

Jethro Gives Moses Wise Counsel

Exodus 18:1, 5, 13-27

Jethro was the priest of Midian and the father-in-law of Moses. He heard all that Elohim had done for Moses and for His people Israel and how **YAHWEH** caused Israel to go out from Egypt. He came with Moses' sons and Moses' wife to the wilderness where he camped, at the mount of Elohim.

On the next day, Moses sat to judge the people. The people stood beside Moses from morning until evening. Jethro saw all he was doing to the people.

He said to Moses, **"What is this thing which you are doing to the people? Why are you sitting by yourself, and all the people standing beside you from morning until evening?"**

Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to seek Elohim. When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor. I make known the statutes of Elohim, and the laws from His Torah."

Then Jethro said to Moses, **"The thing which you do is not good.** Surely, you will wear out, both you and the people with you. For the thing is heavy for you. You are not able to do it by yourself."

Jethro continued, "Now listen to my voice. I will advise you, and may Elohim be with you. You will stand for the people before Elohim, and you will bring the matters to Elohim.

"You warn them as to the statutes and the laws of the Torah, and make known to them the way in which they should walk, and the work which they should do."

"You choose men of ability out of all the people, who fear Elohim. These should be men of truth who hate unjust gain. Place these men over the people as rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. Let

them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they will bring to you, and every small matter they will judge.”

“You make it easy on yourself, and let them bear the load with you. If you do this thing, and Elohim command you, you will be able to stand; and also the people will go in peace to their place.”

Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and he did all that he had said.

He chose men of ability from all Israel and made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

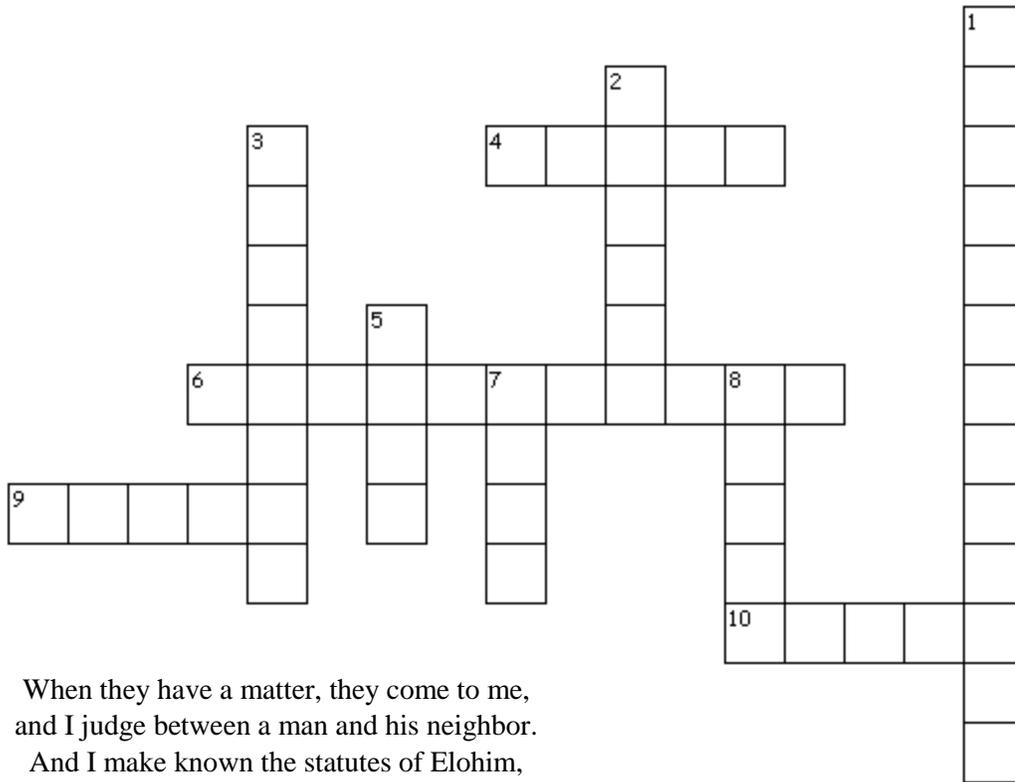
They judged the people at all times; the hard matters they brought to Moses, and every small matter they judged themselves.

Afterwards, Moses sent his father-in-law on his way and Jethro departed and went back to his own land.



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and I judge between a man and his neighbor.
And I make known the statutes of Elohim,
and the laws from His Torah.

Exodus 18:16

Across

4. Moses was told only to judge what kind of matter?
6. Who did Jethro bring with him to meet Moses?
9. What did Moses do for the people?
10. What was Moses making known to the people?

Down

1. Where did Jethro meet Moses?
2. Who was the father-in-law of Moses?
3. How often were the people judged?
5. How many people were sitting with Moses in the beginning?
7. Jethro told Moses to choose people that _____ Elohim.
8. Where did Yahweh cause Israel to come out of?



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F G T D S C I V K H O F K S T
Y Y C E P S Z D V S V G E R O
W A L N I R E H T A F U U C R
Q M I E Q T M N G D T T L X A
C U B T T I J W R A H E D B H
J K A S D S N I T E L O H I M
E G A I K E E S S M D A W O S
T Y A L M E J I C R O L D U R
H N E L P O E P R D A S I B E
R J U D G E W S D P I E E W L
O P M A C M A T I W A U L S U
K G H F L G L B Y N J S X Z R

Camp

Elohim

Father-in-law

Israel

Jethro

Judge

Law

Listened

Men

Midian

Moses

People

Priests

Rulers

Seek

Statues

Scribe

Torah

Truth

Wilderness

And let them judge the people at all times. And it shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, and every small matter they shall judge. And you make it easy on yourself, and let them bear with you.

Exodus 18:22