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"Every believer should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever." **--1 Peter 4:10- 11**

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INTRODUCTION

If I were to ask you why you write, what would you say? I've heard writers say, *"I write because it is who I am and what I do. I just don't know what I would do if I couldn't write."* The other answer I've heard is: *"I write to encourage others and to glorify God."*

While these reasons are spoken from the heart of a scribe, they only scratch the surface of God's plans for us. We are doing a whole lot more than just writing or even encouraging others. Whenever I am asked that question, now that I know and understand God's purpose for scribal ministry, I often say: *"I write because I must. The book of Acts must continue to be written, and there must be a continuous written witness to the gospel for the generations to come."*

My first love is poetry and it has been since my youth. Poetry for me is a way of expressing God's position on matters creatively and then stating what it is going to take to change the world from his perspective. There was a time when the Lord would release a poem from my spirit and I would run to those closest to me to share it. I was so excited about the creativity of

the word pouring from me, and how much it lined up with the word of God. But many times, I found myself walking away disappointed and frustrated because those with whom I'd wanted to share didn't seem the least bit interested. I had to realize that there are many believers who just aren't interested in writing or they've never really considered it as being an integral part of ministry.

Over time, I became discouraged and soon stopped sharing the writings the Lord would give me with them. Instead, I began sharing with other poets and writers who not only enjoyed the art form, but who had the same heart for the creative word that I did. There were times when I would find myself looking out into the congregation as people would talk about prophetic dancing, the praise and worship ministry, the drama groups, the steppers, the musicians, the shofar blowers, and even the prophetic visual artists – but for the scribe, there seemed to be very little conversation, compassion, understanding or even respect. Quite honestly, my spirit was grieved because I knew *within my heart* that poets, spoken word ministers, and other creative writers were just as important to the body. But when you look at a person who writes acrostics, haiku or prose and then look at someone who plays the piano – who do you think most people will place the most value upon concerning ministry?

Those who write creatively have become nothing more than entertainers who are folded into Mother's Day programs, Christmas plays and the occasional program on an anniversary Sunday for many people. I realized early on that I could sit back and accept this narrow view that many have concerning creative writing in the body of Christ and sulk in the rejection, or I could choose deliverance and follow the scribal heart that the Lord had placed on the inside of me. I tell you, I thank God that I chose the latter.

There was this one time, though that I heard a preacher make this statement from the pulpit during Sunday service. He said: *"This ain't some poem I'm talking about or some poetry thing! This is much deeper than that! This is the word of God! This is preaching!"* I tell you, I wanted to fight that day. I'm being honest with you. This is the attitude that some poets have come up against when they know that the "creative word" is an integral part of who they are. It was especially offensive to me since everyone in the church knew that I was the "resident" poet so to speak. I thank God for this though! It was in that moment that I realized I had to either remove the offense from my heart or believe the words that had been spoken into the atmosphere concerning this "poetic facet" of the Lord that made me – *uniquely* me.

You see, I was one who was always trying to convince others that creative writing was indeed a ministry tool by which the gospel could be preached. I was always trying to tell folks that God was restoring this gift back to the body. What I failed to realize was that most people weren't interested in that. In fact, they could care less. In my excitement, I was pushing a concept and an idea that folk just were not ready for in this particular environment. I had to take a hard look at myself.

Today, I realize that it was in that moment that I faced a very simple fact: *I don't have to prove anything to anyone*. It was in that moment that I began to appreciate my gift from God even the more. I began to thank him for the vision he'd placed in my heart and for continued direction and instruction. Had I been a babe in Christ, I would probably have shut this "poetry thing" down. I tell you, I had to forgive and not allow that bitterness to enter into my heart. For me, prophetic writing – whether it is creative or noncreative – is prophecy. We are literally writing the divine utterances of God in creative form. The short stories and novels we write are mere parables that unfold biblical truths that speak of one person and one person only – *Jesus Christ*.

