



A Shattered Covenant

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Outline:

1. Moses' Response to the Shattered Covenant (19-33)
 - A. Moses Burns with Anger (19-20)
 - B. Moses Confronts Aaron (21-24)
 - C. Moses Deals with Israel's Idolatry (25-29)
 - D. Moses Turns to God on Israel's Behalf (30-32)
2. Yahweh's Response to the Shattered Covenant (33-35)
 - A. The Lord Refuses Moses' Appeal (33)
 - B. The Lord Forgives (34a)
 - C. The Lord Determines to Punish those that Sinned (34b)
 - D. The Lord Disciplines the People (35)

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B. Jethro Took (2-4)

Possible Meanings: “...after he sent her away...”

- Option 1 – Moses sends Zipporah and their son back to Jethro after the confrontation by God and the circumcision.
 - Marital conflict over the circumcision.
 - Medical Necessity due to circumcision.
 - Danger – Moses reconsidered her coming after being confronted by God and the dangers that awaited in Egypt.
- Option 2 – Moses sends Zipporah back at another time during their travels.
 - Before entering Egypt. This was always the plan.
 - After leaving Egypt. Zipporah herself brings news to Jethro.

Possible Meanings: “...after he sent her away...”

- Divorce?
- Separation?

Is marital separation biblical?

- Our text is Descriptive, not Prescriptive.
- Protection is a biblical reason for separation.
- Ministry calling is not a reason for separation.
- Conflict is generally not a reason for separation.

Retelling the Goodness of Yahweh

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A. Jethro Heard (1)

B. Jethro Took (2-4)

C. Jethro Came (5)

D. Jethro Sent (6)

E. Moses Meets (7)

Recounting the Goodness of Yahweh

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II. Moses Tells of Yahweh's Great Deeds (8-12)

A. Moses Tells (8)

B. Jethro Rejoices (9-11)

C. Jethro, Moses, and the Elders Worship (12)

Lessons...

- Importance of the **family** and all the responsibilities God has given (Eph 5:22-6:4). Separation should be for protection (Rom 13).
- Yahweh always fulfils His **purposes** (Ex 9:16; Is 14:24-27) and His purposes accomplish our **good** (Ex 9:9; Rom 8:28-29).
- We should **recount** what God has done and **rejoice** over His goodness (Ex 18:7-12)
- **Trust** Yahweh since He greater than all supposed gods, who's purposes cannot be thwarted and accomplish our good.