

# ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT

DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8 NCV



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# **DEUTERONOMY 31:1-3 NCV**

## **New Century Version**

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went and spoke these words to all the Israelites:

<sup>2</sup> “I am now one hundred twenty years old, and I cannot lead you anymore. The LORD told me I would not cross the Jordan river;

<sup>3</sup> The LORD Your GOD will lead you across HIMSELF. HE will destroy those nations for you, and you will take over their land. Joshua will also lead you across, as the LORD has said.



# **DEUTERONOMY 31:4-6 NCV**

<sup>4</sup> The LORD will do to those nations what HE did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, when HE destroyed them and their land.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD will give those nations to you; do to them everything I told you.

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them and don't be frightened, because the LORD Your GOD will go with you. HE will not leave you or forget you."





# **DEUTERONOMY 31:7-8 NCV**

<sup>7</sup> Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in front of the people, “be strong and brave, because you will lead these people into the land The LORD promised to give their ancestors, and help them take it as their own.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD HIMSELF will go before you. HE will be with you; HE will not leave you or forget you. Don’t be afraid and don’t worry.”





# SEASON OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION

- GOD is recalibrating the scales of morality and spirituality.
- God is calling for HIS People to come forward.
- God is calling for HIS People to assume positions of leadership.
- We must represent GOD in every area of our lives.
  - ❑ ***Ephesians 5:15-17 NKJV***, “<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what The Will of The LORD is.”
- We must reclaim the missed opportunities for righteousness.
- Accept the assignment to lead by GOD's example.



# APPOINTMENT VS. ASSIGNMENT

- **Misunderstanding** — a failure to understand; misinterpret or a failure to interpret something correctly; a mistake.
- **Existentially** — in an unfathomable, immeasurable, impossible to comprehend manner.
  - ✓ Moving by our free will without any certain knowledge of what is right or wrong, good or bad;
  - ✓ **Moving by faith.**
- The questions of Satan will cause confusion.
  - ❑ **1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV**, “<sup>33</sup> For GOD is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”
- Whenever confusion is present Satan is working.



# APPOINTMENT VS. ASSIGNMENT (PAGE 2)

- Don't waste time focusing on confusion.
- GOD appoints and assigns according to HIS Plan.
- GOD appoints and assigns based on our level of faith.
- **Appointments** are for **a time**; **Assignments** are for **a task**.
- **Appointment** — a nonelective office or position; to be designated; a designation by virtue of vested power.
  - ❑ **Acts 10:15 NLT**, “<sup>15</sup> But the voice spoke again: “Do not call something *unclean* if GOD has made it clean.”
- GOD knew, and took into consideration our past mistakes and poor choices.
- **GOD still appointed us!**





# APPOINTMENT VS. ASSIGNMENT (PAGE 3)

- **Assignment** — a specific task or amount of work delegated, or given for undertaking by an authority; to temporarily commission or entrust.
- **Assignments** are for a **season**; **Appointments** are for a **reason**.
  - ❑ **1 Corinthians 10:13 NCV**, *“<sup>13</sup> The only temptation that has come to you is that which everyone has. But you can trust GOD, who will not permit you to be tempted more than you can stand. But when you are tempted, HE will also give you a way to escape so that you will be able to stand it.”*
- GOD knows our attention span.
- GOD **assigns** us **to help**.
- GOD **appoints** us **to lead**.



# **APPOINTMENT VS. ASSIGNMENT** (PAGE 4)

- Assignments are temporary.
  - ❑ **Hebrews 1:14 NCV**, *“<sup>14</sup> All the angels are spirits who serve GOD and are sent to help those who will receive salvation.”*
- **DO NOT:**
  - ✓ Become best friends with the assignment.
  - ✓ Become intimately involved with the assignment.
  - ✓ Fall in love with the assignment.
  - ✓ Date or Marry the assignment.
  - ✓ Become too personal with the assignment.
- **Assignments are temporary!**



# MOSES → JOSHUA TRANSITION

- ❑ **Genesis 6:3 NCV**, “<sup>3</sup> The LORD said, “My Spirit will not remain in human beings forever, because they are flesh. They will live only 120 years.”
- Moses led Israel for +/- 40 years.
  - ✓ From the ten (10) plagues in Egypt → through the Red Sea.
  - ✓ From the Red Sea → to Mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments.
  - ✓ Received the Ten Commandments → then wandered in the desert for 40 years.
  - ✓ From the desert → to Mount Nebo where Moses died within sight of the Promised Land.
- Joshua led Israel for +/- 14 years.
  - ✓ Crossed the Jordan River → to seven (7) years of battle.
    - Defeated 31 kings and conquered their cities and territories.





