

**Yitro**  
**“Jethro”**

**Torah:** Exodus 18:1-20:26  
**Haftarah:** Isaiah 6:1-7:6 & 9:5-6  
**Brit Chadasha:** Matthew 5:21-30; 15:1-11; Mark 7:5-15 & 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30; Romans 2:17-29

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**TORAH:**

**Exodus 18**

*Jethro’s Advice*

1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and Moses’ father-in-law, heard about everything God had done for Moses and for His people Israel, and how *Adonai* had brought Israel out of Egypt. (

2 Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, had taken in Moses’ wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away

3 with her two sons. One was named Gershom because he said, “I have been an outsider in a foreign land,”

4 and the name of the other was Eliezer because he said, “For my father’s God is my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.”)

5 So Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God.

6 He had told Moses, “I, Jethro your father-in-law, am coming to you, along with your wife and her two sons.”

7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, then bowed down and kissed him. They asked each other about their welfare, and went into the tent.

8 Moses told his father-in-law all that *Adonai* had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, as well as all the travail that had come upon them along the way, and how *Adonai* delivered them.

9 Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness that *Adonai* had shown to Israel, since He had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 Jethro said, "Blessed be *Adonai*, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that *Adonai* is greater than all gods, since they had acted arrogantly against them."

12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, presented a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. Aaron also came along with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 The next day, Moses sat to judge the people, and they stood around Moses from morning till evening.

14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What's this you're doing to the people? Why sit by yourself, alone, with all the people standing around from morning until evening?"

15 Moses answered his father-in-law, "It's because the people come to me to inquire of God.

16 When they have an issue, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, so I make them understand God's statutes and His laws."

17 But Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you're doing is no good.

18 You will surely wear yourself out, as well as these people who are with you, because the task is too heavy for you. You cannot do it alone, by yourself.

19 Now listen to my voice—I will give you advice, and may God be with you! You, represent the people before God, and bring their cases to God.

20 Enlighten them as to the statutes and the laws, and show them the way by which they must walk and the work they must do.

21 But you should seek out capable men out of all the people—men who fear God, men of truth, who hate bribery. Appoint them to be rulers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

22 Let them judge the people all the time. Then let every major case be brought to you, but every minor case they can judge for themselves. Make it easier for yourself, as they bear the burden with you.

23 If you do this thing as God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their places in *shalom*.”

24 So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

25 Moses chose capable men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

26 They judged the people all the time. The hard cases they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went on his way to his own land.

## **Exodus 19**

### *Theophany at Sinai*

1 In the third month after *Bnei-Yisrael* had gone out of the land of Egypt, that same day they arrived at the wilderness of Sinai.

2 They travelled from Rephidim, came into to the wilderness of Sinai, and set up camp in the wilderness. Israel camped there, right in front of the mountain.

3 Moses went up to God, and *Adonai* called to him from the mountain saying, “Say this to the house of Jacob, and tell *Bnei-Yisrael*,

4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to Myself.

5 Now then, if you listen closely to My voice, and keep My covenant, then you will be My own treasure from among all people, for all the earth is Mine.

6 So as for you, you will be to Me a kingdom of *kohanim* and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you are to speak to *Bnei-Yisrael*.”

7 So Moses went, called for the elders of the people, and put before them all these words that *Adonai* had commanded him.

8 All the people answered together and said, “Everything that *Adonai* has spoken, we will do.” Then Moses reported the words of the people to *Adonai*.

9 *Adonai* said to Moses, "I am about to come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to *Adonai*.

10 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Go to the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow. Let them wash their clothing.

11 Be ready for the third day. For on the third day *Adonai* will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 You are to set boundaries for the people all around, saying, 'Be very careful not to go up onto the mountain, or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death.

13 Not a hand is to touch it, but he will surely be stoned or shot through. Whether it is an animal or a man, it will not live.' When the *shofar* sounds, they may come up to the mountain."