The greatest prophet ever known to man is God himself. Everything we see, touch, taste, smell and hear are results of prophetic words spoken in the beginning. You see, I realized that the scribal ministry on the inside of me – would be a catalyst to restore the ministry of the scribe back to the body; but in order to do that, I had to fully understand my scribal purpose. When you know your purpose, no one and I mean – no one – can change the course of destiny before you.

Every time I opened my bible after that day, it was as if I was seeing "poetry and creative writing" in everything – the creation, the rise and fall of man, the stories of Noah and his sons, Jesus' life, the book of Revelations, etc. The Lord began to unfold my "scribal purpose" and reveal – on a greater level – that he was un-wrapping a remnant of "word warriors" to engage in "scribal warfare" in the earth realm. Our written and spoken words would transform the minds and hearts of men – combating all of the negative literary and media influences currently seeping into our homes and communities. We are powerful!

To this day, I doubt that the preacher really knows what he released into the atmosphere. Just because you don't understand a thing, doesn't mean that the Lord is using that very thing to preach, teach and otherwise draw men unto him globally. As you go through and read this book, I pray that you recognize and realize that your scribal gift is of value in the Kingdom of God. I wish that I had someone who could have told me this a long time ago. You, my brothers and sisters in Jesus, have the wisdom of those who have gone before you. It will be up to you now, to take the increased wisdom and revelation that you receive from this book and the scribal mentors in your life and teach others.

Face it! There will be many people who will not understand you! Many will consider what the Lord has put on the inside of you as just a "cute and nice" talent. They will try to push you to

an open mic and onto a stage. They will ask you to perform and entertain. Some will even try to prostitute your administrative and instructional writing gifts but I tell you, when you go into these arenas that lack understanding – the Spirit of the Living God will rise on the inside of you, and the words you release will be engraved forever on the hearts of men.

In this season, you owe it to ***yourself*** to not only find out who you are as a scribe in Jesus Christ, but you must also understand *God's purpose* for your calling. I beseech you brethren to know that: *"You are not limited to seasonal poetry, wedding receptions and holiday plays! You are not limited to publishing parables or stories on the love of God and simply selling books! There is so much more to who you are!"* God doesn't operate on man's time table of patterns and traditions; and neither should you. Jesus Christ has to be your center focus – no one or nothing else.

It doesn't matter what "people think" or how they perceive your ministry to be. What does matter is your response to your scribal calling. Will you answer *Him* or will you answer man?

Some years ago, I made up my mind that I would live my poetic ministry by becoming the poem, and becoming the writing so that understanding would enter into the hearts of men by demonstration and revelation. If I had listened to everyone around me, the ministry of Voices of Christ that you see today would not exist. This "poetry thing" would have been shut down; and you and I would have never met. The adversary, satan, comes to steal, kill and destroy your purpose, your destiny and your dreams.

This scribal walk of pure ministry will not be easy – but it WILL BE worth it. Seeing just one person impacted by your ministry is enough. Drawing just one scribe from performance and entertainment and into the arms of the Lord is enough. Your

obedience will inspire other scribes to come up, and come out of their hiding places. The words the Lord will speak through you will bring salvation, deliverance and healing. The scribal direction and instruction that he will give you will set the foundation for businesses and ministries to be birth, and when all is said and done, you will have pleased God.

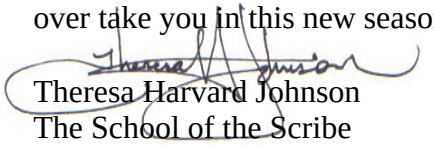
If you do not remember anything else that I share with you in this book, I pray that you remember this next statement. *"By answering your scribal call to ministry and walking in the scribal purpose that the Lord has placed before you, you are paving the way for those generations of scribes who will walk in your footsteps. You want to leave them a legacy of hope, love and reconciliation. Their journey will be a little bit easier because you have tilled the ground and planted seeds into it. Now they can rise and reap the harvest."*

This current generation needs us! The generations to come need us! Jesus is counting on us to use the ministry we have been given to help others. I beg you to read this book with your SPIRIT. Comb through the pages and gain insight concerning God's original intent and purposes for your scribal ministry.

