

is in any way counteracting what you have in Ex. 18. It would rather suggest that out of all these Leaders Moses had picked for hearing cases and doing that sort of work, there were here 70 of them selected for an entirely different purpose. So there is no contradiction between the two. It is ignored; it is not stated that that is where they come from but it is not stated that it isn't where they come from. I think the statement is quite erroneous then: Jehovah entirely ignored this ~~political~~/worldly wise organization substituting His own order" because ~~of~~ what Moses hearkened unto his father-in-law here and Moses chose able men out of all Israel and over there, we read that the Lord said unto Moses, Gather ~~thou~~ me 70 men whom thou knowest to be elders of the people. So in both cases Moses chose them. And there is no contradiction at all. I do not think we are justified here in considering ~~that this is~~ ^{this as} leaning on the arm of flesh. I believe that in this case God used Jehhro to give good advice to Moses.

Well now was Jethro really a believer or not? It calls him here the priest of Midian. And we don't know exactly what that means, whether it means that he was a heathen priest or whether it means that he was a ^{who} Midianite ~~that~~ was a priest. We don't really know what it means. And so we cannot really say what Jehhro's attitude was toward Moses' belief. But we do have here an excellent suggestion by Jehhro and we have Moses adopting it and we have no evidence that it was changed later on. And I believe that it is another clue to us that we are to get ideas from ~~of~~ many sources. We are not to take an idea that contradicts the Bible, but God does not give us everything that we need by any means. We are to get ~~ideas~~ ideas from other sources but we are to hold them always tentatively. The sad thing is how people when they adopt ~~to~~ some idea for some reason or other, and it may be a very good reason, after a time they forget the reason and think this idea or this attitude or this action is sacrosanct. And there is a great deal in the conduct of our church services, in our religious observances, there is a great deal that has developed because it seemed ^{good} in certain circumstances and ^{which} may be very excellent in