

18:1-6

Given 16:1 & 19:1, it seems that we are about 6-7 weeks following the Exodus.

And ^aJethro, this is a title, probably, rather than a proper name. **the priest of Midian**, This is a portion of what we now call “Saudi Arabia.” **Moses’ father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2 Then Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, Called Ruel in chapter 2. took Zipporah, Moses’ wife, after he had sent her back, 3 with her two sons,** We see them making a debut in chapters 3 and 4 (although **Gershom** is the only obvious **son** in the context). **of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, “I have been a stranger in a foreign land”)** Moses named them after his experiences. **4 and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh”); 5 and Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at ^bthe mountain of God.** Called Mount Sinai and Mount Horeb as well (See 3:1). God here promised Moses they would return to this place with His people. He was there looking after this same “Jethro’s” flocks. This is where Moses first met God in the burning bush and when God describes Himself as “I AM”. Furthermore, Jesus identifies Himself thusly (John 18:1). Therefore, Moses has brought others to Christ.

where he was encamped at ^bthe mountain of God. Good lesson here for Moses...when we return to where we first met Jesus (to get right), we have a better opportunity to get our kids around Him too. It seems like good leaders know how to get people to where they were, emotionally and spiritually and socially, when God found them.

⁶Now he had said to Moses, “I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.”

^aEx. 2:16, 18; 3:1

^bEx. 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13

^cEx. 3:1, 12; 4:27; 24:13