This book, "*Scribal Purpose,*" will bring great clarity and revelation to you as a prophetic writer. It, however, is a small supplement to, *The Scribal Anointing*™ training and demonstration manual. You need to get this book as well – not because I wrote it – but because the Lord released it in this season.... just for you.

It is up to those who know the truth to share that truth with others who are ready and willing to listen. In turn, they will reproduce themselves and build a scribal nation of warriors for Christ. I pray that you are blessed, and that as you read this... you come into an understanding of God's purposes for your unique scribal ministry.

May the peace and blessings of God, and the scribal anointing over take you in this new season!



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The School of the Scribe

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THE FIRST SCRIBE

The very first writer noted in the bible is God. (Exodus 24:12, 31:18, 32:15-16; Deuteronomy 31:18) He penned the Ten Commandments with his finger on stone tablets that he had cut from rock. The two tablets, also called tables, were more than likely flat slabs of stone with an even writing surface. God had written on both sides of each one of them. (Exodus 32:15) The scriptures tell us that as he read and wrote that there were great rumblings of thunder and lightning; and that sparks of fire and smoke was in the midst. The bible describes God's penmanship as being "graven upon the tables."

The word *graven*, in its Hebrew origin, means to be "dug or chiseled out." In biblical times, this was the process carving letters or images on wood, stone – including precious stones - or metal by hand using special tools. The process in and of itself was laborious; yet it was a highly esteemed skill among the artisans of that time. It was this type of engraving that graced the "signet-rings" of leaders and kings which were used to seal scrolls or letters, sign contracts or other documents of importance with the signer's special, distinctive mark. It is important to note that the skill was so exact and intricate that the

stones on the ephod, the breastplate of the high priest, and the inscription on the gold plate in the priest's headdress were engraved according to the Lord's detailed instructions. Today, we have machinery and technology that makes this process effortless.

Well, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the tables, he found the children of Israel worshipping idol gods. In his anger and outrage, he immediately threw the tablets to the ground – shattering them into pieces at the foot of the mountain. (Exodus 32:19) Based on this, we can assume that he wasn't carrying these huge gigantic stones we often see depicted in paintings and in the movies. We can safely guess that the tablets were of a weight that could be carried and thrown. A short time later, the Lord instructed Moses that these tablets would have to be recreated. God was adamant about putting these laws in writing for men to read and remember.

> **Exodus 34:1-2** says: *"And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount."*

This time though, Moses had to the cut the stone from the rock himself. He also had to make sure that it looked like the tables the Lord had previously cut so that they could be rewritten. This time, when Moses went to the top of the mountain, God dictated the word to him and he wrote it.

> **Exodus 34:27-29** says: *"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he*

> *wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him."*

Moses spent 40 intimate days with the Lord. He experienced a level of intimacy that very few patriarchs before or even after him attained. As the Lord poured, Moses wrote his words in the strength of a "man" under the guidance, subjection and the power of the Spirit of the Lord. As we mentioned earlier, the engraving process in that time was grueling. Moses, however, wrote what was given to him using this engraving process as he sat at the feet of the Father while fasting. Just as those words were engraved on the stone, so were they engraved in Moses' heart. It is impossible to be in the presence of the Lord and come out the same way you came in.

Even as I write this, I try to imagine what it would be like to be in the VERY presence of God as a scribe instructed in the Kingdom of Heaven. Moses was given an exceptional task and an exceptional opportunity! Not many men had an opportunity to receive orders like this to "write" in the presence of God. The only other writers who were used prophetically as scribes in the scriptures in a similar way were Daniel and John. In Moses' case, God monitored every stroke of his pen. My word, this document was of critical importance to our Father.

