YITRO { יִתְרוֹ } (Jethro - Abundance)

Exodus 18:1-20:23, Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:6-7 (5-6), Matthew 5:8-20

Yitro wisely advised Moses to appoint other men to occupy positions of leadership to help carry the burden, lest he wear himself out.

We must also be careful not to allow our work, no matter how demanding, to occupy so much of our time that our well-being and relationships suffer as a result. We must find others to which we can delegate some of our duties in order to give more balance to our life.

The Word of YHWH tells us which qualities to look for in choosing potential leaders: capable, Yahweh fearing, honest people of integrity.

AT Mount Sinai Israel was also first called to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (mamlechet cohanim v'goy kadosh). Interestingly enough, the word segulah ולהסג shares a root with the Hebrew word sagol סגול – purple, which is the colour of royalty.

The promise of the royal priesthood, a kingdom of cohanim (plural for cohen), was also extended all in the Messiah. (1Peter 2:9-10)

The encounter between YHWH and His people at Mount Sinai had many of the elements of a Hebrew wedding. The cloud symbolizes the covering of the chuppah, the marriage canopy, into which the Hebrew bride enters into the covenantal relationship of marriage with her bridegroom.

Every bride is given a token, usually in the form of a ring, as a sign that she is betrothed.

WHAT IS THE SIGN OF BETROTHAL YHWH GAVE TO ISRAEL? IT IS THE SHABBAT. YHWH SAID IT WILL BE 'A SIGN' BETWEEN HIM AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL; IT IS THE WEDDING RING.

We come now to the Ten Commandments, called 'Eser Dibrot' ('Ten Words') in Hebrew, written by the very finger (etzbah) of YHWH, and revealed to the nation of Israel amid thunder and lightning and the sounding of the shofar. While the Ten Commandments are the truth, ("The entirety of Your Word is truth…") it takes the Spirit of the living Elohim to have the ability to walk them out in our daily lives. We are called to be 'living epistles' - walking, breathing Torahs.

Eze 36:26 "And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh, 27 and put My Spirit within you. And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them.

THIS IS THE WORK OF THE RUACH HAKODESH!