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## Moses and Jethro

### 18: 1-27



Before we arrive at **Mount Sinai** and the culminating scene of the exodus, the author records a story of **Jethro's** visit to **Moshe**. **His** visit contrasts with the Amalekite conflict. The Amalekites came to fight, while **Jethro** sought knowledge. With one there was war, with the other mediating for peace; with one, **Moses' hands** grew tired, and with the other **his** work grew too heavy. There are three sections to this chapter: the arrival of **Jethro (18:1-12)**, the appointment of **judges (18:13-26)**, and the return of **Jethro to Midian (18:27)**. As we come to the close of this chapter, we, like **the Israelites**, are prepared to approach **God at Mount Sinai**.<sup>327</sup>