

# Lots - Biblical Gambling?

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Men of God, didn't believe in luck or chance.

In the Bible, casting lots were not a form of gambling. Lots were used by Godly men to confirm a decision, made after careful prayer and intercession. At other times lots were used to repeal the word of God & the will of God.

Can Lots be used today in 1996?

Levit 16:8-10: Lots ordered by God to choose a Yom Kippur sacrifice & to choose an Asham. God told Aaron that He would reveal His will about the holiest annual ritual in Biblical Judaism. 1 Chronic 24:31.

Joshua 18:6-8-10 - The Lord revealed to Joshua the means by which He wanted the land divided. Joshua used the Lots as a contact point for God's mind to be revealed.

We also see Joshua using lots to intercede for the safety of those sent to walk the land. He used the lots to seek divine protection.

1 Chronicles 25:8 - As David prepared to impart his vision to Solomon for the building of the temple. The musicians are instructed to divide their musical duties based on the casting of lots. Also pupils chose the teacher to play under by lots.

Nehemiah 10:34 - Lots were cast for which wood should be used to build God's altars in Zerubabel's temple.

Nehemiah 11:1 - Lots were cast to populate Jerusalem. God chose 1 out of 10 to move into the capital.

Jonah 1:7 - Lots used to reveal wickedness. Lots uncovered hidden sin. Jonah's lawless rebellion uncovered. (2)

\* Only biblical account of heathen using lots to tap into God's mind. God sovereignly chose to allow revelation. If heathen used lots apart from seeking God, it would be considered gambling.

\* Acts 1:26 - Matthias chosen by lots. Judas replacement was chosen by lots. This is the only N.T reference to ~~using~~ using lots.

Close - Lots is not gambling if the practitioner holds a God centered world view, of a God who sovereignly reveals His choice and will.

Lots is gambling, if the practitioner holds a view that the universe is controlled by chance. (Matt 27:35) (Esth 3:7).

What ultimately determines its legitimacy is the heart intent of the user and whether or not the user knows & seeks the Lord.