

Midian. Now Jethro brings them to be with the children of Israel, slightly after two years have passed. Note Jethro's actions and words in 18:10-12. He advises Moses on how to order the camp for better rule and this proves to be a help to Moses and to the arrangement of the whole camp. And eventually he returns home although Moses would have been pleased to have him stay.

Jethro is one of those non-Israelite persons in the Old Testament who just show up...having a real relationship with the God of the Bible. It is an indication that the grace of God is not as sharply controlled as we have sometimes thought.

#### 6. Summary:

In his redemptive work God has shown that He is the supply of His people, the protector of His people, the advisor of His people. When His people are yielded and walking with Him they have all they need. A great lesson in redemption.

#### B. The Covenant at Sinai...Exodus 19

The situation is dominated by the giving of the law. Law as principle is not new..laws regarding man and worship are as old as human intelligence. Many laws not to be codified (the Sabbath) were much older than this act of codification. But this is a covenantal enactment with the people as a nation-that is the "new" element. The economy of the people is moving from a patristic economy to a covenantal and national economy. This is one of the most significant chapters in the Bible so far as Israel's national status is concerned.

##### 1. Historic Background 19:1-6

Against the background of His care and love for Israel God will now designate them a peculiar people and assign to them the intentions of vs. 6. In this connexion be sure to read 1 Peter 2:10, in context.

##### 2. The covenantal pledge 19:7-9

##### 3. Covenantal preparations 19:10-15

##### 4. The voice on the Mount 19:16-20

##### 5. Communication with Moses 19:21-25