"And if anyone was not found having been written (γεγραμμένος) in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire."

c. Principles derived from these Scriptures

(1) Preterition is a determination, made by God before the foundation of the world, to pass by some fallen human beings, called "the rest".

(2) Precondemnation (of "the rest", or nonelect) is a designation, made by God before the foundation of the world, of those fallen human beings whom He passed by to condemnation and destruction for their sins.

(3) Preterition arose out of God's sovereign will, which He exercised in the nonelection of those fallen human beings thus passed by.

(4) Precondemnation arose out of God's wrath, which He manifested in view of the sins of those fallen human beings whom He did not choose to salvation.

(5) God's preterition of certain fallen human beings was according to His sovereign purpose, not according to their foreseen evil works, nor according to anything good or evil which God foresaw they would do.

(6) God's precondemnation of certain fallen human beings was according to His justice, in view of their foreseen sins.

(7) God's preterition and precondemnation are executed, in time, by the means which God appointed, which appointment includes suppression and perversion of external and internal general revelation, stumbling at and disobedience to the Word of special revelation (in the case of those human beings to whom that Word comes), a spirit of spiritual drowsiness, darkening and blindness of the eyes of the spirit and mind, hardening of the heart and will against God and His revelation, and final destruction.