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## Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



# Exo 18-20

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- Jethro is not upset that Moses has brought 2-3 million guests back home unannounced cf. (4:18)
  - While Moses reunited with his father in law (18:7-12), there is no record that Moses had a joyous reunion with his wife and sons (18:6)
  - Moses was the first JUDGE of Israel (18:13) cf. (Acts 7:35; 13:20)
  - The purpose of the judges was to DELIVER the people (Jud 2:18) and to DISCLOSE the word (18:16)
  - Jethro offers sound advice to Moses regarding delegation of responsibilities within the congregation (18:19-22)- effective leaders will delegate to able men (Neh 7:2) and have workable spans of control (Matt 10:1)
  - The role these “delegates” (elders) played in the OT is comparable to the role of DEACONS (Acts 6:3) in the NT
  - Under this proposal, Moses would be the “Supreme Court judge” and an overseer of the “lower courts” in which the elders were judges
  - Jethro was not necessarily trying to push his advice on Moses, since he conditioned acceptance of it based on the Lord commanding it (18:23)
  - Moses was wrong in accepting the advice without first consulting the Lord (18:24)
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- The Lord intended on delegating judgment (21:6) but it would need to be in his way and in his time (Num 11:16-25)
- The fact Moses would later complain to the Lord (Num 11:10-15) proves the Lord did not bless Moses' presumption to heed Jethro's advice
- Why would a man who talked DIRECTLY to God ask for or need advice from anyone?
- The children of Israel finally arrive at Mt. Sinai, but what was a 3-day journey took them two months (19:1)
- Moses is the greatest mountain climber in the Bible: he went UP the mount at least 7x (19:3,8,20; 20:21; 24:9; 32:31; 34:4) and DOWN the mount at least 7x (19:7,14,25; 24:3; 32:15,34; 35:4)
- Moses could have stayed beneath the mount and tried to talk to God, but he would have been disobedient, because God designated a specific PLACE to meet with him
- God has designated a specific PLACE (i.e.-the local church) and TIME (i.e.- Sunday) for us to meet with him, yet all too many disobey claiming they can meet with God anytime and anywhere

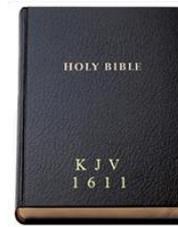




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- Israel is the Lord's "National Treasure" (19:5) cf. (1 Pet 2:9)
- The Lord intended for the entire nation to be a priesthood (19:6), just like the church (1 Pet 2:9); but when Israel insisted on being under law, the tribal (Levi) priesthood was soon instituted cf. (28:1)
- **The Fifth Dispensation: LAW** (extends from Sinai to Calvary)
- The people should never have pledged to obey all that the Lord had spoken (19:8); they should have learned from their trials (15:25; 16:4) and confessed their inability to obey his voice and keep his covenant (19:5)
- The law was not given to CONVERT, but to CONVICT (Rom 7:7); not to REDEEM, but to REVEAL (Gal 3:24)
- Some of the people apparently began to question whether or not Moses was receiving divine revelation (19:9)
- The Lord tells the people to BE READY for his COMING on the THIRD DAY (19:11) cf. (Matt 24:44; 2 Pet 3:8)
- The Lord's descent upon Mt. Sinai (19:6) is a type of the SECOND ADVENT in that it was associated with: (1) the third day; (2) the morning; (3) thunder and lightning; (4) clouds; (5) the voice of a trumpet; (6) fire; and (7) an earthquake cf. (2 Pet 3:8; Mal 4:2; Isa 29:6; Zep 1:15; Matt 24:27,31; 2 The 1:8; Rev 16:18)





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➤ **The Fifth Covenant: MOSAIC**

## **The 3 Divisions Of The Law**

1. The Commandments (20:1-26)- the MORAL law
2. The Judgments (21:1-24:18)- the CIVIL law
3. The Ordinances (25:1-31:18)- the CEREMONIAL law

## **The 2 Divisions Of The Decalogue (10 Commandments)**

1. Commandments 1-5 = man's duty to GOD (all contain the phrase, "the Lord thy God")
  2. Commandments 6-10 = man's duty to MAN (all contain the phrase, "thou shalt not")
- Commandment # 2 regarding not making and worshipping graven images is missing from the Roman Catholic version of the 10 commandments; in order to get 10, they divide Commandment #10 regarding coveting into two commandments
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- The keeping of the sabbath is not only a commandment (20:8), but a judgment (23:12) and an ordinance (31:15)
- The word KILL (20:13) is defined in the sense of MURDER cf. (Matt 5:21; 19:18)

