

10. And the heart of Moses' mother became empty [of all else]. She was about to disclose [the matter concerning] him had We not bound fast her heart that she would be of the believers.
11. And she said to his sister, "Follow him"; so she watched him from a distance while they perceived not.
12. And We had prevented from him [all] wet nurses before,¹⁰²⁴ so she said, "Shall I direct you to a household that will be responsible for him for you while they are to him [for his upbringing] sincere?"
13. So We restored him to his mother that she might be content and not grieve and that she would know that the promise of Allāh is true. But most of them [i.e., the people] do not know.
14. And when he attained his full strength and was [mentally] mature, We bestowed upon him judgement and knowledge. And thus do We reward the doers of good.
15. And he entered the city at a time of inattention by its people¹⁰²⁵ and found therein two men fighting: one from his faction and one from among his enemy. And the one from his faction called for help to him against the one from his enemy, so Moses struck him and [unintentionally] killed him. [Moses] said, "This is from the work of Satan. Indeed, he is a manifest, misleading enemy."
16. He said, "My Lord, indeed I have wronged myself, so forgive me," and He forgave him. Indeed, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.
17. He said, "My Lord, for the favor You bestowed upon me, I will never be an assistant to the criminals."
18. And he became inside the city fearful and anticipating [exposure], when suddenly the one who sought his help the previous day cried out to him [once again]. Moses said to him, "Indeed, you are an evident, [persistent] deviator."

¹⁰²⁴Prior to that, Moses had refused to nurse from any other woman.

¹⁰²⁵i.e., during the noon period of rest.

19. And when he wanted to strike the one who was an enemy to both of them, he¹⁰²⁶ said, "O Moses, do you intend to kill me as you killed someone yesterday? You only want to be a tyrant in the land and do not want to be of the amenders."
20. And a man came from the farthest end of the city, running. He said, "O Moses, indeed the eminent ones are conferring over you [intending] to kill you, so leave [the city]; indeed, I am to you of the sincere advisors."
21. So he left it, fearful and anticipating [apprehension]. He said, "My Lord, save me from the wrongdoing people."
22. And when he directed himself toward Madyan, he said, "Perhaps my Lord will guide me to the sound way."
23. And when he came to the water [i.e., well] of Madyan, he found there a crowd of people watering [their flocks], and he found aside from them two women driving back [their flocks]. He said, "What is your circumstance?" They said, "We do not water until the shepherds dispatch [their flocks]; and our father is an old man."
24. So he watered [their flocks] for them; then he went back to the shade and said, "My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need."
25. Then one of the two women came to him walking with shyness. She said, "Indeed, my father invites you that he may reward you for having watered for us." So when he came to him¹⁰²⁷ and related to him the story, he said, "Fear not. You have escaped from the wrongdoing people."
26. One of the women said, "O my father, hire him. Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy."
27. He said, "Indeed, I wish to wed you one of these, my two

¹⁰²⁶ i.e., the Israelite, thinking that Moses meant to strike him. Some commentators have attributed the words to the Copt; however, the Israelite was the only one who knew of the previous occurrence.

¹⁰²⁷ Prophet Shu'ayb, the father of the two women.