# MOSES → JOSHUA TRANSITION (PAGE 2)

- Joshua led Israel for +/- 14 years. (Continued)
  - ✓ From seven (7) years of battle → overseeing the process of dividing the land amongst the 12 tribes of Israel and allocating a portion to each family.
- 12 Judges of Israel ruled for +/- 350 years.
  - ✓ Represented each of the 12 Tribes of Israel.
  - ✓ Ruled until King Saul takes the throne followed by King David and King Solomon.
- Moses and the 12 Judges of Israel were **appointed**. Joshua was **assigned**.
- Appointed leaders focus on fulfilling a purpose.
- Assigned leaders focus on solving a problem.



# MOSES → JOSHUA TRANSITION (PAGE 3)

- ❑ ***Psalms 33:20-22 NCV***, “<sup>20</sup> So our hope is in The LORD. HE is our help, our shield to protect us. <sup>21</sup> We rejoice in HIM, because we trust HIS Holy Name. <sup>22</sup> LORD, show YOUR love to us as we put our hope in YOU.”
  
- ❑ ***2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NCV***, “<sup>16</sup> So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us is made new every day. <sup>17</sup> We have small troubles for a while now, but they are helping us gain an eternal glory that is much greater than the troubles. <sup>18</sup> We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.”



# **POINT 1 — ACCEPT ACCOUNTABILITY**

## **Deuteronomy 31:3 NCV**

“<sup>3</sup> The LORD Your GOD will lead you across HIMSELF. HE will destroy those nations for you, and you will take over their land. Joshua will also lead you across, as The LORD has said.”

- **Accept** — to receive willingly; to take hold; to endure without protest or reaction; to recognize as true.
- **Accountability** — an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility, or to account for one's actions; to be answerable or explainable; liable.





# POINT 1 — ACCEPT ACCOUNTABILITY (PAGE 2)

- GOD expects answers not excuses.
  - ❑ **Romans 11:29 NCV**, “<sup>29</sup> GOD never changes HIS mind about the people HE calls and the things HE gives them.
  
- We answer to GOD not the people.
  - ❑ **Romans 14:12 NKJV**, “<sup>12</sup> So then each of us shall give account of himself to GOD.”



# POINT 2 — ACCEPT AUTHORITY

## Deuteronomy 31:5 NCV

“<sup>5</sup> The LORD will give those nations to you; do to them everything I told you.”

- **Authority** — freedom granted by one in authority; delegated power to influence or command, a right.
- GOD created us to live in authority.
  - ❑ **Genesis 1:27-28 NCV**, “<sup>27</sup> So GOD created human beings in HIS Image. In the image of GOD, HE created them. HE created them male and female. <sup>28</sup> GOD blessed them and said, “Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



# POINT 2 — ACCEPT AUTHORITY (PAGE 2)

➤ GOD expects us to exercise authority.

❑ **Luke 10:18-19 NCV**, *<sup>18</sup> Jesus said, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Listen, I have given you power to walk on snakes and scorpions, power that is greater than the enemy has. So, nothing will hurt you.”*





# **POINT 3 — ACCEPT AFFIRMATION**

## **Deuteronomy 31:7 NCV**

“7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in front of the people, “Be strong and brave, because you will lead these people into the land The LORD promised to give their ancestors, and help them take it as their own.

- **Affirmation** — to validate, confirm, approve, express strong belief in or dedication to someone or something.



# POINT 3 — ACCEPT AFFIRMATION (PAGE 2)

➤ GOD has confidence in our abilities.

❑ **1 Peter 2:9 NCV**, *“<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for GOD’s Own Possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of GOD, WHO called you out of darkness into HIS Wonderful Light.”*

➤ GOD was intentional when HE assigned us.

❑ **St. John 15:16 NCV**, *“<sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me [Christ]; I chose you. And I gave you this work: to go and produce fruit, fruit that will last. Then The FATHER will give you anything you ask for in My Name.”*





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