

Moses Escapes to Midian

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Moses grew up. One day he went out to visit his own people, the Israelites, and saw how hard they were forced to work. While he was there, he observed an Egyptian beating one of the Hebrew slaves. Moses looked around to make sure no one was watching; then he killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand.

The next day, Moses was back and saw two Hebrew men fighting. He said to the one who was at fault, "Why are you fighting with your neighbor?"

The man replied, "Who do you think you are? You're not our judge. Are you going to kill me like you killed that Egyptian yesterday?"

Moses was afraid; people knew what he had done. In fact, when Pharaoh heard about it, he issued orders for Moses to be arrested and killed. But Moses fled and escaped to the land of Midian.

There he sat down by a well. Seven young women, the daughters of Jethro, the priest of Midian, came to draw water for their father's flocks. Some shepherds tried to stop them, but Moses came to their aid and chased the shepherds away. Then he drew water for their animals.

When the girls went home, their father asked, "How did you get the flocks watered so quickly today?"

"An Egyptian man rescued us from the shepherds and then drew water for us."

"Then where is he? Did you just leave him there? Go! Invite him home for a meal."

Moses was happy to accept the invitation. He settled down to live there. In time, Jethro gave Moses one of his daughters, Zipporah, to be his wife.