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ASSIGNED, ASSIGNMENTS

Under the Mosaic Law, if an unclean animal was the subject of a vow, then whatever value the priest **assigned** to the animal was its value.

- **Leviticus 27:12:** "And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, who art the priest, so shall it be."

Under the Mosaic Law, clean animals that were the subject of a vow couldn't be redeemed. However, unclean animals could be redeemed by paying their value (as **assigned** by a priest) plus 20%.

- **Leviticus 27:11, 13:** "And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the Lord, then he shall present the beast before the priest: ... But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth part thereof unto thy estimation."

Under the Mosaic Law, when a man sanctified his house as holy to the Lord, a priest was to estimate its value. Whatever value the priest **assigned**, that was its value.

- **Leviticus 27:14:** "And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand."

Under the Mosaic Law, when a man sanctified his house as holy to the Lord, he could redeem it by paying the value that

was **assigned** to it by a priest, plus adding another 20%.

- **Leviticus 27:15:** "And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his."

Under the Mosaic Law, the value of unclean animals was **assigned** by the priest.

- **Leviticus 27:27:** "And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation."

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they encamped around their **assigned** standard. (In other words, they encamped in groups. Each group had their assigned location.)

- **Numbers 2:34:** "And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers."

The **assigned** area of tabernacle service that God gave to the Levites was referred to as a burden.

- **Numbers 4:49:** "According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses."

When Moses took a census of the Levites, he counted them according to their **assigned** areas of service.

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- **Joshua 20:7:** "And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjatharba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah."

Three cities of refuge were **assigned** east of the Jordan river (Bezer, Ramoth, and Golan).

- **Joshua 20:8:** "And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh."

Jesse told David to take ten cheeses to the captain of the unit that his three oldest sons were **assigned** to. (This is what David was doing when he encountered Goliath.)

- **1 Samuel 17:18:** "And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge."

When Joab observed Rabbah, he **assigned** Uriah to a place where he knew that valiant men were. (This was to get Uriah killed, so David could cover up his sin with Bathsheba.)

- **2 Samuel 11:16:** "And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were."

Each of the 12 officers who provided food for Solomon's household were **assigned** a specific month that they were responsible for. (There were 12 officers to cover the 12 months of the year.)

- **1 Kings 4:7:** "And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision."

The courses that Solomon **assigned** to the priests were established by David. (This governed when the priests went to the tabernacle to carry out their assigned duties.)

- **2 Chronicles 8:14:** "And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day

required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded."

Josiah told the Levites to separate themselves according to their **assigned** courses (divisions).

- **2 Chronicles 35:4:** "And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son."

Even though the enemies of the Jews threatened the people who were rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, none of the Jews abandoned their **assigned** work. Instead they continued working on the wall, in spite of the threats that had been made against them.

- **Nehemiah 4:15:** "And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work."

Nehemiah appointed each priest to his **assigned** area of service in the temple.

- **Nehemiah 13:30:** "Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;"

It seems that in ancient times, small children were sent to fetch water. (This may have been one of their **assigned** chores.)

- **Jeremiah 14:3:** "And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads."

There are times when Heaven senda backup to help an angel complete his **assigned** task.

- **Daniel 10:13:** "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia."

When the disciples finished their mission **assignments**, they returned to Jesus and told Him what they had done and taught.

- **Mark 6:30:** "And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught."

Jesus compared Himself to a man who gave **assignments** to his servants because he was going on a journey to a distant land.

- **Mark 13:34:** "For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch."

In ancient times, priests worked in the temple in the order of their **assigned** course (division). Each priestly order had a

specific time when they worked in the temple.

- **Luke 1:8:** "And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,"

Zacharias went into the temple to do his **assigned** job (which was to burn incense). (That's when he met the angel, who told him that he would have a son.)

- **Luke 1:9, 11:** "According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ... And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense."

When the **assigned** days of Zacharias' work in the temple were completed, he returned to his own house.

- **Luke 1:23:** "And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house."

It seems that in ancient times, events like wedding celebrations didn't have **assigned** seating. Instead people sat wherever they thought best.

- **Luke 14:8:** "When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;"

The works that Jesus did weren't His own idea. Instead they were **assignments** given to Him by God the Father.

- **John 5:36:** "But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

When the keepers of the prison couldn't bring Peter to Herod, the king commanded that they be put to death. (This seems to have resulted in the death of the 16 people who were **assigned** to guard Peter.)

- **Acts 12:19:** "And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode."

No prophecy in the Bible can be **assigned** a private interpretation.

- **2 Peter 1:20:** "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."

Each of the seven churches in Asia who received a letter from the Lord Jesus Christ had an angel assigned to them.

- **Revelation 1:11, 20:** "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. ... The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou

sawest are the seven churches."

ERRAND, ERRANDS

Abraham's oldest servant told Rebekah's relatives that he wouldn't eat until he told them about his **errand** (which was to find a wife for Isaac).

- **Genesis 24:33:** "And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on."

There were times when Judah sent Hirah (the Adullamite) to run **errands** for him.

- **Genesis 38:20:** "And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not."

When Ehud told Eglon king of Moab that he had a secret **errand** for him, all the people who stood by the king left. (That allowed Ehud to assassinate the king.)

- **Judges 3:19:** "But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him."

