Exodus 18

Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs



1 When Jethro^{H3503}, the priest^{H3548} of Midian^{H4080}, Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859}, heard^{H8085} of all that God^{H430} had done^{H6213} for Moses^{H4872}, and for Israel^{H3478} his people^{H5971}, and that the LORD^{H3068} had brought^{H3318} Israel^{H3478} out of Egypt^{H4714}; **2** Then Jethro^{H3503}, Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859}, took^{H3947} Zipporah^{H6855}, Moses'^{H4872} wife^{H802}, after^{H310} he had sent her back^{H7964}, **3** And her two^{H8147} sons^{H1121}; of which the name^{H8034} of the one^{H259} was Gershom^{H1647}; for he said^{H559}, I have been an alien^{H1616} in a strange^{H5237} land^{H776}:¹ **4** And the name^{H8034} of the other^{H259} was Eliezer^{H461}; for the God^{H430} of my father^{H1}, said he, was mine help^{H5828}, and delivered^{H5337} me from the sword^{H2719} of Pharaoh^{H6547}:² **5** And Jethro^{H3503}, Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859}, came^{H935} with his sons^{H1121} and his wife^{H802} unto Moses^{H4872} into the wilderness^{H4057}, where he encamped^{H2583} at the mount^{H2022} of God^{H430}: **6** And he said^{H559} unto Moses^{H4872}, I thy father in law^{H2859} Jethro^{H3503} am come^{H935} unto thee, and thy wife^{H802}, and her two^{H8147} sons^{H1121} with her.

7 And Moses^{H4872} went out^{H3318} to meet^{H7125} his father in law^{H2859}, and did obeisance^{H7812}, and kissed^{H5401} him; and they asked^{H7592} each^{H376} other^{H7453} of their welfare^{H7965}; and they came^{H935} into the tent^{H168,3} **8** And Moses^{H4872} told^{H5608} his father in law^{H2859} all that the LORD^{H3068} had done^{H6213} unto Pharaoh^{H6547} and to the Egyptians^{H4714} for Israel's^{H3478} sake^{H182}, and all the travail^{H8513} that had come^{H4672} upon them by the way^{H1870}, and how the LORD^{H3068} delivered^{H5337} them.⁴ **9** And Jethro^{H3503} rejoiced^{H2302} for all the goodness^{H2896} which the LORD^{H3068} had done^{H6213} to Israel^{H3478}, whom he had delivered^{H5337} out of the hand^{H3027} of the Egyptians^{H4714}. **10** And Jethro^{H3503} said^{H559}, Blessed^{H1288} be the LORD^{H3068}, who hath delivered^{H5337} the people^{H5971} from under the hand^{H3027} of the Egyptians^{H4714}, and out of the hand^{H3027} of Pharaoh^{H6547}, who hath delivered^{H5337} the people^{H5971} from under the hand^{H3027} of the Egyptians^{H4714}. **11** Now I know^{H3045} that the LORD^{H3068} is greater^{H1419} than all gods^{H430}: for in the thing^{H1697} wherein they dealt proudly^{H2102} he was above them. **12** And Jethro^{H3503}, Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859}, took^{H3947} a burnt offering^{H5930} and sacrifices^{H2077} for God^{H430}: and Aaron^{H175} came^{H355}, and all the elders^{H2205} of Israel^{H3478}, to eat^{H398} bread^{H3899} with Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859} before^{H6440} God^{H430}.

13 And it came to pass on the morrow^{H4283}, that Moses^{H4872} sat^{H3427} to judge^{H8199} the people^{H5971}: and the people^{H5971} stood^{H5975} by Moses^{H4872} from the morning^{H1242} unto the evening^{H6153}. **14** And when Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859} saw^{H7200} all that he did^{H6213} to the people^{H5971}, he said^{H559}, What is this thing^{H1697} that thou doest^{H6213} to the people^{H5971}? why sittest^{H3427} thou thyself alone, and all the people^{H5971} stand^{H5324} by thee from morning^{H1242} unto even^{H6153}? 15 And Moses^{H4872} said^{H559} unto his father in law^{H2859}, Because the people^{H5971} come^{H935} unto me to enquire^{H1875} of God^{H430}: **16** When they have a matter^{H1697}, they come^{H935} unto me; and I judge^{H8199} between one^{H376} and another^{H7453}, and I do make them know^{H3045} the statutes^{H2706} of God^{H430}, and his laws^{H8451,5} 17 And Moses'^{H4872} father in law^{H2859} said^{H559} unto him, The thing^{H1697} that thou doest^{H6213} is not good^{H2896}. **18** Thou wilt surely^{H5034} wear away^{H5034}, both thou, and this people^{H5971} that is with thee: for this thing^{H1697} is too heavy^{H3515} for thee; thou art not able^{H3201} to perform^{H6213} it thyself alone.⁶ **19** Hearken^{H8085} now unto my voice^{H6963}, I will give thee counsel^{H3289}, and God^{H430} shall be^{H1961} with thee: Be thou for the people^{H5971} to God-ward^{H4136 H430}, that thou mayest bring^{H935} the causes^{H1697} unto God^{H430}: 20 And thou shalt teach^{H2094 H853} them ordinances^{H2706} and laws^{H8451}, and shalt shew^{H3045} them the way^{H1870} wherein they must walk^{H3212}, and the work^{H4639} that they must do^{H6213}. **21** Moreover thou shalt provide^{H2372} out of all the people^{H5971} able^{H2428} men^{H582}, such as fear^{H3373} God^{H430}, men^{H582} of truth^{H571}, hating^{H8130} covetousness^{H1215}; and place^{H7760} such over them, to be rulers^{H8269} of thousands^{H505}, and rulers^{H8269} of hundreds^{H3967}, rulers^{H8269} of fifties^{H2572}, and rulers^{H8269} of tens^{H6235}: 22 And let them judge^{H8199} the people^{H5971} at all seasons^{H6256}: and it shall be, that every great^{H1419} matter^{H1697} they shall bring^{H935} unto thee, but every small^{H6996} matter^{H1697} they shall judge^{H8199}: so shall it be easier^{H7043} for thyself, and they shall bear^{H5375} the burden with thee. **23** If thou shalt do^{H6213} this thing^{H1697}, and God^{H430} command^{H6680} thee so, then thou shalt be able^{H3201} to endure^{H5975}, and all this people^{H5971} shall

also go^{H935} to their place^{H4725} in peace^{H7965}. **24** So Moses^{H4872} hearkened^{H8085} to the voice^{H6963} of his father in law^{H2859}, and did^{H6213} all that he had said^{H559}. **25** And Moses^{H4872} chose^{H977} able^{H2428} men^{H582} out of all Israel^{H3478}, and made^{H5414} them heads^{H7218} over the people^{H5971}, rulers^{H8269} of thousands^{H505}, rulers^{H8269} of hundreds^{H3967}, rulers^{H8269} of fifties^{H2572}, and rulers^{H8269} of tens^{H6235}. **26** And they judged^{H8199} the people^{H5971} at all seasons^{H6256}: the hard^{H7186} causes^{H1697} they brought^{H935} unto Moses^{H4872}, but every small^{H6996} matter^{H1697 H1992} they judged^{H8199} themselves. **27** And Moses^{H4872} let his father in law^{H2859} depart^{H7971}; and he went^{H3212} his way into his own land^{H776}.

Fußnoten

- 1. Gershom: that is A stranger there
- 2. Eliezer: that is, My God is an help
- 3. welfare: Heb. peace
- 4. come...: Heb. found them
- 5. one...: Heb. a man and his fellow
- 6. Thou wilt ...: Heb. Fading thou wilt fade