What I want you to see here is that everything you write that comes from the mouth of God is "critical" to the Kingdom. What Moses began that day on Mount Sinai, set a light upon generations of priests and scribes to come – on multiple levels. God is looking for that kind of dedication and commitment to HIS WORD. We are not talking about just ANY OLD TYPE of

writing, but the writings that he gives us to release into the earth realm. Scribes have HOLY ASSIGNMENTS.

God has designated times that he wants to speak with you – and you alone. There are many, many scribes whom he will visit in dreams. There are others who will hear his voice burning on the inside of them. There are others who will just have an instant filling of word and they will simply write. I pray you are listening: Our Father has a purpose for everything that he gives you!

The Lord planted a seed in Moses that has gained momentum through the generations. This momentum carried over to the Levitical priests who had charge over the sanctuary, and to the establishment of the Sanhedrin, that was assigned to help Moses with the affairs of the church. (Numbers 11) While Moses was not a scribe by profession, the Lord used him mightily to bring order to the body. Moses is known for authoring the first five books of the bible, and is believed to have written Psalms 90.

While there will never be another Holy Bible, God's scribes will continue to write a history of God's work on earth, and exalt his miracles and exploits in the hearts of men through the testimony of Jesus. The word will always be our foundation. Everything that is revealed to us now is the revelation of words already written. God's word is just as powerful now through the Holy Spirit filled scribes releasing it, as they were when the foundation was set all those generations ago.

> **Hebrews 4:12** states: *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*
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> **Psalms 33:6-9** states: *"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath*

> *of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."*
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> **Isaiah 55:11** states: *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."*

Without purpose we walk aimlessly through this life; but with purpose we can clearly understand our roles and the instructions we have been given to walk them out.

> **1 John 1:1-4** says: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him;* ***and without him was not anything made*** *that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men."*

The word is the very foundation of who God is and who we are in Christ Jesus. Understanding purpose is to understand why Jesus Christ came. The revelation of God's word is the hope of the unveiling of mysteries in the Kingdom. It is no wonder that today God is revealing the ministry of the prophetic scribe to the body – in the right light. We are ministers of the gospel – carrying out Matthew 28:18-20 with the creative word.

God has handpicked many of us as Holy scribes from heaven to perform some very important tasks on earth. *Do you know what your assignment is? Have you tapped into your full potential?* God ordained creativity! God is creativity. Just as he separated Bezaleel for a creative work unto him – so has he separated you.

Exodus 31:1-10 says, *"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.*

"*And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office..."*

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SCRIBAL PURPOSE

> **Jeremiah 29:11-13 says:** *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."*

The Lord has need of you. If it were not so, he would not have called your soul from heaven to earth. He has orchestrated your life from being to end, and has prepared an expected end for you in Christ Jesus. Remember now, Jesus is the word. So you can also say that he has prepared an expected end for you in his Word. This expected end is called "purpose." It is the anticipated outcome that the Lord has designed for you based on *His* plan of action.

The key to understanding this is one small phrase in that last sentence which says, "*HIS* plan of action." In looking at that phrase again, we must realize that our plans are insignificant and

unimportant. Prophetic "creative" scribes are more prone to follow examples concerning how to write a book, how to get published, how to market your book, how to write so that people will read your book, how to perform, etc. than they are to follow examples that focus on becoming ministers of the gospel through their writing. The reason why goes back to this simple statement: God's purposes for your scribal gifts are vastly different from those highlighted in the secular world. This doesn't mean that you won't need books that address these subjects. It does mean, however, that the focus of many is stuck on their own purposes (or expected outcome) or the plans of man (his expected outcome) instead of the Lord's. If you've read *The Scribal Anointing* or taken any of our prophetic writing classes, then you will know that the Lord's original intent in everything is to reconcile all things, including mankind, back to him.