When Elisha sent someone to anoint Jehu as king over Israel, the young man went to Ramothgilead and announced that he had an **errand** for the captain.

- **2 Kings 9:5:** "And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And

he said, To thee, O captain."

When Jesus went to the mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples out on an **errand**. (They were sent to obtain the donkey that Jesus needed to make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.)

- **Matthew 21:1-3:** "And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them."
- **Mark 11:1-3:** "And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither."
- **Luke 19:29-31:** "And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him."

TASK, TASKS, TASKED

After God promised Moses to free the Israelites, the lives of the Hebrews got much worse. They were given impossible **tasks** to do and were then beaten for failing to do them.

- **Exodus 5:14:** "And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?"

Jethro told Moses it wasn't good for him to spend all day judging the people by himself, because it was too large a **task** for him to do alone.

- **Exodus 18:17-18:** "And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone."

The **task** of putting to death all those who worshiped Baalpeor was given to the judges of Israel.

- **Numbers 25:5:** "And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor."

Governing the Israelites was too great a **task** for Moses to do by himself.

- **Deuteronomy 1:9:** "And I spake unto you at that time,

saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone:"

When Moses told the Israelites that the **task** of governing them was too great for him to do alone, the people agreed it was a good idea for him to appoint their wise men as rulers over them.

- **Deuteronomy 1:13-14:** "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do."

The Israelites who were chosen to search out the promised land returned to Joshua after completing their assigned **task**.

- **Joshua 18:9:** "And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came again to Joshua to the host at Shiloh."

After Jehoash asked the priests why the temple hadn't been repaired, they agreed to stop collecting money from the people. (Instead someone else was given the **task** of repairing the temple.)

- **2 Kings 12:8:** "And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house."

When silver was given to the people who were **tasked** with repairing the temple, no reckoning was made of how they spent the money. (It seems Josiah trusted them.)

- **2 Kings 22:7:** "Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully."

After David called Solomon, he charged him with the **task** of building the temple.

- **1 Chronicles 22:6:** "Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel."

It seems there are times when it is God's will for something to happen, and He tells His angels to devise a way to make His will come to pass. (In other words, He tells them His will and assigns them the **task** of carrying it out.)

- **2 Chronicles 18:19:** "And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner."

The reason Hezekiah rejoiced when the temple service was set in order was because God had prepared the people for that **task**.

- **2 Chronicles 29:36:** "And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly."

When King Ahasuerus wanted a replacement for Queen Vashti, his servants suggested that virgins be gathered to the palace by officers who were appointed to that **task**. (The king

could then decide which one he wanted to make queen.)

- **Esther 2:3:** "And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:"

Solomon compared removing wicked people from a nation to removing dross from silver. Once the wicked were removed, the nation could be established in righteousness. However, as long as the wicked were present the nation would remain unfit for any holy **task**.

- **Proverbs 25:4-5:** "Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer. Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness."

When delegating **tasks** to others, be sure to monitor their work diligently. Don't just delegate the assignment and then walk away.

- **Proverbs 27:23:** "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds."

Trying to satisfy our desires is an impossible **task**.

- **Ecclesiastes 1:8:** "All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing."

The reason Sennacherib was successful conquering the nations was because God appointed him to that **task**.

- **Isaiah 37:26:** "Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps."

There are times when God calls someone to perform a **task** before they're born.

- **Jeremiah 1:5:** "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

There are times when Heaven sends help to angels so they can complete their assigned **tasks**.

- **Daniel 10:13:** "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia."

The Bible doesn't identify the fish that swallowed up Jonah. Instead it simply says it was a fish that God had prepared for that **task**.

- **Jonah 1:17:** "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."

The vision that Zechariah saw was a message to Zerubbabel

(who God had **tasked** with rebuilding the temple). The message was that the work of God would be accomplished by His Spirit, not by the efforts of men.

- **Zechariah 4:6:** "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

One of the reasons we must watch and be ready for the return of Jesus is so that when He comes, we can be working at the **tasks** He has given us.

- **Matthew 24:42, 44, 46:** "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. ... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. ... Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

There are times when the devil can possess people and use them to carry out evil **tasks**. (Judas agreed to betray Jesus after the devil entered into him.)

- **Luke 22:3-4:** "Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them."

We can't claim that some **tasks** are too menial for us. Jesus served His disciples, and we're not greater than Him.

- **John 13:15-16:** "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he

that is sent greater than he that sent him."

The reason Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch was because they had completed the **task** God had given them.

- **Acts 14:26:** "And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled."

Jesus was the one who decided that Paul would serve Him, and who appointed **tasks** for him to do.

- **Acts 22:10:** "And I said, What shall I do, LORD? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do."

The reason the government has the right to levy taxes is because God put them in power to carry out a specific **task** (which is to protect those who are innocent and prosecute those who are evil).

- **Romans 13:3-4, 6:** "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. ... For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing."

There are times when God gives people grace to carry out the **tasks** He has called them to do. (The reason Paul was able to minister to the Gentiles was because God gave him the grace he needed to do that.)

- **Ephesians 3:1-2:** "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:"

God's power was sufficient for Paul to carry out the **task** that God had give him.

- **Ephesians 3:7:** "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power."

Titus was given the **task** of fixing problems in churches.

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