

## Predestination

That all events have been willed by God, usually referring to the eventual fate of individual soul.  
(Here no discussion about: forefathers/parents blessings/curse - it's a separate chapter)

Three points: i) Book of life, ii) Sometime God changes His plan and iii) About luck (bad or good)

I - **Book of life** - written before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8)

i) Who's names were written

Who did not worship the beast (Satan) (Revelation 13:8)

*In New Jerusalem will enter...he who overcomes...and whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.* (Revelation 21:1,7, 27)

*Whoever believes in him (Jesus) shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

ii) Sinful are not included

*Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, Every wicked man, every sinner, every soiled-clothes-wearing person is barred from heaven, paradise, or New Jerusalem; who will worship (the beast; Satan) (Revelation 13:8; 21:27)*

iii) Someone's name can be erased

(Moses said) *please erase me from the book you have written.* *The LORD replied to Moses: "I will erase whoever has sinned against Me from My book.* (Exodus 32:32-33)

David - *May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.* (Psalm 69:28)

II - **God's plan for ourselves**

i) God's pre-plan,

*Created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance as our way of life.* (Ephesians 2:10)

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

Prophecy and God's plan

There is difference between God's prophecy and God's plan for us.

God's prophecy applies that God looks in our future. And it depends on us whether we maintain God's good plan for ourselves (2 Peter 3:9) or you would die in your sins (John 8:24)[Salvation-God's plan for us.]

Jesus (Perfect man and perfect God) looked future of Peter's failure of faith then converted (John 13:38)

As big man can look the path of a tiny ant – past, present and future but tiny ant can't look its future path.

God timely instructs us (knowing already our future)

*"I have wiped out your wrongdoings ...return to Me, for I have redeemed you."* (Isaiah 44:22)

*"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9)

ii) We can change His plan

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened. (Jonah 3:10)

*When Rehoboam humbled himself, LORD's anger was turned away...did not destroy him.*(2 Chronicles 12:12)

Jacob said, I will not let you go till you have given me your blessing. God said, "you struggled with God and with men and won. (Genesis 32:26-28)

Jacob wrestled with an angel and won; then with tears in his eyes, he asked for a blessing, (Hosea 12:4)

III - **About luck (good or bad)**

i) Depending upon luck may make us lazy. But God said work hard.

*You will have to work hard and sweat of your face, you will eat bread.* (Genesis 3:19);

*Man goes out to his work and to his labor until evening.* (Psalm 104:23)

*If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.* (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

ii) Some try to find future with sinful other ways

Astrology, witchcraft, soothsaying, predict or affect human affairs based on the positions and movements of celestial bodies, sign reader, fortune-teller, sorcerer, spell caster, engaging in divination, who converses with ghosts or spirits or communicates with the dead.(Leviticus 19:26;Deuteronomy18:10-11;Isaiah 47:13)