> **Proverbs 16:19 states: "***Many plans are in a man's mind, but it is the Lord's purpose for him that will stand."*
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> **Colossians 1:19-20 says:** *"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."*

What I want to express here is this: We do not know how to carry out our scribal ministry, but the Lord does! He ignited this scribal fire in our hearts. So we should rely on him – and him alone – to guide us along the way. This means that whatever plans we may have about what "we" want to do, we have to lay them down – and seek him according to **Jeremiah 29:11-13**. God is not just affirming us in this scripture, he's literally saying: *"I know the direction I want your life to take. I already know the outcome. What I need YOU to do is seek my direction, pray for instructions and guidance and I will listen attentively*

to you." The word "hearken" is a powerful word. It means to hear; to listen intently; to pay attention; to give attention; to incline or to cause to be heard.

There are many scribes who are seeking God for answers concerning their ministries. I was one of them. Then one day, the Holy Spirit gave me a very simple revelation. He said, *"If you want to know what God's purpose is for you then you need to learn as much as you can about Jesus."* Well, I thought about this. I said what most "religious folk" would say. I told the Lord I was going to church on Sundays, attending Wednesday night bible study, praying, praising and doing all the others things that "church-folk" do. Even in all of that I said, *"Father, I'm not getting any answers or directions."*

The Lord revealed to me that I was coming to him "whining, complaining about all the obstacles and telling him what I wanted." I should have been moving forward with what I had already been given; thanking him for all he has done, seeking him for clarity and instructions – not only through prayer but *through the word* of God. If I wanted answers about my scribal ministry, all I had to do was open the bible and look up everything that related to scribes and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the word to me.

It was hear that "purpose" for my scribal ministry was quickened in my spirit. You see, my understanding concerning my purpose as a prophetic writer was based on what I've seen, read and observed over the course of my life. Not once had I taken the time to search the scriptures to see what God had to say about that. I was simply imitating what I saw – which is pretty typical of people.

<u>This is what I want you to learn from this</u>: If you want to know your purpose in God concerning *anything* turn to the Holy Bible. If you're interested in working with children, then find out

everything you can about the heart of the Lord toward children. If you want to know why worship is so important to the Lord, then read everything in the bible that has to do with worship. I tell you, the Lord will meet you where you are and open heaven to your petitions. Seeking involves much more than prayer. While prayer is at the very center of seeking, it also involves diligence on your part to study the word, and hearken to the preached word from those who shepherd your soul. I tell you, **Jeremiah 29:13** came alive to me.

God wants you to know and understand your *purpose* in him! It's not enough for you to be eager to write or to even enjoy writing. You also need to know *why* the desire to do it is so strong on your life. From this point on when you consider the words, *Scribal Purpose*, I want you to consider this question: ***"Father, what is your original purpose (your expected outcome and plan to get there) for this prophetic writing gift that you have strategically placed on the inside of me?"***

Prophetic writing isn't a "talent." Talents are acquired skills that are learned within the intellect of man. Prophetic writing is a gift that is bestowed upon you by God. The spiritual aspects of this gift can only be refined in the "spirit" by the "Holy Spirit" as the carrier of that gift matures. Once the Lord begins unveiling his scribal plan for your life, all you have to do is submit to his instruction and direction. From there you will find yourself growing in him by leaps and bounds.

Earnestly, I speak to you from experience. I speak to you as one who has rejected wise counsel and wisdom, and who has had to learn these things the hard way. I speak to you as one who knows the effects of being off path, and having to be reeled back in. Thank God that I received yet another chance to get it right. I can now praise God because I chose the right path. When you get on HIS path of purpose a sudden acceleration will take place in the realm of the spirit. You will find yourself in a place where

the puzzle pieces will just click and fall into place. Where there was a lack of understanding, you will suddenly be enlightened and wisdom will be your guide.



