

# The Divine Decrees & Jonah

The will of God can be broken down into **3 Categories**:

**His Directive Will:**

What He **WANTS** us to do

**Jonah 1:2**

**His Permissive Will:**

What He **ALLOWS** us to do

**Jonah 1:3**

**His Over-ruling Will:**

What He **REQUIRES** us to do

**Jonah 1:4**

Before we get into the different types of the **Will of God**, it would be helpful to check out

**The Divine Decrees.**

And to understand the Divine Decrees, we need to review the **Omniscience of God.**

# **The Divine Decrees**

Isaiah 46:10; Isaiah 41:22-26; Isaiah 45:21; Acts 15:18

## God's Omniscience

**Possible**

**Foreknowledge**

God decreed  
this; He did  
not cause this.

**Actual**

What actually would  
come to pass.

**Believers** are elected  
based on God's  
foreknowledge

Those in Reformed Theology  
mistakenly make the issue  
God's sovereignty rather  
than His Omniscience.

**GOD'S**

**OMNISCIENCE**



**REALITY &  
POSSIBILITIES**

**DIVINE DECREES**



**REALITY  
DECREED**

**FOREKNOWLEDGE**



**KNOWLEDGE OF  
WHAT WAS DECREED**

**CHOSEN, ELECT,  
PREDESTINATION**



**BELIEVERS ONLY,  
BASED ON  
FOREKNOWLEDGE**

**Isaiah 46:8-10 "Remember this, and be assured;  
Recall it to mind, you transgressors.**

**9) "Remember the former things long past, For I am  
God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no  
one like Me, <sup>10</sup> **Declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things which have not been  
done**, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I  
will accomplish all My good pleasure';**

Isaiah 41:21-23 "Present your case," the LORD says. "Bring forward your strong arguments," The King of Jacob says. <sup>22</sup> Let them bring forth and **declare to us what is going to take place**; As for the former events, declare what they were, That we may consider them, and know their outcome; Or **announce to us what is coming**. <sup>23</sup> **Declare the things that are going to come afterward**, That we may know that you are gods; Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.

**Isaiah 41:24 Behold, you are of no account, And your work amounts to nothing; He who chooses you is an abomination. <sup>25</sup> I have aroused one from the north (Cyrus the Great), and he has come; from the rising of the sun he will call on My name; and he will come upon rulers as upon mortar, even as the potter treads clay."**

**26 Who has declared this from the beginning, that we might know? Or from former times, that we may say, "He is right!"? Surely there was no one who declared, Surely there was no one who proclaimed, Surely there was no one who heard your words.**

**Isaiah 45:21 . . . Declare and set forth your case; indeed, let them consult together. **Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it?** Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me.**

# Joppa

