Moses the Servant of God

Chapter 18:1-12 – A foreshadow of Marriage of the lamb, 13-27 Exhortation to God’s servants

Even while slaves God called Israel “armies” – Ex 6:26, Ex 12:17, Ex 12:51

* Last chapter the example was set for the “armies” – The war and type
* This chapter the admonition is for the “generals” – The type for all

Chapter 18 finishes a major break in Exodus – 1st major was deliverance from Egypt, Next the Law

Israel our examples – Don’t have an evil heart of unbelief departing from God 1 Cor 10; Heb 3:12

I. Jethro brings Moses' wife and two sons to Moses- Exodus 18:1-12

II Moses and Jethro, praise God for the way He delivered Israel Exodus 18:7-9

III. A Gentile, rejoices and blesses God while offering sacrifice – Exodus 18:10-12

* Exodus 18:1-12 A Prime example of God opening His Family Photo album – What a scene
* Instead of 3 rods and 3 at command, figures of 3 offices of Christ, 3 parts of God’s people
* Moses playing Christ, Zipporah and kids, playing the church, Jethro plays the Holy Spirit
* Church is a mystery in the Old Testament – I Corinthians 15:51–53
* Mystery of the church had not been made known in OT – Ephesians 3:1-13
* Moses was given a Gentile bride during his rejection of his brethren, so is Christ
* Just as Moses was a stranger in a strange land – So is the church in this age
* Moses was absent, but the Holy spirit brought his bride through – so with Christ
* Moses a “bloody husband” Ex 4:25, Christ also: Eph. 2:10-12,
* This reunion and elders, priest all present foreshadow the marriage supper of the Lamb
* All praising God together, Gentile, Jew, and church – 1 Cor 10:32
* The reuniting a marvelous foreshadow of the Rapture – John 14:1-3, I Thess 4:16-18
* The first type of Church in Genesis 2:21-24 with Ephesians 5:25-33 – Paul quotes Adam
* This mystery the glory of God – Romans 16:25-27 – For Israel – Zechariah 8:23
* Adam, A type of Christ, Romans 5:12-14; Israel type of our walk – I Corinthians 10:1-12
* This type is illustrated in names of Moses’ sons – Gershon, and Eliezer
* Why is this important? God had planned His glorifying His Son – Ephesians 1:10; 2:1-2:7

V. Moses & Unbelief – Exodus 18:13-27- Rulers appointed - Advise from Family

* Look what Moses stated just after this incident: Numbers 11:11-15
* Moses may have taken the advice thinking he was unable to carry on – He is not able
* Moses might have thought he was being humble shrinking from his total task – He was not
* What this actually demonstrated was that Moses had unbelief – God was not able
* Today we have the Scripture: I Cor 10:13 – God can provide Philippians 4:11-13
* How about this New Testament advise – Romans 8:31
* Moses is murmuring probably prompted to strike the rock nu 20\_1-2; 17:10; 20:1-10
* True humility would have been demonstrated by staying at the God given task to the end
* As Jesus is our great example: Philippians 2:1-12; John 4:31-36
* I Corinthians 9:23-27