

## THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR THE BIBLE

Every piece of literature was written for a purpose. Sometimes this purpose is subtly woven throughout the warp and woof of the writing, and sometimes it is plainly stated. In the case of the Bible, the Author's purpose is plainly stated. Several phases of this purpose are apparent from a study of various passages of the Bible:

**A. God's Purpose for Israel as a Nation:** Read Deuteronomy 31:9-13:

1. How as the nation Israel to become familiar with God's teachings? Deuteronomy 31:11b

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2. How often was this to take place? Deuteronomy 31:10

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3. What four groups were to be included in this special instruction? Deuteronomy 31:12a

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4. What four things were these people supposed to do as a result of this instruction?

Deuteronomy 31:12b

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was to be the continuous result of this instruction? Deuteronomy 31:13a

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6. How long was this process of instruction to continue? Deuteronomy 31:13b

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**B. God's Purpose for Joshua as a Leader:** Read Joshua 1:7-8:

1. What did God tell Joshua he must do with the law of God? Joshua 1:7a-c

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2. What must he *not* do? Joshua 1:7d

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3. What must Joshua do with the law if he were to fulfill these two commands? Joshua 1:8b

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4. Where was the book of the law to be continually? Joshua 1:8a

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5. What does this imply that Joshua was to do with the law? (THINK!)

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6. What would be the result to Joshua if he did these things? Joshua 1:7c, 8d-e

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**C. God's Purpose for Future Kings of Israel:** Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20:

1. What must each king do with the law of God? Deuteronomy 17:18c

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2. Where must he keep it? Deuteronomy 17:19a

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3. What was he to do with it? Deuteronomy 17:19b

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4. How long was he to do this? Deuteronomy 17:19b

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5. What two things was he to learn by so doing? Deuteronomy 17:19c, d-e

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What two things was this to keep him from doing? Deuteronomy 17:20a-b

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What would be the end result if a king would do this? Deuteronomy 17:20c-d

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**D. God's Purposes for New Testament Readers:**

1. What was God's purpose for the readers of the Gospel of John? John 20:31

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2. What was one purpose of the First Epistle of John? \* John 5:13

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How many of the above purposes would apply to me today?

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2. How could I sum up God's purpose for the Bible throughout the ages?

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3. Am I carrying out in my life God's purpose for the Bible?

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