14 Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people, consecrated them, and then, they washed their clothing.

15 He said to the people, "Be ready for the third day. Do not draw near your wives."

16 In the morning of the third day, there was thundering and lightning, a thick cloud on the mountain, and the blast of an exceedingly loud *shofar*. All the people in the camp trembled.

17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the lowest part of the mountain.

18 Now the entire Mount Sinai was in smoke, because *Adonai* had descended upon it in fire. The smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace. The whole mountain quaked greatly.

19 When the sound of the *shofar* grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with a thunderous sound.

20 Then *Adonai* came down onto Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. *Adonai* called Moses to the top of the mountain, so Moses went up.

21 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to see *Adonai*, and many of them die.

22 Even the *kohanim* who come near to *Adonai* must consecrate themselves, so that *Adonai* does not break out against them."

23 Moses said to *Adonai*, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for You are the One who warned us, saying, ‘Set boundaries around the mountain, and consecrate it.’”

24 Then *Adonai* said to him, “Go down. You are to come back up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the *kohanim* and the people break through to come up to *Adonai*, or He will break out against them.”

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

### **Exodus 20:1-23**

#### *The Ten Words*

1 Then God spoke all these words saying,

2 “I am *Adonai* your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 Do not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth.

5 Do not bow down to them, do not let anyone make you serve them. For I, *Adonai* your God, am a jealous God, bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 but showing lovingkindness to the thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My *mitzvot*.

7 “You must not take the Name of *Adonai* your God in vain, for *Adonai* will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain.

8 “Remember Yom Shabbat, to keep it holy.

9 You are to work six days, and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a *Shabbat* to *Adonai* your God. In it you shall not do any work—not you, nor your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, your cattle, nor the outsider that is within your gates.

11 For in six days *Adonai* made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Thus *Adonai* blessed Yom Shabbat, and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which *Adonai* your God is giving you.

13 “Do not murder.

14 “Do not commit adultery.

15 “Do not steal.

16 “Do not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “Do not covet your neighbor’s house, your neighbor’s wife, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

18 All the people witnessed the thundering and the lightning, and the sound of the *shofar*, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.

19 So they said to Moses, “You, speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.”

20 So Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come to test you, so that His fear may be in you, so that you do not sin.”

21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

22 Then *Adonai* said to Moses, “Say this to *Bnei-Yisrael*: You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.

23 Do not make gods of silver alongside Me, and do not make gods of gold for yourselves.

24 You are to make an altar of earth for Me, and there you will sacrifice your burnt offerings, your fellowship offerings—your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come to you and bless you.

25 When you make for Me an altar of stones, do not build it from cut stone, for if you use a tool on it, you will have profaned it.

26 Nor are you to go up to My altar on steps, so that your nakedness would not be uncovered while on it.”

## HAFTARAH

### Isaiah 6:1-13

Judah's Encounter with *Adonai*

1 In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw *Adonai* sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the Temple.

2 Seraphim were standing above Him. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 One called out to another, and said: "Holy, holy, holy, is *Adonai-Tzva'ot!* The whole earth is full of His glory."

4 Then the posts of the door trembled at the voice of those who called, and the House was filled with smoke.

5 Then I said: "Oy to me! For I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I am dwelling among a people of unclean lips. For my eyes have seen the King, *Adonai-Tzva'ot!*"

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 He touched my mouth with it and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips. Your iniquity is taken away, and your sins atoned for."

8 Then I heard the voice of *Adonai* saying: "Whom should I send, and who will go for Us?" So I said, "*Hineni*. Send me."

9 Then He said: "Go! Tell this people: 'Hear without understanding, and see without perceiving.'

10 Make the heart of this people fat, their ears heavy, and their eyes blind. Else they would see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return, and be healed.”

11 Then I said, “*Adonai*, how long?” He answered, “Until cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, houses are without people, and the land is utterly desolate.

12 *Adonai* will drive people far away. The desertion of the land will be vast.

