

c. Disorganization (18)

- 1) Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, pays Moses a visit.
- 2) Jethro brought Zipporah, Moses' wife and Jethro's daughter, with him from Midian.
- 3) Moses has a family reunion.
- 4) Moses was taking care of disputes that had arisen among the people.
 - i) The people were standing around all day.
 - ii) Moses would handle open case at a time.
 - iii) When somebody had a dispute, they would come to Moses and he would counsel them from the law of God.
- 5) Jethro observed this and gives counsel to Moses.
 - i) He tells Moses that this is too much of a strain on him.
 - ii) He told Moses to appoint people over thousands, hundreds, and tens.
 - iii) Then he was to instruct them in the law of God so that these different groups could come to these people and these people could give them the counsel on the basis of the Word of God about what they should do in any particular situation in their lives so that the Word of God could be done.
 - iv) Jethro said to Moses, "Do it that way and then leave the most difficult cases for yourself or it will be too much of a strain."
- 6) Moses liked the counsel and did it.

d. Lawlessness (19)

- 1) They come to Mt. Sinai.
 - i) It says it was in the 3rd month after the Israelites left Egypt (19:1).
 - ii) They have been out of Egypt at least two months, but less than three.
 - iii) Moses got his call from there.
 - a) The Lord had said earlier to Moses, "I am going to give you a sign so that you may know it was I who had sent you to deliver the people of Israel."
 - b) The sign was that "You will go and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt and you will worship me at this mountain (i. e. Mt. Sinai)."