

PARSHAT YITRO  
EXODUS 18:1-20:23  
HAFTARAH ISAIAH 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6  
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*The Judgment of Paris*  
by Marcantonio Raimondi



*The Luncheon on the Grass*  
by Édouard Manet

### MOUNT SINAI: SALON DES REFUSÉS

1. All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the shofar and the mountain smoking... (Exodus 20:15)
2. God spoke according to the power of each individual, according to the individual power of the young, the old and the very small ones. God said to Israel: "Do not believe that there are many deities in heaven because you have heard many voices, but know that I alone am Adonai your God. (Midrash, Exodus Rabbah 29:1)
3. There are 600,000 explanations of the Torah and each person received an interpretation according to the root of his/her soul. (Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto)
4. God spoke (*daber*) all these words (*devarim*)....Moses wrote down on the tablets the terms of the covenant, the ten *hadvarim*. (Exodus 20:1; 34:28)
5. With ten utterances (*ma'ahmarot*) was the world created... (Mishna 5:1)
6. The purpose of Revelation is to develop human qualities. What is enacted at Sinai is the revelation of the human being in larger range and strength...God comes at Sinai so that the human being may come fully into its own. (Avivah Zornberg, *The Particulars of Rapture*)