

QUESTION: Moses killed an Egyptian. Did he ever get punished for it?

ANSWER: Yes, in a way he did. No, he didn't go to prison, but Moses suffered the consequences of what he did by being forced to run away and leave everything he had ever known, and he ended up spending the next 40 years of his life out in the desert. He had to run for his life, because he would have been killed (executed) for what he had done. In God's eyes, I believe it was a justifiable killing, more like manslaughter, because Moses killed the Egyptian in a fight while defending a Hebrew slave.

- **Acts 7:24 & 29-30** "And when he saw one of them (a Hebrew slave) being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian." ".....Moses fled and became an alien in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. And after **forty years** had passed....."