



“TO WHICH THEY ALSO  
WERE APPOINTED”

1 Peter 2:8





# TO WHAT WERE THEY APPOINTED?

“for they stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” (ASV)

“for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this [doom] they were also appointed.”  
(NASB)

- Appointed – stumbling/doom
- Cause – Disobedience
- The consequence of disobedience is appointed, not the disobedience itself.



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- The blessedness of accepting/believing/obeying –  
*1 Peter 2:6-7a*
- The doom of rejecting/disbelieving/disobeying –  
*1 Peter 2:7b-8*
  - Not mild discomfort, but a lethal encounter.
  - The consequence of the choice could not be changed, but the choice could be avoided.





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**The Cause** – not unchangeable design,  
but free-will.

- **1 Peter 2:6-7** – stone = unchangeably chosen; acceptance/rejection = free-will.
- **Ezekiel 18:19-20, 25-29** – consequences are set, action is by free-will.
- **Deuteronomy 30:15-18** – different choices, no alternate consequences.



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- **Galatians 6:7-8** – can choose what to sow, but not what such yields (this is fixed).
- **1 Peter 2:8** – they were appointed to stumble because they chose disobedience by free-will. To the obedient is appointed blessing.





# WHY WERE THEY APPOINTED TO IT?

## The Scripture Cannot be Broken

- **John 10:30-36** – Jesus counters charge of blasphemy using scripture (cf. **Psalm 82:6**).
  - **(v. 35)** – His argument is based on the authoritative and unchangeable nature of God's word.
- **Isaiah 55:10-11** – God's word accomplishes what it is set out to do.
- **Psalm 119:89** – God's word is settled.



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## Opposing God's Will is Always Fatal

- Count cost of unbelief/disobedience
  - Luke 14:31-33
- Parable of wicked vinedressers –  
Matthew 21:33-44
  - Jesus' application – (vv. 42-44).  
(Psalm 118:22-23; 1 Peter 2:7-8).
  - To come down on God's word in disobedience is to be appointed to destruction.





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