

A Time of Transition
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Daniel 2:20-21

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

*He changes times and seasons;
He removes kings and sets up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge
to those who have understanding;”*

This message is **based** on my **first LEFC message** on **Oct 10th, 2004**.

- **There are three things** that are **inevitable**: death, **taxes**, and change.

The Lord **never changes** but He is an **agent of change**. Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, Daniel 2:20-21

- **A leaf represents LEFC**: we are in the **midst** of a **God-ordained** change and a **transition to new and exciting season**.
 - The **definition of transition** is the **process of changing or passing from one state, form, subject or place to another**.

The Bible records many significant transitions: Haran to Canaan, to Egypt, to Canaan.

- **Maybe the most significant** transition in Bible is from **wilderness of discipline** to the **promised land**, and the transition of **God-ordained leadership of Moses to Joshua**. Joshua 1:1-2

Israel **lived** in the **wilderness** by God’s **miraculous provision**.

- In **promised land of Canaan**, Israel had to **walk and live by faith**.

This transition **foreshadows** and presents a **picture of Jesus Christ atoning work**. The **Old Covenant law is fulfilled**, and the **New Covenant is instituted**.

- **Moses** represented the **law**, **Joshua** represented **God’s provision of salvation in Jesus Christ**.
 - **Joshua** was **originally** called **Hoshea**, which means **salvation**.
Numbers 13:16, Matthew 5:17, 1 Corinthians 11:25

- **Moses changed to his name to Joshua**, which means “the **Lord saves, Lord gives victory**”.

- **The Greek form of Joshua is JESUS**

Many things passed away with Moses: the **Glory cloud**, the **Pillar of fire**, the provision of **Manna**.

- It’s **difficult to let go of the past and step out onto new ground**.
 - **We like the past**. It’s **comfortable**, and we **know** what to expect.
“**Moses did it this way**.”

We should **learn from the past**. **Don’t live in it or idolize it!!!** Deuteronomy 34:5-7, Philippians 3:13b-14

- **We still don’t know exactly where Moses’ grave is**.
 - **Maybe** because people would **worship him** at his gravesite. That’s **not what Moses would have wanted**.

- **Remember** and honor the **past**, but **live** in the **present**, and **look forward** to the **future**.
 - **The end of 1 chapter** allows the **beginning** of **another** glorious chapter of the **Lord working in and through** His **people**. This is true now for **LEFC** and for **me**.

The **Lord brings** His ppl **through** the **Jordan** with Joshua **like He** took **their fathers** through the **Red Sea** with **Moses**.

- The **greatest** Christian **leaders** are only **servants**. They are just a **glove** on the **Lord's hand**. *Matthew 23:11-12*
 - The Lord does **not need anyone** or anything to **accomplish anything** in **world** or our lives but **chooses** to **use people** for His **glory**.

Moses' task was **completed** so **God chose Joshua** to **continue His work**.

- **Moses** was **80** when he led the people **out** of **Egypt**. **Joshua** was around **70** to **80** when they **crossed** the **Jordan**.
 - **"Classic"** Christians, do **NOT** put **YOURSELF** **"out to pasture"**!
 - The Lord **never promised** it would be **easy** serving Him. *2 Timothy 2:2-4*
 - God's **passion** is for **you**, **not** the **work you do** in His name. Mark 12:33

Every God-ordained **leader needs** hidden **heroes**: people who are **not up front** but serve **behind scenes**, many times doing **hard, uncomfortable** things.

Exodus 17:8-13

- **Moses had Joshua** and many **hidden heroes**.
 - Ryan is the **God-ordained Senior Pastor** for **LEFC** next season.
 - **LEFC** leadership **needs hidden heroes** to **glorify God!**
 - **We need to support Ryan** and the **Elders** with **prayer**, and **Holy-Spirit led service**.