

# TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

**#17 Yitro, Yisro or  
Jethro (יְתָרוֹ) Hebrew for the  
name “Jethro,” ‘His  
excellency or his abundance’,**

**Torah: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23  
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6;9:6-7**



# TOPICS IN THE PARSHA

## THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT

Moses' father-in-law, Yitro, also pronounced Jethro in English, hears of the great miracles which Elohim performed for the people of Israel, and comes from Midian to the Israelite camp, bringing with him Moses' wife and two sons. Jethro advises Moses to appoint a hierarchy of magistrates and judges to assist him in the task of governing and administering justice to the people.



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The children of Israel camp opposite Mount Sinai, where they are told that Elohim has chosen them to be His “kingdom of priests” and “holy nation.”

The people respond by proclaiming, “All that YeHoVah has spoken, we shall do.”



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On the sixth day of the third month (Sivan), seven weeks after the Exodus, the entire nation of Israel assembles at the foot of Mount Sinai.

Elohim descends on the mountain amidst thunder, lightning, billows of smoke and the blast of the shofar, and summons Moses to ascend.



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Elohim proclaims the Ten Commandments, commanding the people of Israel to believe in Elohim, not to worship idols or take YeHoVah's name in vain, to keep the Shabbat, honor their parents, not to murder, not to commit adultery, not to steal, and not to bear false witness or covet another's property. The people cry out to Moses that the revelation is too intense for them to bear, begging him to receive the Torah from Elohim and convey it to them.

# CHAPTER 19

Exo 19:1 In the third new moon after the children of Yisra'ěl had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on this day they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

Exo 19:2 For they set out from Rephidim, and had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Yisra'ěl camped there before the mountain.



Exo 19:3 And Mosheh went up to Elohim, and יהוה called to him from the mountain, saying, “This is what you are to say to the house of Ya’aqob, and declare to the children of Yisra’ĕl:

Exo 19:4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Mitsrites, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.



Exo 19:5 'And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples - for all the earth is Mine -

Exo 19:6 'and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.' Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra'ěl."

Exo 19:7 And Mosheh came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which יהוה commanded him.

Exo 19:8 And all the people answered together and said, “All that יהוה has spoken we shall do.” So Mosheh brought back the words of the people to יהוה.



Exo 19:9 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “See, I am coming to you in the thick cloud, so that the people hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.” And Mosheh reported the words of the people to יהוה.

Exo 19:10 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go to the people and set them apart today and tomorrow. And they shall wash their garments,

Exo 19:11 and shall be prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה shall come down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Exo 19:12 “And you shall make a border for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall certainly be put to death.’”

Exo 19:13 ‘Not a hand is to touch it, but he shall certainly be stoned or shot with an arrow, whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the Yobel sounds long, let them come near the mountain.”




Exo 19:14 And Mosheh came down from the mountain to the people and set the people apart, and they washed their garments.

Exo 19:15 And he said to the people, “Be prepared by the third day. Do not come near a wife.”



Exo 19:16 And it came to be, on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain. And a voice of a shophar was very strong, and all the people who were in the camp trembled.

Exo 19:17 And Mosheh brought the people out of the camp to meet with Elohim, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.





Exo 19:18 And Mount Sinai was in smoke, all of it, because יהוה descended upon it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and all the mountain trembled exceedingly.

Exo 19:19 And when a voice of the shophar sounded long and became very strong, Mosheh spoke, and Elohim answered him by voice.

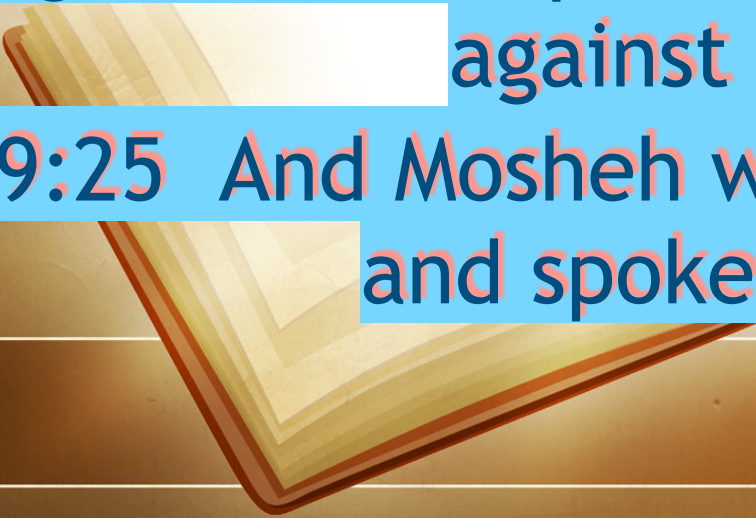
Exo 19:20 And יהוה came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And יהוה called Mosheh to the top of the mountain, and Mosheh went up.

Exo 19:21 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go down, and warn the people, lest they break through unto יהוה to see, and many of them fall.



Exo 19:22 “And let the priests who come near יהוה set themselves apart too, lest יהוה break out against them.”

Exo 19:23 And Mosheh said to יהוה, “The people are not able to come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us, saying, ‘Make a border around the mountain and set it apart.’ ”



Exo 19:24 And יהוה said to him, “Come, go down and then come up, you and Aharon with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to יהוה, lest He break out against them.”

Exo 19:25 And Mosheh went down to the people and spoke to them.



# CHAPTER 20

## The Ten Commandments

Exo 20:1 And Elohim spoke all these Words, saying,

Exo 20:2 “I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.

Exo 20:3 “You have no other mighty ones against My face.

Exo 20:4 “You do not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

Exo 20:5 you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה your Elohim am a jealous Ęl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,





Exo 20:6 but showing loving-commitment to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

Exo 20:7 “You do not bring the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave the one unpunished who brings His Name to naught.

Exo 20:8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart.

Exo 20:9 “Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

Exo 20:10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath of יהוה your Elohim. You do not do any work - you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.



Exo 20:11 “For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore יהוה blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

Exo 20:12 “Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.