THE MASTER PLAN

God's plan *is* the master plan. There is absolutely nothing on earth that can top what he has already established before us. Just take a look around. Everything above, below, to the left, to the right in the center, and all the spaces in between were formed with words. Take a look at the passages of scripture below. Note that **Psalms 33:6 & Hebrews 11:13** attest to God's words being the source of life as we know it in the spirit and the natural. **Proverbs 18:20-21** gives us further insight into the mankind's power to decree and declare either life or death into the spirit and the natural. It also speaks to the biblical truth that whatever we release in words we will reap.

> **Psalms 33:6 says:** *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. KJV*

> **Hebrews 11:3 says**: *By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible. AMP*

> **Proverbs 18:20-21 says:** *A man's [moral] self shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; and with the consequence of his words he must be satisfied [whether good or evil]. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]. AMP*

You see words are life giving. They either create an atmosphere that breeds prosperity in the things of God, or they breed destruction concerning the things of God. There is no such thing as "unfruitful" words. What I mean by this is that some kind of seed will be planted in the ground – either for a good harvest or a bad one.

God's master plan for *His word* is to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men forever. This is it in the most basic form. In this Kingdom, His word governs the citizens in every area of their lives.

So when the Holy Spirit inspires you to write, you are writing as instruments under the guidance of the Lord who is being used to establish some part of this master plan into the hearts of men. If God is indeed speaking to you then rest assured --- the end of that message is going to draw or lead the reader to Jesus.

Sometimes, intellect has a way of making the word of God more complex than it really is. But if we read the word, we will quickly learn that from Genesis 1 to Revelations 22 that God has provided a detailed roadmap into his eternal presence.

Guess what? As scribes, the Spirit of the Lord is continuing to speak through you on various levels (which we will discuss later) to continue this work on earth until Jesus Christ our King returns.

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REVEAL MY SCRIBAL PURPOSE TO ME

There are more than 200 passages of scripture that relate to scribes or writing in the Holy Bible. In studying these passages and learning more about biblical scribes, I soon realized that the ministry of the scribe operates on three levels. By this, I simply mean that there are three types of anointings that the present day scribe has the ability to tap into. They are the gifts of (1) administrative writing; (2) instructional writing, and (3) creative writing. Briefly, I want to go through each one of these based on where we are today as a result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

For an in-depth understanding, however, I want to encourage you to purchase *The Scribal Anointing* training and demonstration manual because this explanation is very, very brief.

> *Administrative Writing*: Administrative scribes are gifted to write administrative documents that include, but are not limited to, business letters, polices, procedures, contracts, grants, historical documentation, record keeping, etc. They have a passion to write these

types of documents as this is a critical need in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Instructional Writing: Instructional scribes are also teachers who are gifted with breaking down the word of God for the purpose of bringing clarity and understanding. Scribes anointed in this area write curriculums, books of instruction, workbooks, etc. These curriculums are, however, inspired by the Lord to meet specific needs within the body. Often times, the scribes are anointed to not only write these documents but to teach them.

Creative Writing: Creative scribes are God's worshippers, praisers, and warriors who demonstrate his word through poetry, spoken word, inspiration, plays, novel writing, journalism, and other forms of literary creativity. Their heart, however, is not one of performance but one of pure ministry.

I mentioned earlier that there are more than 200 passages of scripture that refer to scribes or writing in the bible. The Holy Spirit prompted me to focus on those passages that related to "the purpose" of scribal ministry. As a result, we also have these three levels of *The Scribal Anointing* as mentioned above. In addition, these scriptures have been further condensed into 10 unique categories that summarize our *scribal purpose*.

These categories, along with a brief explanation of each one, are listed on the next page. I challenge you to find *"your scribal ministry"* hidden in one, two or ALL of these categories. As you these pray this short prayer in Jesus' Name: *"Reveal my scribal purpose to me oh Lord."*

Purpose #1: The ministry of scribe was purposed to write a memorial unto God to be rehearsed and memorized for eternity.

