

Preparing to Fail,
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Prepare (ing) (ation) –

to make (someone or something) ready for some activity, purpose, use, etc.

to make yourself ready for something that you will be doing, something that you expect to happen, etc.

Are you prepared for heaven?

Have you made yourself ready for something that you expect to happen?

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Task – Bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem

II Samuel 5 : 1 – 10; I Chronicles 11 : 1 – 9

Establish a new king

David reigned in Hebron over Judah

Israel comes to David and pledges allegiance to David

David reigns over Judah and Israel as one nation with one king

What is the problem with our task?

Jerusalem is under control of the Jebusites

Capture Jerusalem

Joab goes up first, Jerusalem is captured

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Task – Bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem

II Samuel 6 : 1 – 5; I Chronicles 13 : 1 – 8

The decision

“If it seems good to you...let us bring the ark...back...”

The preparation

Send out a message to all who are left, from everywhere to come to them

From Egypt as far to the entrance of Hamath they all come

30,000 of the choice men come

Build or acquire a new cart for the Ark

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Task – Bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem

II Samuel 6 : 6 – 11; I Chronicles 13 : 9 – 14

The result

When they reach Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah puts his hand on the ark to secure it

The anger of the Lord is kindled

The Lord struck Uzzah dead for his error

The reaction

David becomes angry

“How can I bring the ark of God to me?”

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Task – Bring the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem

II Samuel 6 : 12 – 13, 17; I Chronicles 15 : 1 – 3,
11 – 13, 24 – 26

The decision – part II

We will go again to get the ark

The preparation

“No one may carry the ark...but the Levites...”

Sanctify yourselves, for you will bring the ark

The Levites bore the ark – God helped them bare it

‘nasa nasah’ (h) – to lift; to carry

The result

The ark rested in the place prepared for it by David

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Why did Israel fail to bring the ark the first time?

Is for lack of preparation?

No, consider everything they did.

They prepared to fail.

How did Israel finally succeeded at their task?

Was it for lack of preparation?

No, consider everything they did.

They prepared to succeed

“...because we did not consult Him (the Lord) about the proper order.”

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What does “proper order” mean?

The correct way of doing something.

Are there people today, who are preparing to fail when it comes to their soul’s salvation?

Yes! – why?

“...because we (they) did not consult Him about the proper order.”

How are you preparing for something you know will happen?

Are you *preparing to fail*, or are you PREPARING TO SUCCEED?