

THE STORY OF MOSES

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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

JETHRO

About this time Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came to visit him and brought with him Zipporah, who was Moses' wife, and their two sons, Gershom and Eliezer.

You remember how Zipporah and the children had gone part of the way with Moses when God called him to return to Egypt. Then they had gone back to the home of Jethro. It must have been a great joy to Moses to see his family once more.

Jethro was interested in hearing from Moses the story of the deliverance from Egypt and he rejoiced for all the goodness of the Lord. Hearing these things he said, "**Now, I know that the Lord is greater than all gods.**" Jethro offered sacrifices unto God, and Aaron and all of the elders of Israel came over and had dinner with him.

Moses was not only the leader but the judge over all of the Israelites. Every day they came to him with their difficulties, from morning until evening. When Jethro saw how busy Moses was with all of these things he told him he would wear himself out and advised him to appoint good, honest and able men to look after the small cases, to permit only the greater matters to be brought to him.

Moses listened to the words of his father-in-law and did appoint men to be judges over the people, some over thousands, others over hundreds, fifties and tens.

When his visit was ended Jethro went back to his home.

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