Exodus 17:14-15: *God said to Moses: Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua...* Other scriptures: Isaiah 30:8; Jeremiah 36:2; Psalm 135:13; Deuteronomy 6:8-10, and Matthew 26:13

Biblical Examples: Recounts of God's hand in the lives of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob; the history of Jesus' life and ministry; the story of the creation, etc.

Present Day Examples: Recounts of the Brownsville Revival, Azusa Street Revival, miraculous testimonies of healings; Chronicling God's hand in the lives of men and women of God like Smith Wigglesworth, and others.

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Purpose #2: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to record legally binding agreements and contracts between God and man, God and Jesus, and man and man.

Exodus 34:27: *And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.* Other Scriptures: Exodus 34:26-28; Numbers 5:22-24; Esther 8:8; Acts 15:19-21

Biblical Examples: The first contract ever written was formed between God and man. The greatest covenant ever recorded was between God and Jesus Christ. Other covenants were also made including marriage agreements, divorce decrees, treaties between countries, agreements between kings or military leaders, and multiple other types of legal agreements between men, etc.

Present Day Examples: Examples still include the documents mentioned.

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Purpose #3: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to record genealogy or lineage

Psalm 87:5-7: *The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.* Other Scriptures: Genesis 5; I Chronicles 1; Psalm 87:5-7; Matthew 1.

Biblical Examples: Bloodline and family history was significant to God. The generations leading up to the birth of Christ are recorded in detail in the scriptures. Other facets of lineage are also recorded, including those that strayed away from the Lord. The recording of history, occupations, priestly duties, etc. is still significant to the body today.

Present Day Examples: There are multiple studies of family history, cultures, religious affiliations and lineage on multiple levels that are available to us now.

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Purpose #4: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to serve as a witness, evidence or proof of a thing relating to God or for a historical account.

Deuteronomy 31:19: *Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against*

the children of Israel. Other Scriptures: Judges 5; Chronicles 26:22; Ezra 5:10; Psalm 87:5-7; John 1:45; Jeremiah 36:2; Mark 10:4

Bible Examples: Oracles of God were traditionally memorized in song so that the stories could be passed from generation to generation. The song of Prophetess Deborah and Barak, and the Torah are excellent examples. Other examples would be passages chronicling the lives of key patriarchs like Moses, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the story of Jesus' life, crucifixion, death and resurrection.

Present Day Examples: Recording the evidence of biblical prophecies coming to pass; recording the goings-on in Israel and other key countries discussed in the scriptures; recording stories of idolatry and devastation; chronicling the miracles, signs and wonders that stand out as a witness to Jesus Christ; recording historical events, etc.

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Purpose #5: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to inspire or encourage others in the things of God.

1 John 1:4: *And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.* Other Scriptures: Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 3:3; Ephesians 5:19; Revelations 3:7

Biblical Examples: Some biblical examples might include the Psalms, Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, the story of Noah's salvation from the flood, etc.

Present Day Examples: Testimonies of triumph and victory; Stories of miracles, signs and wonders; songs, poetry, words of inspiration and hope; devotions, etc. Any creative writing that brings encouragement or edification.

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Purpose #6: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to clarify instructions concerning vision, direction, order or plans revealed by God.

Habakkuk 2:2 says: *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.* (Ezekiel 43:11)

Biblical Examples: God released many visions and instructions to man, and required that they be recorded in some form of document or even in a book. He recorded the law, instructions for constructing Noah's Ark, the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle, Daniel's Vision, the vision of John in Revelations, the instructions Jesus gave his disciples, and even specific instructions for priestly garments. The bible is full of instructions and plans that were recorded so that men might remember and follow them exactly as the Lord requested.

Present Day Examples: The Lord is still releasing detailed instructions that must be written through his prophetic people. These instructions are for individuals as well as the corporate body – just as they were back then.

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Purpose #7: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to warn people of pending judgment.

