

Parshah Insights 2022

Parshah: Yitro

(Exodus 18-20)

Exodus 18:3-4

... and her two sons, of whom one was named Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.” And the other was named Eliezer, for he said, “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.”

Exodus 18:10

Yitro said, “**Blessed be Adonai**, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.”

ברוך יהוה

“**Baruch Hashem!**”

1. **Noah** (Gen. 9:26)
2. **Eleazar** (Gen. 24:27)
3. **Yitro** (Ex. 18:10)
4. **Women of Bethlehem** (Ruth 4:14)
5. **David** (1Sam. 25:32,39)

} Gentiles
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Traits of a Godly Leader

(18:17-23)

- a) Accepts criticism (v17)
- b) Recognizes his own limitations (v18)
- c) Heeds counsel (v19)
- d) Prays (v19)

e) Warns / Enlightens / Teaches (v20)

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f) Discerns others (v21)

f) Delegates wisely (v21)

g) Trusts others (v22)

Exodus 18:21

... who fear God, men of truth ...

יִרְאֵי אֱלֹהִים אַנְשֵׁי אֱמֶת

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אהבה

(ahavah)

“love”

Exodus 18:25

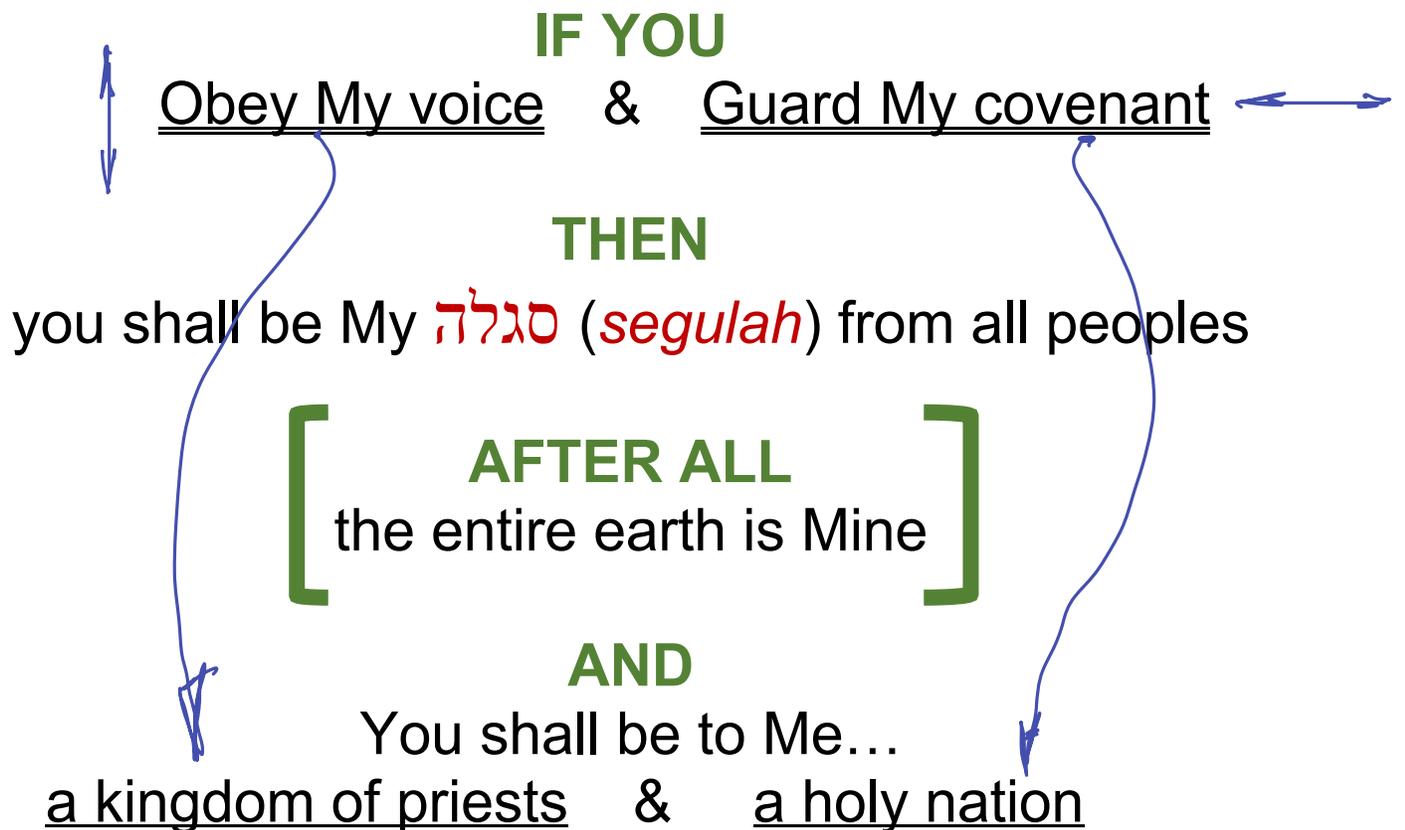
And Moses chose **men of valor** from among all Israel and appointed them heads of the people...

