

from the life of Daniel and his friends, the 6th from the ~~life~~ life of Daniel, the 3rd from the life of Daniel's friends. The others from the lives of the kings, with whom Daniel came into contact. So it is a series of sermons. It is prophecy then in the sense that it is intending to take a ~~great~~ great truth and drive it home to the hearts of God's people. Well, now, this being true of these first six chapters, we are justified in saying that there is a purpose to the writing ~~xxxxx~~ of the book of Daniel. There is a purpose in everything God does. But we are justified in saying that we can know of one specific purpose here. Now there may be many other purposes. Anything we do may have several purposes. ~~Be~~ And sometimes there are two or three ~~be~~ co-ordinate purposes in what we do. But as a rule there is one supreme purpose in what we do, even though there may be other incidental purposes that are served along the way. Now here you may find many incidental purposes, and many incidental things done. But when you have ^{ed} unified a purpose as definitely single, a lesson stressed repeatedly through six chapters, as you have here, you are justified in saying, that is the ~~principle~~ principal purpose of the writing of the first six chapters of the book of Daniel. Was the book of Daniel written to satisfy our curiosity about the antichrist, and about the end of the age? Now it may give us much ~~xxx~~ that is very useful in connection with these matters. But we cannot say that that ~~is~~ is its primary purpose. Certainly not of these first six chapters. Because there is only one of them that would have anything to do with that purpose. And I don't say that is not something it does, and possible a real purpose, but what I am saying is the primary ~~xxx~~ purpose of Daniel is to teach certain definite lessons. Now all of the Bible is meant for all of God's people, and is valuable for all of God's people, at all times, but some parts of it are far more valuable at some times than at other times. There may be certain parts which are tremendously important because of their fitness to fulfill a need of God's people at a particular time, and which may not have so much importance for His people at another particular time as they do at that time. What would you say about Daniel 1-6? Would you say that Daniel 1-6 is that its primary purpose is for the effect which it would have on God's people