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right circumstances. He controls all events as He unfolds His sovereign plan. Abraham was about to slay his beloved Isaac, but the Lord restrained him before the act was completed. At that very moment, a ram's horns got entangled in a thicket (Gen. 22:13). A fortuitous circumstance? No, it was God. Joseph's brothers threw him into a pit, and right then a caravan of traders "happened" to come by headed for Egypt (Gen. 37:24-25). Otherwise the entire history of Israel would have been different! The daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river just at the right time to rescue a baby in a basket (Exodus 2:3,5).

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