1 Corinthians 4:14 says: *I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you*. Other Scriptures: Exodus 17:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 4:14; 1 Corinthians 14:37; 2 Corinthians 13:2; Colossians 3:16

Biblical Examples: The Old and New Testaments are chock-full of prophetic warnings. Some of the most notable can be found in the prophets in the OT, and in the words of Jesus in the New Testament. There are also words of warning in many of the Psalms and Lamentations.

Present Day Examples: Many scripturally based prophetic words are being released in the form of letters, decrees and declarations, poems, songs, and other literary works.

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Purpose #8: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to record the things you have seen, experienced and the things the Lord has shown you.

Revelations 1:19 says: *Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter...*

Biblical Examples: Some of the most notable examples are the visions the Lord showed Abraham concerning his seed. Other examples include the witness to Jesus Christ; the story of the church of Acts and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the vision the Lord showed John in the book of Revelations; etc.

Other examples include writings that exalt the Lord God, telling of his majesty and greatness.

Present Day Examples: Present day examples could include your personal testimonies and experiences with Jesus Christ; the recording of dreams and visions that the Lord has released to you, etc.

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Purpose #9: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to record the things God reveals to your heart in a book

Jeremiah 30:2 says: *Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.*

Biblical Examples: There are many examples in the scriptures of the Lord visiting certain men and women and speaking to their hearts. Many of these conversations are recorded in the scriptures. One of my favorite examples of this can be found in the story of Esther.

Present Day Examples: There are many things that the Lord reveals to us even now. This book is one example. Other examples are the many Holy Spirit inspired books

that are emerging from men and women of God writing from inspiration.

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Purpose #10: The ministry of the scribe was purposed to give an orderly account of things that happened, and to record the exact words of God.

Luke 1:3 says: *It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order...*

Biblical Examples: The exact words of God were recorded in the Ten Commandments, the laws governing priests, and other specific instructions given by God. In addition, Luke went back and researched the story of Jesus and put all of the events in a specific timeline that was accurate and easy to follow.

Present Day Examples: The recording of any activity, event or situation that is relevant to the things of God with complete accuracy and in a chronological manner.

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YOUR CHALLENGE TODAY

It blesses me to be able to tell you that there are clear "purposes" for your scribal gift here on earth. You are not simply wondering around trying to find a venue or an outlet to express yourself. You are not simply seeking a place to "bless" others with your gift. God has called you to SO MUCH MORE!

This book, *Scribal Purpose*, is a seed into your life! Its purpose is to ignite a fire in your spirit that draws you to a place of learning more about who you are and why the Lord called your soul from heaven to earth. It is about understanding why your trumpet blows loudly in poetry, spoken word, prose, and other creative writing.

If you are serious about who you are I challenge you to dig into the word of God concerning your destiny. Begin building your ministry on a foundation of seeking God through Holy Spirit led prayer and fasting. Give the gifts that you hold so dearly to your heart back to the Lord. Drop your plans, and pick up his. DARE to let the Lord use you!

I pray on today, that the scribal anointing will overtake you. I decree and declare that you will be all that our Father in Heaven has ordained you to be in him. I break and sever every stronghold of entertainment, competition, compromise and comparison that seeks to take root in your life. I uproot and veto every prophetic word, prayer and declaration spoken over your life that does not line up with the word of God, and activate and send forth every prophetic word, prayer and declaration spoken into your live that was uttered from the very heart of God. I decree and declare that you operate with the mind of Jesus Christ. I decree and declare that everything in your life that is exalted above the name of Jesus will come down now and that the word of God is high and lifted up! I pray that the spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding overtake you, and that the very presence of God will be seen in your life wherever you go! I bind the hand of the adversary against your life! We cancel every plot, plan and strategy of the adversary that has been set out against you and your ministry. We decree and declare that every good work that the Lord has begun in your life will be completed! In Jesus' Name!



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