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When Abram asked for a sign that he would inherit the land of Canaan and God gave him a **list** of animals, he divided each of them into two pieces (the heifer, the goat, the ram) except for the birds.

- **Genesis 15:8-10:** "And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not."

Genesis 36 **lists** the descendants of Esau.

- **Genesis 36:1:** "Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom."

The wives of Esau which are **listed** in Genesis 36 (Adah of Elon, Aholibamah of Anah, and Bashemath of Ishmael) are different from the that are found in Genesis 26 (Judith of Beeri, Bashemath of Elon, and Mahalath of Ishmael). It's not clear why this is the case.

- **Genesis 26:34:** "And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:"
- **Genesis 36:2-3:** "Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of

Nebajoth."

The text says that Korah was a son of Eliphaz, but Korah isn't **listed** earlier as one of the sons of Eliphaz. It's not clear what's going on.

- **Genesis 36:11:** "And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz."
- **Genesis 36:16:** "Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah."

Genesis 46 **lists** the people in Jacob's family who moved from Canaan to Egypt.

- **Genesis 46:8:** "And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn."

The Moses and Aaron who are **listed** in the genealogy that's found in Exodus chapter 6 are the same ones that God commanded to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. (They're not different people who happen to have the same names.)

- **Exodus 6:26:** "These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies."

The previous few chapters of Exodus, which **list** the items that were made for the tabernacle, was based on records made by Ithamar.

- **Exodus 38:21:** "This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest."

Numbers 33 **lists** the journeys of the Israelites, after they left Egypt but before they reached Canaan. (It was written by Moses.)

- **Numbers 33:1-2:** "These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out."

David set the people who are in this **list** over the service of song in the house of the Lord. (This seems to be a reference to the tabernacle, since the temple wasn't built until after he died.)

- **1 Chronicles 6:31:** "And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest."

The **list** in 1 Chronicles 23 contains the sons of Levi.

- **1 Chronicles 23:24:** "These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward."

The reason the priests who lived in fields throughout the land of Israel were **listed** by name (during the reign of Hezekiah) was so that portions could be given to all the males among the priests.

- **2 Chronicles 31:19-20:** "Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites. And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God."

2 Chronicles 31 **lists** the things Hezekiah did throughout Judah.

- **2 Chronicles 31:20:** "And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God."

Ezra 8 **lists** the chief men of Israel who accompanied Ezra when he left Babylon and traveled to Jerusalem.

- **Ezra 8:1:** "These are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king."

The people in this **list** returned from Babylonian captivity to their home cities in Judah. (Specifically, they were either people who had been taken captive themselves, or who were the descendants of captives.)

- **Nehemiah 7:6:** "These are the children of the province,

that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;"

Nehemiah 10 **lists** those who sealed the covenant with God (to obey His commands).

- **Nehemiah 10:1:** "Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,"

Nehemiah 12 **lists** the priests and Levites who accompanied Zerubbabel when he traveled from Babylon to Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 12:1:** "Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,"

It seems David is saying that God has a book which contained a **list** of all of his body parts before any of them existed.

- **Psalms 139:16:** "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

There are so many problems in this world that they can't even be **listed**. The number of problems is infinite.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:15:** "That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered."

God commanded Ezekiel to judge Aholah (Samaria) and Aholibah (Jerusalem) by **listing** the abominations they had committed.

- **Ezekiel 23:4, 36:** "And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah. ... The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;"

When God **listed** the things He was going to consume, He didn't mention removing any of the righteous or pouring out His judgment upon His saints. (Instead He was going to pour out His wrath upon the wicked, and upon idolaters.)

- **Zephaniah 1:2-6:** "I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord. I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham; And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him."

Matthew 1 **lists** the genealogy of Jesus (through His adopted

father Joseph).

- **Matthew 1:1:** "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

When Jesus condemned the scribes and Pharisees for violating the commandments of God with their tradition, He **listed** specific examples.

- **Matthew 15:3-6:** "But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

When the disciples of Jesus asked Him about the signs that would indicate the end of the world and His return, Jesus gave them a **list** of signs to be watching for (and them commanded them to watch).

- **Matthew 24:3-6, 42:** "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ... Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your

Lord doth come."

Jesus taught that since people didn't know the day or hour of His return, they had to be constantly watching for it. The Lord gave us a **list** of signs to watch for and then commanded us to watch.

- **Matthew 25:13:** "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

When Jesus was born, Joseph didn't have any other children. The only people who the shepherds found was Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. (That means the rest of Joseph's children, who are **listed** as the brothers and sisters of Jesus, were born *after* Him and not by a previous wife)

- **Luke 2:16:** "And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

It seems it was standard practice that when a prisoner was sent to Caesar, a document was also sent which **listed** the charges against the prisoner.

- **Acts 25:27:** "For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him."

When Paul listed the hierarchy of the church, those who govern it are put at the *bottom* of the **list**. (The only ones lower are those with the gift of tongues.)

- **1 Corinthians 12:28:** "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly

teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

When Paul defended his apostleship to the Corinthian church, he didn't **list** everything he had done. Paul had also performed miracles (including raising the dead), but he didn't mention any of those. He also didn't say anything about the many churches he had founded. (It seems his purpose was to defend his apostleship, not make sure the church knew every great thing he had accomplished.)

- **2 Corinthians 12:1:** "It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord."

When Paul defended his apostleship to the Corinthian church, he vaguely referred to the "signs of the apostles". He could have **listed** his many mighty deeds, but he didn't (because he truly didn't want to talk about himself).

- **2 Corinthians 12:12:** "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

Paul **lists** four spiritual gifts in the church who have been given the job of perfecting the saints. They are apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors and teachers (who are lumped together). (In the Bible, the "pastor" is just a type of teacher and is never referred to as the head of the church. There's no Biblical support for modern role of "pastor". Throughout the New Testament the church leaders were always *the elders*.)

- **Ephesians 4:11-12:** "And he gave some, apostles; and

some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

Paul expected the material that's contained in his first letter to Timothy to be the standard **list** of teachings that were taught to other Christians.

- **1 Timothy 4:6:** "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

When Paul wrote to Titus, he didn't **list** the people who were with him. He seemed to think Titus already knew who they were.

- **Titus 3:15:** "All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen."

When Peter introduces himself, the first thing he says is that he's a servant of Christ. He doesn't **list** his apostleship first.

- **2 Peter 1:1:** "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:"