

## ASSIGNMENT 1

### Summary:

Exodus 18 is the eighteenth chapter of the Book of Exodus in the Hebrew Bible. In this chapter, Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, visits him in the wilderness and advises him to appoint judges to help him in his leadership of the Israelites. The chapter begins with Jethro, the priest of Midian, hearing of all that God had done for Moses and the Israelites. He brings Moses' wife Zipporah and her two sons to Moses in the wilderness. After Moses tells Jethro all that God had done for the Israelites, Jethro rejoices and offers a sacrifice to God.

Jethro then advises Moses to appoint judges to help him in his leadership of the Israelites. He explains that Moses will become overwhelmed if he has to judge all the disputes himself. Moses follows Jethro's advice and appoints wise and God-fearing men to serve as judges. The chapter ends with Moses sitting to judge the people from morning until evening. Jethro sees this and is concerned that Moses will become exhausted. He advises Moses to delegate authority to the judges and to only judge the most difficult cases himself.

In summary, Exodus 18 tells the story of Jethro's visit to Moses in the wilderness and his advice to appoint judges to help Moses in his leadership of the Israelites. Moses follows Jethro's advice and appoints wise and God-fearing men to serve as judges. The chapter ends with Jethro advising Moses to delegate authority to the judges and to only judge the most difficult cases himself.

### What can you learn about Jethro's character from this one chapter?

Jethro is a man of great faith, wisdom, and generosity. He is quick to recognize the hand of God in Moses' success and is eager to show his appreciation. He is also a man of great hospitality, offering Moses and his family a place to stay and providing them with food and drink. Jethro tells Moses to appoint wise and God-fearing men to serve as judges over the people. He explains that if Moses appoints these men, they will be able to help him bear the burden of judging the people. Jethro also advises Moses to teach the people the laws of God and to be an example of righteousness and justice. Moses is seen making a mistake by not listening to the advice of his father-in-law, Jethro. Jethro had come to visit Moses and noticed that Moses was trying to do all the work of judging the people of Israel by himself. Jethro warned Moses that this was too much for one man to do and that he should appoint wise and God-fearing men to help him. Moses' mistake could have caused him to become less effective as a leader. By not listening to Jethro's advice and trying to do all the work himself.

### What do I learn from Exodus 18?

From Exodus 18 I can learn the importance of having a strong leader. Moses was a great leader who was able to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and into the Promised Land. He was a leader who was able to make difficult decisions and stand up for what was right. He was also a leader who was willing to listen to the advice of others and take their counsel into consideration. This is an important lesson for anyone who is in a leadership position. Another thing I can learn is the importance of being humble.

Moses was a humble leader who was willing to accept help from others and admit when he was wrong. This is an important lesson for anyone who is in a leadership position. We should be humble and willing to accept help from others and admit when we are wrong. Another lesson we can learn from Exodus 18 is the importance of having faith in God. Moses was able to lead the Israelites out of Egypt because he had faith that God would provide for them and protect them. This is a lesson that can be applied to our own lives. We should have faith that God will provide for us and protect us, even when things seem difficult.