

MANAGE, MANAGED, MANAGEMENT, MANAGING

When Jacob separated his group in preparation for meeting Esau for the first time in 20 years, he put space between each servant and the group of animals they were **managing**.

- **Genesis 32:16:** "And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove."

Jacob gave the servant who was **managing** each group of animals (which he was giving to Esau in an attempt to appease him) the same instructions as the first group.

- **Genesis 32:19-20:** "And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me."

After the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge, he trusted him to **manage** it effectively. It seems he trusted Joseph so completely that he didn't provide much oversight.

- **Genesis 39:22-23:** "And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was

with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper."

In order for people to buy food during the days of famine, they had to go before Joseph. It seems he personally **managed** the distribution of food.

- **Genesis 42:6:** "And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth."

The **management** structure that Moses put in place over the Israelites had people over 10 individuals, people over 50, people over 100, and people over 1000. It seems that each person had five to ten individuals reporting directly to them.

- **Deuteronomy 1:15:** "So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes."

Joshua **managed** the nation of Israel by working through officers.

- **Joshua 1:10:** "Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,"

Even though the temple was built by more than a 100,000 Israelites, and even though the work was **managed** by overseers, Solomon is given credit for building the temple

(since he commanded that the work be done, and funded it).

- **1 Kings 6:9:** "So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar."

The 550 chief officers who worked for Solomon **managed** the *many* people who worked on his construction projects.

- **1 Kings 9:23:** "These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work."

When the attendant tried to **manage** the crowd at the city gate, they trampled him to death. (The people in the city were starving due to the siege of the city, and there was abundant food left behind in the empty enemy camp.)

- **2 Kings 7:17:** "And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him."

Azmaveth **managed** David's treasures.

- **1 Chronicles 27:25:** "And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of Uziah:"

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Ezri **managed** David's fields.

- **1 Chronicles 27:26:** "And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:"

Shimei **managed** David's vineyards.

- **1 Chronicles 27:27:** "And over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite:"

Zabdi **managed** David's wine.

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Baalhanan **managed** David's olive and sycamore trees.

- **1 Chronicles 27:28:** "And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Baalhanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash:"

Joash **managed** David's oil cellars.

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Shitrai and Shaphat **managed** David's herds.

- **1 Chronicles 27:29:** "And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai:"

Obil **managed** David's camels.

- **1 Chronicles 27:30:** "Over *the camels* also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:"

Jehdeiah **managed** David's donkeys.

- **1 Chronicles 27:30:** "Over the camels also was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:"

Jaziz **managed** David's flocks.

- **1 Chronicles 27:31:** "And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's."

It seems that Abijah **managed** to conquer Bethel, the city that had one of Jeroboam's golden calves. However, he didn't destroy the golden calf that was in that city (even though he had the opportunity to do so.) That calf was still around hundreds of years later.

- **2 Chronicles 13:19:** "And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof."

During the millennium, the Levites who once engaged in idolatry would be responsible for **managing** the activities of the temple. (The more honorable positions will be given to the sons of Zadok, who remained faithful.)

- **Ezekiel 44:12-16:** "Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord God, and they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein. But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God: They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me,

and they shall keep my charge."

It seems that Ashpenaz didn't **manage** Daniel directly. Instead they were under Melzar, who reported to Ashpenaz.

- **Daniel 1:3, 11:** "And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; ... Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,"

God told the Israelites that if they did **manage** to prosper in any way and were able to grow food, then foreigners would come and take it from them. The hand of God was against them and He wouldn't allow them to be blessed as long as they continued to be idolatrous.

- **Hosea 8:7:** "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up."

If we only blessing those who bless us then we're not doing anything more than anyone else. Even the wicked **manage** to do that. (God requires us to love our enemies, not just our friends.)

- **Matthew 5:44, 47:** "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ... And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?"

The fishermen **managed** to bring the fishing boats back to land before they sank from the great catch of fish.

- **Luke 5:6-7, 11:** "And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. ... And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him."

Judas **managed** to fool all of the other disciples of Jesus into thinking that he was a good person. None of them suspected him of being the one who would betray Jesus.

- **Luke 22:22-23:** "And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing."

The people on the island of Melita **managed** to kindle a fire in the rain.

- **Acts 28:2:** "And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold."