

**3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL**  
**001 - LESSON – Thursday - July 3, 2025**

**A CHANGE OF PLANS**

Exodus 2:11-15 (NKJV) “Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. (12) So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. (13) And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, “Why are you striking your companion?” (14) Then he said, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” So Moses feared and said, “Surely this thing is known!” (15) When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

**What events quickly transpired to change the entire direction of Moses’ life?**

Moses thought his act of killing the Egyptian was a secret, but two Hebrews witnessed it. After Moses killed the Egyptian, he escaped from Pharaoh and lived in the land of Midian.

Exodus 2:16-22 (NKJV) Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. (17) Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. (18) When they came to Reuel their father, he said, “How *is it that* you have come so soon today?” (19) And they said, “An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock.” (20) So he said to his daughters, “And where *is* he? Why *is it that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.” (21) Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. (22) And she bore *him* a son. He called his name Gershom, for he said, “I have been a stranger in a foreign land.”

Any plans for Moses to become a ‘**god**’ in Egypt were quickly changed to Moses serving the True God. Moses was maligned by the Egyptians, accused of desiring to overthrow Pharaoh and take his throne.

Exodus 2:23-25 (NKJV) Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. (24) So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. (25) And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged *them*.”

**Was it God’s plan that Moses kill the Egyptian? If not, what does this story teach us about how God can overrule in any situation and use it for His own purposes?**

It was during his 40 years in Arabia that God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. His 40 years shepherd life in Midian prepared him for being a “shepherd” to the Israelites. God used a bad situation to direct His good purposes.

#### What lessons can we learn from this story?

1. **God’s Plans are accomplished despite us** - Romans 8:28 (NKJV) “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”
2. **Noting surprises God nor alters His plans** - Psalm 33:10-11 (NKJV) “The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. (11) The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.”
3. **Ultimately, God’s Plans rules over ours:** Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) “A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.”
4. **God’s Plans and purposes cannot be prohibited:** Psalm 119:91 (NKJV) “They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants.”
5. **God’s counsel is without negotiation:** Psalm 33:11-12 (NKJV) “(11) The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. (12) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.”
6. **If we commit our plans to God, He makes himself responsible for their success:** Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV) “Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established.”