

# Bible Backgrounds: Casting Lots

*“The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.”  
Proverbs 16:33) English Standard Version*

Is “casting lots” in the Bible merely \_\_\_\_\_, or more than that?

## A Frequently Mentioned Practice Of Determining Divine Will

- A. Deuteronomy 18:10 – God did not allow seeking guidance by practicing \_\_\_\_\_, or going to a \_\_\_\_\_, etc.
- B. Instances of God giving guidance through lots:
1. Leviticus 16:7,8 – A choice was made between two \_\_\_\_\_ on the Day of \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Joshua 14:2 – The Israelites’ \_\_\_\_\_ were by lot.
  3. Psalm 22:18 – “For My \_\_\_\_\_ they cast lots”.
  4. Acts 1:26 – The choice between \_\_\_\_\_ men to replace \_\_\_\_\_ was made by casting lots.
  5. Proverbs 16:33 – Every \_\_\_\_\_ is from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Was God involved in all instances of casting lots?
1. Jonah 1:7 – The sailors were \_\_\_\_\_, but it seems God was behind the lot falling on \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Esther 3:7 – Did God choose the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews? That’s not likely.

## Were The Urim And Thummim The Lots That Were Cast?

- A. Part of the high priest’s garments:
1. Exodus 28:15 – The “breastpiece of \_\_\_\_\_” was something the high priest would wear.
  2. Exodus 28:30 – In this were found the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Examples of the use of Urim and Thummim:
1. 1 Samuel 14:41,42 – If the guilt is in me or in \_\_\_\_\_, “give \_\_\_\_\_”. He then commanded to “cast the lot”.
  2. 1 Samuel 23:9-11 - \_\_\_\_\_ also consulted the Urim and Thummim for \_\_\_\_\_ on what to do.
  3. Ezra 2:63 – These would be used to decide whether some could partake of the \_\_\_\_\_ holy \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Hebrews 1:1 – In the past God used many \_\_\_\_\_ to speak.

Today we have \_\_\_\_\_ communication from \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.  
We should be careful to consult that.

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