

The Final Preparations for Entering the Promised Land: Five Strong Charges of Encouragement and Warning Deuteronomy 31:01–08

1. *The charge*

and strong encouragement given to the people

a. The death of Moses was rapidly approaching: Was 120 years old and forbidden to enter the promised land

b. The encouragement:
God’s constant presence and guidance was assured

1) God would lead —
go ahead of His people

- To destroy the enemy
- To secure the land

2) God would raise up
a new leader, Joshua

3) God would give complete and total victory over all the enemies of His people:
The kind of victory He gave over Sihon and Og

c. The charge:
Be strong and courageous!
Do not fear nor be terrified!

- 1) Because God will be with you
- 2) Because God will never leave nor forsake you

1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel:

2 “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’”

3 The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said.

4 And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land.

5 The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you.

6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**2. *The charge and encouragement given to Joshua:
The commissioning service to appoint him as the new leader***

a. The charge:

Be strong and courageous

1) He was the appointed leader of God's people

2) He was the one appointed to divide the land among them

b. The encouragement

1) The LORD's presence and guidance

2) The expectation:
That he would not fear nor be discouraged

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."