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| **A** | As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you  (5b) |
|  | **B** | Be strong and courageous … be strong and very courageous  (6,7a) |
|  |  | **C** | Be careful to obey all the law … that you may be successful  (7b) |
|  |  |  | **D** | Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth  (8a) |
|  |  |  | **D′** | Meditate on it day and night  (8b) |
|  |  | **C′** | Be careful to do everything written in it … that you may be prosperousand successful  (8c) |
|  | **B′** | Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged  (9a) |
| **A′** | for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.  (9b) |
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CHIASMUS

A chiasmus is a Hebrew logic pattern. When a writer uses chiasmus to make a point, he builds his case step by step to the most important thought and then repeats the steps in reverse order. Here are two examples:

Joshua 1:5b-9

Hebrews 1:2-3

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| **A** | …his (God’s) Son,  |
|  | **B** | whom He appointed heir of all things |
|  |  | **C** | Through whom also He created the world. |
|  |  |  | **D** He is the radiance of the glory of God |
|  |  |  | **D’** and the exact imprint of His nature. |
|  |  | **C′** | He upholds the universe by the word of His power. |
|  | **B′** | After making purification for sins, |
| **A′** | He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high. |