

# ***Divine Deliverer***

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**God protects Moses as His  
chosen servant (2:1–10).**

**Faith in the biblical sense means more than simply believing something intellectually — it means acting on the basis of our believing.**

**This passage is full of happenstances and coincidences, which really aren't those things at all. God's hand is at work the entire time. He is involved in all the details.**

God protects Moses even as  
He isolates him (2:11–22).

*God removes Moses after his  
momentous choice (2:11–15a).*

**While his deed cannot be condoned, it certainly expressed Moses' deep love for the people of God, and was, in effect, an outward expression of his righteous indignation for the plight of those people. It also indicated a complete rejection of the pleasures which Egypt had to offer.**

**John Davis**

*By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.*



*He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

*He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.*

**These two incidents reveal Moses as a compassionate man who was sincere in his motives but impetuous in his actions.**

**Warren Wiersbe**

**Moses might easily have so enjoyed the prerequisites of power and wealth that were his as an Egyptian princeling that he would have proudly identified himself throughout his life as an Egyptian. He eschewed all the privileges of Egyptian rank and sided with an oppressed people. He thus guaranteed himself mistreatment along with them.**

**Douglas Stuart**

**On the one hand, there was nothing at all wrong with the faith of Moses when he decided to commit his life to God. This faith is commended in the New Testament. Moses' error was that this faith did not extend to the methods he chose to deliver his people. He was not willing to wait on God. The great Moses felt that he was sufficient in himself to do God's work.**

**Tom Julien**

*“At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family.”*

*“When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.”*

*“Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.”*



*“When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites.”*

*“He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.”*

*“Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.”*

*“The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’”*

*“But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’”*

*“‘Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’”*

*“When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.”*

**Moses thought that those observing his act would understand that God had given salvation through his hands.**



*God provides for Moses during  
his time in exile (2:15b–22).*



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**We can virtually never understand how our own miseries and emergencies, at the time we are experiencing them, might end up leading to blessing.**

**Douglas Stuart**



**God's grace is such that He can even make use of our acts of folly to bring His plan to perfection, for the desert years were a part of God's will for His servant.**

**Moses was a failure as a deliverer of his people, a failure as a citizen of Egypt, unwelcome among either of the nations he might have called his own, a wanted man, a now-permanent resident of an obscure place, alone and far from his origins, and among people of a different religion. It would surely require an amazing supernatural action of a sovereign God for this washed-up exile to play any role in Israel's future.**

**Douglas Stuart**

God remembers His chosen people  
even as they suffer (2:23–25).

**Everything that is happening in our world is moving toward God's goal and fulfilling His purposes, in our lives and for His return. When we fixate on changing the circumstances in our lives and culture, what does that say about our trust in God?!**

**The story of this chapter is that human excellence is never sufficient in itself to do God's work.**

**When everything seems to be falling apart, God is moving toward His goal.**