

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Preparing to Fail or Preparing to Succeed

What does it mean to preparing to succeed? Preparation means: the action or process of making ready or being made ready for use or consideration. In order to prepare to succeed, we must make ready for success.

However, must does it mean to prepare to fail? It's not the opposite of above. Preparing to fail simply put is going through the preparations of success, however we go through the wrong preparations. Meaning, no matter how much we prepare we have no chance in succeeding.

So have you prepared to fail or succeed when it comes to your eternal resting place?

Many people in this world do so much and consider themselves so "religious". They will be surprised on the day of judgment when it is revealed that they have prepared to fail.

Today we spend our time preparing for a task: Bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord to Jerusalem. We see in this David and Israel preparing to fail, and failing. Then preparing to succeed and succeeding.

## Preparing to Fail, Preparing to Succeed

### \* Preparation

the action or process of making ready or being made ready for use or consideration.

### \* Task: Bring the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem

\* First—Establish a king

\* Second—Take the city of Jerusalem from the Jebusites

### \* Preparing to Fail

Gather all Israel, from all parts of the world

Take 30,000 choice men as well

Build/Acquire a new cart for the ark

### \* Result—Failure

Why? Was it because a lack of preparation? - No

### \* Preparing to Succeed

Gather the Levites

Sanctify them

The Levites bare (carry) the ark

### \* Result—Success

Why? Was it because they prepared more than above? - No

They prepared properly

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