

Yitro יתרו

“Jethro”

Exodus 18:1~20:23

Isaiah 6:1~7:6, 9:5~7

Matthew 5:8~20, 19:16~26

“Blessed be the LORD”, Jethro said, “who delivered you from the Egyptians and from Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, yes,— Exodus 18:10~11



Let us not only read, but may we also experience and hear anew as if we were there, the thunderous and dramatic giving of the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai. The parsha is named for *Yitro*, or in English Jethro, Moses' father-in-law. Jethro went from being an idol-worshipper to believing in the One True God. He heard of the amazing deliverance that God performed for Israel, and He “rejoiced over the kindness that the LORD had shown Israel when He delivered them from the Egyptians” (Exodus 18:9). We see how a person can go from a non-believer to someone who is transformed by hearing and experiencing the truth of the one true God. The drawing above is like a prayer that here too where we are in Japan (and wherever you are!) the people will hear and be transformed by the truth of the one true God and receive His word and His Salvation!!!

The `Ten Words` God spoke to the Children of Israel, that we know as the Ten Commandments, begin with that truth—He is the LORD our God, `who took us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.` We shall have no other gods besides Him! Nor make any idols or bow down to other “gods”. The rest of the commandments followed, as the people witnessed the thunder and lightning and the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking. Moses told them not to be afraid, but rather that the fear of Him may ever be with them so they they do not go astray. That is our prayer for our children today, may they fear the LORD— and hear the LORD!! Honor their parents (us!) —and not go astray! In Yeshua's Mighty Name we pray.

Praise

The LORD, enthroned on cherubim, is king, peoples tremble, the earth quakes. The LORD is great in Zion, and exalted above all the peoples. They praise Your name, as great and awesome; He is holy!

Psalms 99:1~3

You have made them for our God a kingdom and *kohanim*, and they shall reign upon the earth.

Revelation 5:10

Holy, Holy, Holy is *ADONAI Tzva'ot!* The whole earth is full of His glory.

Isaiah 6:3

Praise the LORD, all you nations: extol Him, all you peoples, for great is His steadfast love toward us; the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Hallelujah!

Psalms 117:1~2

Confession

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips. Your iniquity is taken away, and your sins atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:6~7

Thanksgiving

Now, our God, we give thanks and praise Your glorious Name.

1Chronicles 29:13

Intercession

May do everything that ADONAI has spoken!
Exodus 19:8

I am ADONAI,’s God, who brought out of
the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: shall have
no other gods besides Me. Exodus 20:2~3

..... shall honor his/her father and mother.
Exodus 20:12

May lift his/her eyes to the mountains, and know
that his/her help comes from ADONAI, maker of heaven and
earth. ADONAI is’s Keeper. ADONAI will protect
.....from all evil. He will guard’s life. ADONAI
will watch over’s coming and going, from this time
forth and forevermore.

from Psalm 121:1~8

Loved ones,, I urge you as strangers and sojourners
to keep away from the fleshly cravings that war against the
soul. 1Peter 2:11

May be set free from sin and become enslaved to
righteousness. Romans 6:18



Teachers

..... shall have no other gods
besides ADONAI. Exodus 20:3

Schools

All your children will be taught by
the LORD and great will be their
peace. Isaiah 54:13

Congregation

But you are a chosen people, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for God’s own possession,
so that you may proclaim the
praises of the One who called you
out of darkness into His marvelous
light. 1Peter 2:9

Israel

‘You have seen what I did to the
Egyptians, and how I carried you
on eagle’s wings and brought you
to Myself. Now then, if you listen
closely to My voice, and keep My
covenant, then you will be My
treasured possession among all the
peoples, for all the earth is Mine.
So as for you, you will be to Me a
kingdom of *kohanim* and a holy
nation. Exodus 19:4~6a

The keeper of Israel neither
slumbers nor sleeps. Psalm 121:4

For to us a child is born, a son will
be given to us, and the government
will be upon His shoulder. His
Name will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, My Father
of Eternity, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem—
May those who love you be at
peace! Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

Let us go out early to the vineyards, —let us see if the vine has budded,
if their blossoms have opened, and if the pomegranates have bloomed—there I will give you my love.
Song of Songs 7:13