13 Though a tenth still be in it, it will again be burned. As a terebinth tree or as an oak whose stump remains when cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump.”

### **Isaiah 7:1-6**

#### Reassurance Regarding a Threat

1 Now it came about in the days of Ahaz son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah, son of Remaliah of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 When it was reported to the house of David saying: “Aram is camped in Ephraim,” his heart as well as the heart of his people shook like the trees of the forest shaking with the wind.

3 Then *Adonai* said to Isaiah: “Go out now to meet Ahaz—you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, in the highway of the fullers’ field;

4 and say to him, ‘Keep calm and be quiet. Do not fear nor be faint-hearted because of these two stubs of smoldering firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, nor of the son of Remaliah,

5 because Aram has plotted harm against you, along with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah saying,

6 “Let us go up against Judah, terrorize it, divide it for ourselves, and appoint Tabeel’s son as king in the midst of it.”

### **Isaiah 9:5-6**

5 For to us a child is born, a son will be given to us, and the government will be upon His shoulder. His Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God My Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace.



6 Of the increase of His government and *shalom* there will be no end— on the throne of David and over His kingdom— to establish it and uphold it through justice and righteousness from now until forevermore. The zeal of *Adonai-Tzva'ot* will accomplish this.

## **BRIT CHADASHA**

### **Matthew 5:21-30**

21 “You have heard it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever commits murder shall be subject to judgment.’

22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘*Raca*’ shall be subject to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be subject to fiery Gehenna.

23 “Therefore if you are presenting your offering upon the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your offering there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

25 “Make friends quickly with your opponent while you are with him on the way. Otherwise, your opponent may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the assistant, and you will be thrown into prison.

26 Amen, I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid back the last penny!

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

28 But I tell you that everyone who looks upon a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 And if your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away! It is better for you that one part of your body should be destroyed, than that your whole body be thrown into Gehenna.

30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away! It is

better for you that one part of your body should be destroyed, than that your whole body go into Gehenna.

### **Matthew 15:1-11**

1 Then some Pharisees and *Torah* scholars came to *Yeshua* from Jerusalem. They said,

2 “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not do the ritual handwashing when they eat bread.”

3 And answering, He said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?

4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.’

5 But you say, ‘Whoever tells his father or mother, “Whatever you might have gained from me is a gift to God,”

6 he need not honor his father.’ On account of your tradition, you made void the word of God.

7 Hypocrites! Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying,

8 ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

10 Then *Yeshua* called the crowd and said to them, “Hear and understand.

11 It’s not what goes into the mouth that makes the man unholy; but what comes out of the mouth, this makes the man unholy.”

### **Mark 7:5-15**

5 The Pharisees and *Torah* scholars questioned *Yeshua*, “Why don’t Your disciples walk according to the tradition of the elders? Why do they eat bread with unwashed hands?”

6 And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.

7 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of

men.’

8 Having left behind the commandment of God, you hold on to the tradition of men.”

9 He was also telling them, “You set aside the commands of God, in order that you may validate your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death.’

11 But you say if anyone tells his father or mother, ‘Whatever you might have gained from me is *korban* (that is, an offering to God),’

12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13 making void the word of God with your tradition that you’ve handed down. And you do many such things.”

14 Then *Yeshua* called the crowd again and began saying to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand.

15 There is nothing outside the man that can make him unholy by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of the man that makes the man unholy.”

### **Mark 10:17-31**

17 As *Yeshua* was setting out on His way, a man ran up to Him, fell on his knees before Him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call Me good?” *Yeshua* said to him. “No one is good except One—that is God.

19 You know the commandments, ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony,’ do not cheat, ‘honor your father and mother.’”

