

SOME HAVE A SPECIAL PURPOSE

Exodus 9:15-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. ¹⁶ But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷ You still set yourself against my people and will not let them go.

Esther – Esther 4:14

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Joseph – Genesis 50:20

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Isaiah – Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Jeremiah – Jeremiah 1:4

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Others who were called:

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Moses

Saul

David

Solomon

Daniel

John, the Baptist

Apostles

Paul

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Jeremiah 29:10-14

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Psalms 37:4

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Isaiah 43:1 & 7

But now, this is what the LORD says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine. . . .

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Ephesians 1:4b-11

In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship^(a) through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment— to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 3:10-13

¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 2:12-13

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Jeremiah 23:20

The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly.

Jeremiah 30:24

The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand this.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

Luke 7:30

But the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected God's purpose for themselves, because they had not been baptized by John.)

2 Corinthians 5:4-5

⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Genesis 1:26-27