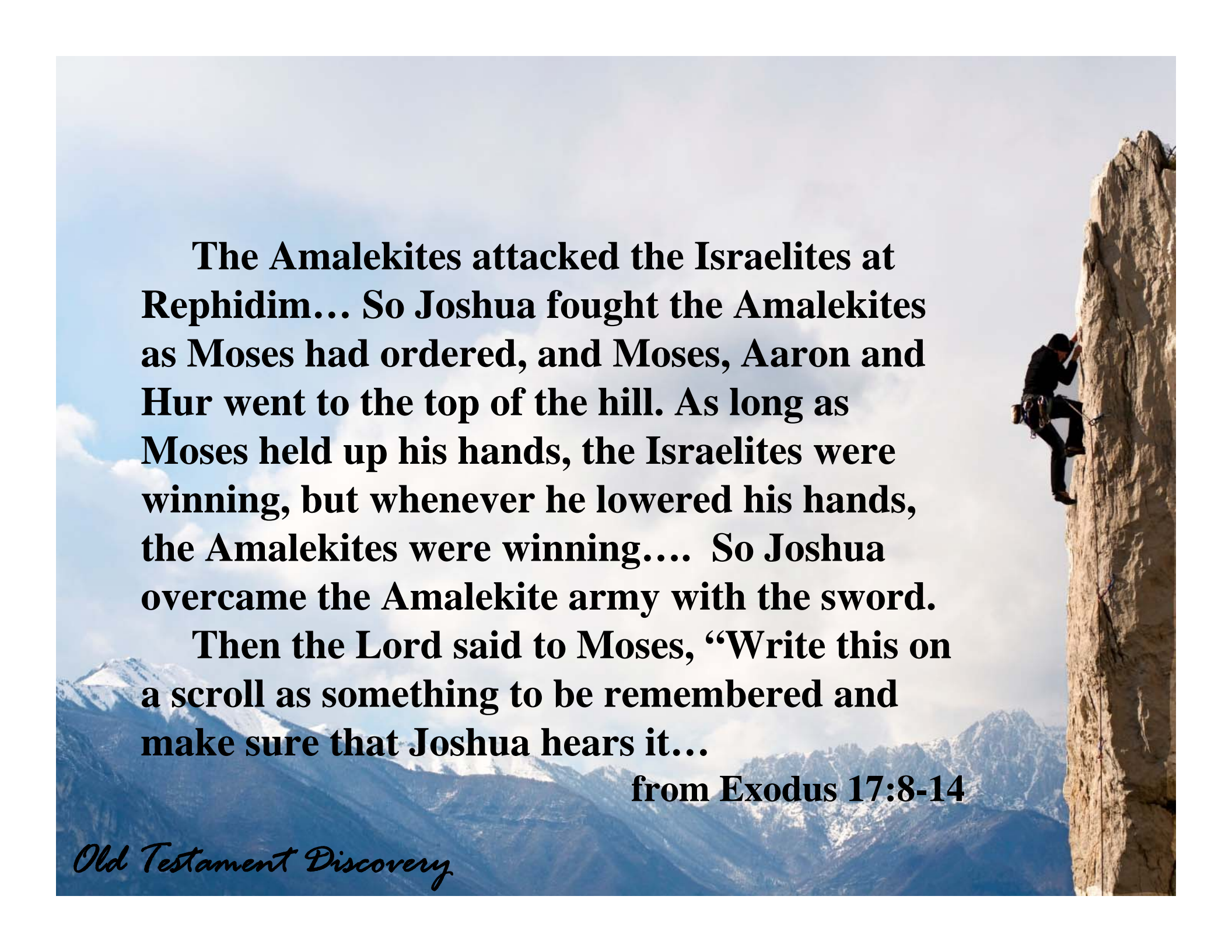


# Be Strong and Courageous

Joshua 1:1-9 ■ June 29, 2008 ■ Pastor Don Beachy



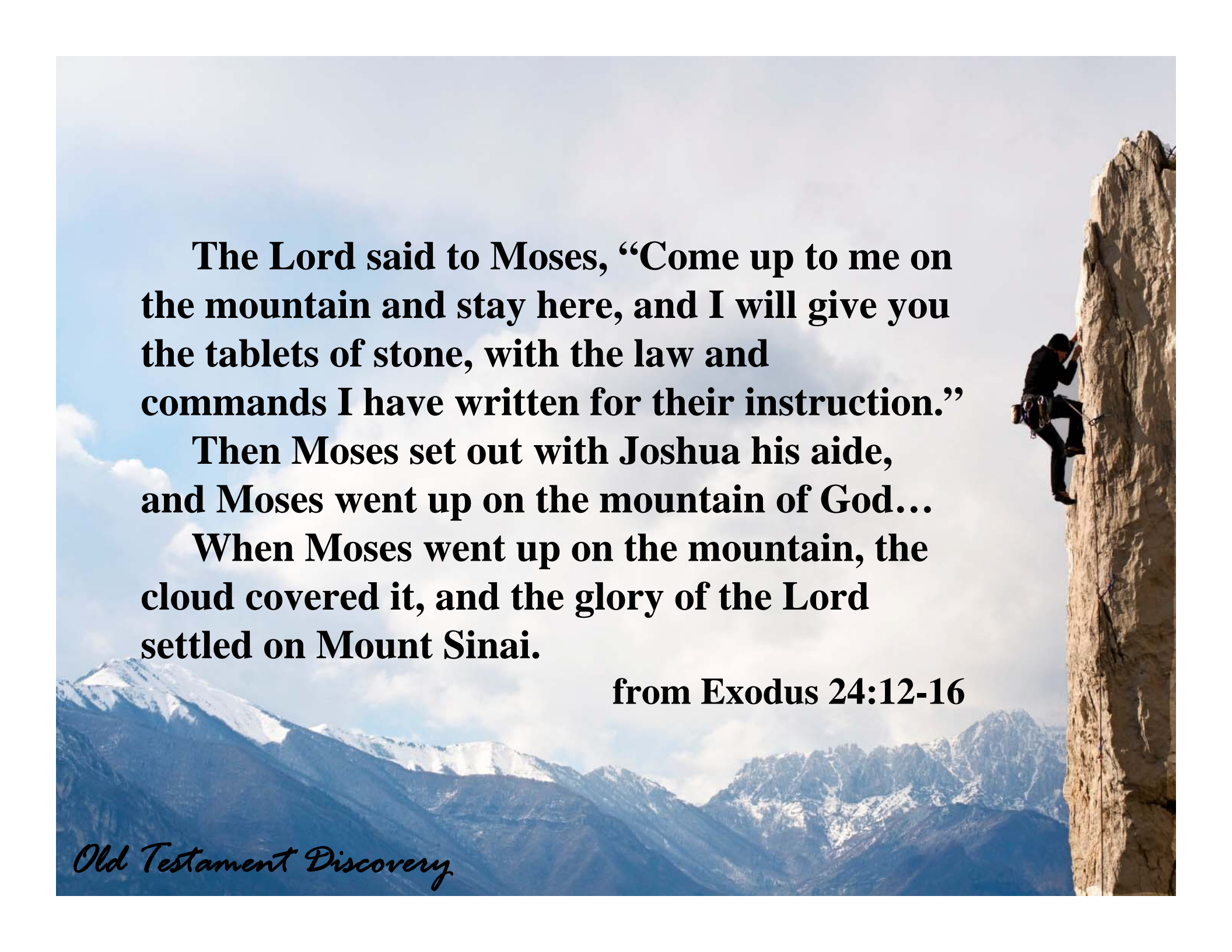


**The Amalekites attacked the Israelites at Rephidim... So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.... So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.**

**Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it...”**

**from Exodus 17:8-14**

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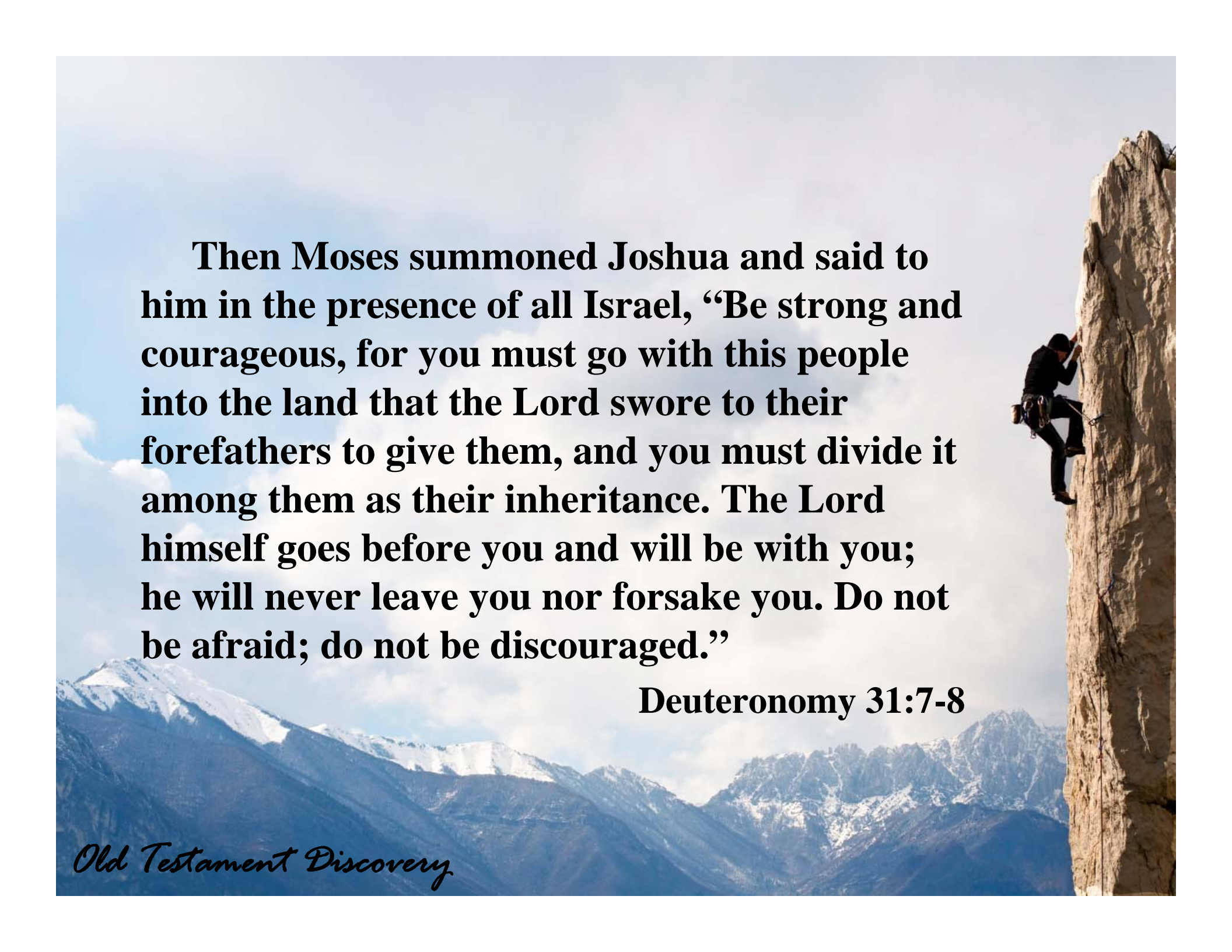


**The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction.”**

**Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God...**

**When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai.**

**from Exodus 24:12-16**

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**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 forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. 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.”**

**Deuteronomy 31:7-8**

# The Leader's Comfort: “I will be with you”

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said... “I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed...

Genesis 26:2-4



# The Leader's Comfort: “I will be with you”

Jacob had a dream... and the Lord said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying... All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land.

from Genesis 28:12-15



# The Leader's Comfort: “I will be with you”

Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob... The cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

And God said, “I will be with you...”

from Exodus 3:1-12

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# The Leader's Comfort: “I will be with you”

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... 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.”

from Deuteronomy 31:3-6



# The Leader's Charge: Be strong and courageous!

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”

from Deuteronomy 20:1-4

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# **The Leader's Character: Meditate on and Obey My Law**

**Listen**

**Read**

**Study**

**Memorize**

**Meditate**



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**I will be with you**

**Be strong and courageous!**

**Obey my Law**

**Meditate on my Law**

**Be strong and courageous!**

**The LORD your God will be with you**

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