Ruth
(Esther)

אנשי חיל
(*anshei chayil*)

Exodus 19:5-6

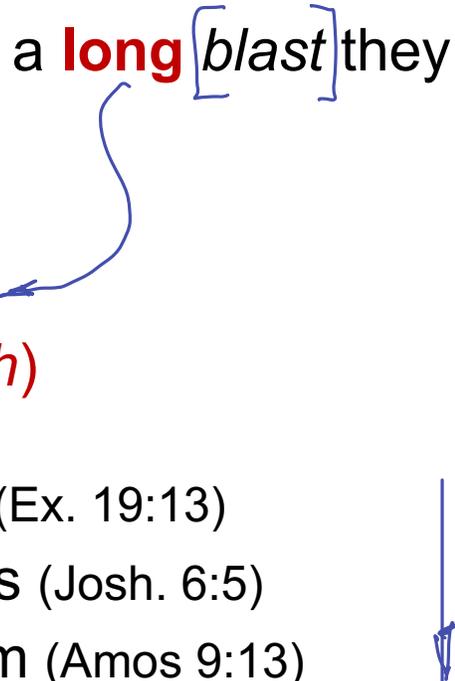
“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples (for all the earth is Mine). And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”



Exodus 19:13

“... When the ram’s horn sounds a **long** [blast] they shall come up to the mountain.”

במשך
(*bi'moshech*)

1. Giving of the Torah at Sinai (Ex. 19:13)
 2. Destruction of Jericho’s walls (Josh. 6:5)
 3. Sowing seed in The Kingdom (Amos 9:13)
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**Shared
Theology**

&

**Shared
Experience**

RELIGION

Discussion Questions:

- In what ways has your father's life experiences impacted your own life and development? (*Exercise caution as you discuss this with your group.*)
 - Identify two qualities of a person of valor.
 - Discuss the three passages that contain the word במשך (*bi'moshech*). What insights do you derive?
 - Are some religions better than others? Why, or why not?
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NOTES:

Genesis 41:51-52 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Genesis 9:26 He also said, "Blessed be Adonai, the God of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant."

Genesis 24:27 And said, "Blessed be Adonai, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His steadfast love and His faithfulness toward my master. As for me, Adonai has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen."

Ruth 4:14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be Adonai, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!"

1 Samuel 25:32,39 And David said to Abigail, "Blessed be Adonai, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!" ... When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be Adonai who has avenged the insult I received at the hand of Nabal, and has kept back his servant from wrongdoing. Adonai has returned the evil of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent and spoke to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

Ruth 3:11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I [Boaz] will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of valor."

Proverbs 12:4 A woman of valor is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.

Esther 9:29 Then Queen Esther, daughter of Avichayil [אביחיל], with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim.

Joshua 6:5 "And when they make a **long** (במשך, *bi'moshech*) *blast* with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat ..."

Amos 9:13 "Behold, the days are coming," declares Adonai, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who **sows** (במשך, *bi'moshech*) the seed. The mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it."