

The word "ORDAINED" is used in a variety of ways in the Bible:

- Burnt offerings were ordained by God (Numbers 28:6)
- The feasts of Israel were ordained to be kept on appointed days (1 Kings 12:32)
- The land of Palestine was ordained to be Israel's dwelling place (1 Chronicles 17:9)
- False priests were ordained by bad kings (2 Kings 23:5, 2 Chronicles 11:15)
- Praise psalms were ordained to be used in public worship (2 Chronicles 23:18)
- Musical instruments were ordained to be used in public worship (2 Chronicles 29:27)
- Heavenly bodies (sun, moon, and stars) were ordained by God to shine in the heavens (Psalm 8:3)
- The lineage of David (the line of the Messiah) was ordained by God (Psalm 132:17)
- God ordains peace for his people Israel (Isaiah 26:12)
- "Tophet" fiery judgment on the ungodly was ordained by God (Isaiah 30:33, see: Jeremiah 7:32 & 19:6)
- Prophets were ordained by God (Jeremiah 1:5)
- Warriors were ordained to kill (Daniel 2:24)
- The Chaldeans/Babylonians were ordained to destroy Israel (Habakkuk 1:6-12)
- The Lord's twelve apostles were ordained to preach the gospel and perform miracles (Mark 3:14-15)
- All Believers in Jesus are ordained to do good works (John 15:16; Ephesians 2:10)

- The Lord's Apostles were ordained to be witnesses of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection (Acts 1:22)
- Jesus was ordained to be the judge of all mankind (Acts 10:42; Acts 17:31)
- Believers in Jesus are ordained to eternal life (Acts 13:48)
- Elders were ordained to be the spiritual leaders in the early church (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5)
- The decrees of the Apostles and Elders were ordained to be preached in all the churches (Acts 16:4)
- The Old Testament Law was ordained to condemn sinful mankind (Romans 7:7-12)
- Government leaders are ordained by God (Romans 13:1)
- Preaching the gospel of salvation through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was ordained by God (1 Cor. 2:1-8)
- Paying pastors to preach the gospel was ordained by God (1 Cor. 9:14)
- Paul was ordained to be an Apostle and a preacher of the gospel to the Gentiles (1 Timothy 2:7)
- Israel's High Priest was ordained to offer animal sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (Hebrews 5:1, 8:3, 9:6)
- Ungodly men are ordained to condemnation (Jude 1:4)

If you study the word "ordained" in its biblical context you will see that it simply means 'to establish, to make, to decide, to appoint, to determine, to chose for a purpose' — ordained is only rarely connected in any way with the office of priesthood.

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In the Bible the Word

'ORDAINED'

is NOT Synonymous with

'PRIESTHOOD'