20 The man responded, “Teacher, all these I have kept since my youth!”

21 Looking at him, *Yeshua* loved him and said, “One thing you lack. Go, sell as much as you have, and give to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

22 But at this statement, the man became sad and went away grieving, for he had much property.

23 Then looking around, *Yeshua* says to His disciples, “How hard it will be for the

rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 The disciples were amazed at His words. But *Yeshua* answers again and says to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 The disciples were even more astonished, saying among themselves, “Then who can be saved?”

27 Looking at them, *Yeshua* said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God!”

28 Peter began to say to Him, “Look, we’ve left everything to follow You!”

29 “Amen, I tell you,” *Yeshua* replied, “there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for My sake and for the sake of the Good News,

30 who will not receive a hundred times as much now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and property, along with persecutions; and in the *olam ha-ba* , eternal life.

31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

### **Luke 18:18-30**

18 And a religious leader inquired of *Yeshua*, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

19 “Why are you calling Me good?” *Yeshua* said to him. “No one is good except One—that is God.

20 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

21 The man said, “All these I have kept since my youth.”

22 When *Yeshua* heard this, He said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all, as much as you have, and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

23 But upon hearing these things, he became deeply distressed, for he was very rich.

24 Gazing at him, *Yeshua* said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 Then those who heard said, “Then who can be saved?”

27 But *Yeshua* said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

28 Then Peter said, “Look, we’ve left everything of our own to follow You.”

29 And *Yeshua* said to them, “Amen, I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times as much in this age; and in the *olam ha-ba* , eternal life.”

### **Romans 2:17-29**

Jewish People Fall Short Too

17 But if you call yourself Jewish and rely upon the *Torah* and boast in God

18 and know His will and determine what matters because you are instructed from the *Torah*—

19 and you are sure that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the *Torah* the embodiment of knowledge and the truth—

21 you then who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach not to steal, do you steal?

22 You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples?

23 You who take pride in the *Torah*, through your violation of the *Torah*, do you dishonor God?

24 For as it is written, “the name of God is slandered among the nations because of you.”

25 Circumcision is indeed worthwhile if you keep the *Torah*; but if you break the *Torah*, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 Therefore, if the uncircumcised keeps the righteous decrees of the *Torah*, will

not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

27 Indeed, the one not circumcised physically who fulfills the *Torah* will judge you who—even with the written code and circumcision—break the *Torah*.

28 For one is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision something visible in the flesh.

29 Rather, the Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—in Spirit not in letter. His praise is not from men, but from God.

## **2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

### Eagerness to Give

1 Now we make known to you, brothers and sisters, the grace God has given to Messiah's communities in Macedonia—

2 that in much testing by affliction, the abundance of their joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

3 For I testify that according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, they gave of their own free will—

4 begging us with much urging for the favor of sharing in the relief of the *kedoshim*.

5 Moreover, it was not just as we had hoped, but they gave of themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

6 So we urged Titus that, just as he had made a start before, so he should also complete this gracious service for you.

7 But as you excel in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all diligence, and in your love for us—also excel in this grace.

8 I am saying this not as a command, but I am trying to prove by the diligence of others the genuineness of your love as well.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah—that even though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that through His poverty you might become rich.

10 Now I give my opinion in this matter, that it is a credit to you that a year ago you were the first to start—not only to do but even to be willing.

11 But now finish doing it, so that just as there was eagerness to be willing, so also to finish it, out of what you have.

12 For if the eagerness is present, the gift is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he doesn't have.

13 For it is not relief for others and hardship for you, but as a matter of equality.

14 Your abundance at this present time meets their need, so that their abundance may also meet your need—so that there may be equality.

15 As it is written, "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

### **Revelation 15:1-4**

#### Song of Moses to the Lamb

1 Then I saw another great and wonderful sign in heaven: seven angels who have seven plagues—the last ones, for with them God's wrath is finished.

2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name standing by the sea of glass, holding the harps of God.

3 And they are singing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and wonderful are Your deeds, *Adonai Elohei-Tzva'ot*! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

4 Who shall not fear and glorify Your name, O Lord? For You alone are Holy. All the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed!"