MOSES

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Goals: to realize that these stories are about real people with real struggles, and yet these struggles moulded and shaped the most humble man save the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Deuteronomy 33:9 NIV
He said of his father and mother, 'I have no regard for them.' He did not recognize his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant.

Deuteronomy 33:9 NASB
Who said of his father and his mother, 'I did not consider them'; And he did not acknowledge his brothers, Nor did he regard his own sons, For they observed Your word, And kept Your covenant.

Deuteronomy 33:9 ESV
Who said of his father and mother, 'I regard them not'; he disowned his brothers and ignored his children. For they observed your word and kept your covenant.

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Acts 7:20 YLT

In which time Moses was born, and he was fair to God, and he was brought up three months in the house of his father.

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Regardless, somehow Amram and Jochebed knew and were willing to risk everything to save their baby.

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And in fact, the Egyptian god of fertility just so happened to be the same as the god of the Nile!

"The Nile, so fundamental to the country's well-being, did not play a very prominent part in the religious life of Egypt. The Egyptians took their world largely for granted and praised the gods for its good features. There was no name for the Nile, which was simply 'the river' (the word 'Nile' is not ancient Egyptian). The bringer of water and fertility was not the river but its inundation, called 'Hapy', who became a god." "The Story of the Nile - Nile Gods"; John Baines; http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/egyptians/nile_01.shtml; Accessed June 18, 2013

"Hapi, in ancient Egyptian religion, personification of the annual inundation of the Nile River. Hapi was the most important among numerous personifications of aspects of natural fertility, and his dominance increased during Egyptian history." "Hapi"; Encyclopedia Britannica Online; http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/254689/Hapi; Accessed June 18, 2013

It would have seemed as though Hapy, the god of the Nile and fertility, had given her a gift!

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Exodus 2:7

Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

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Surely Moses's family must have felt in awe of God's providence.

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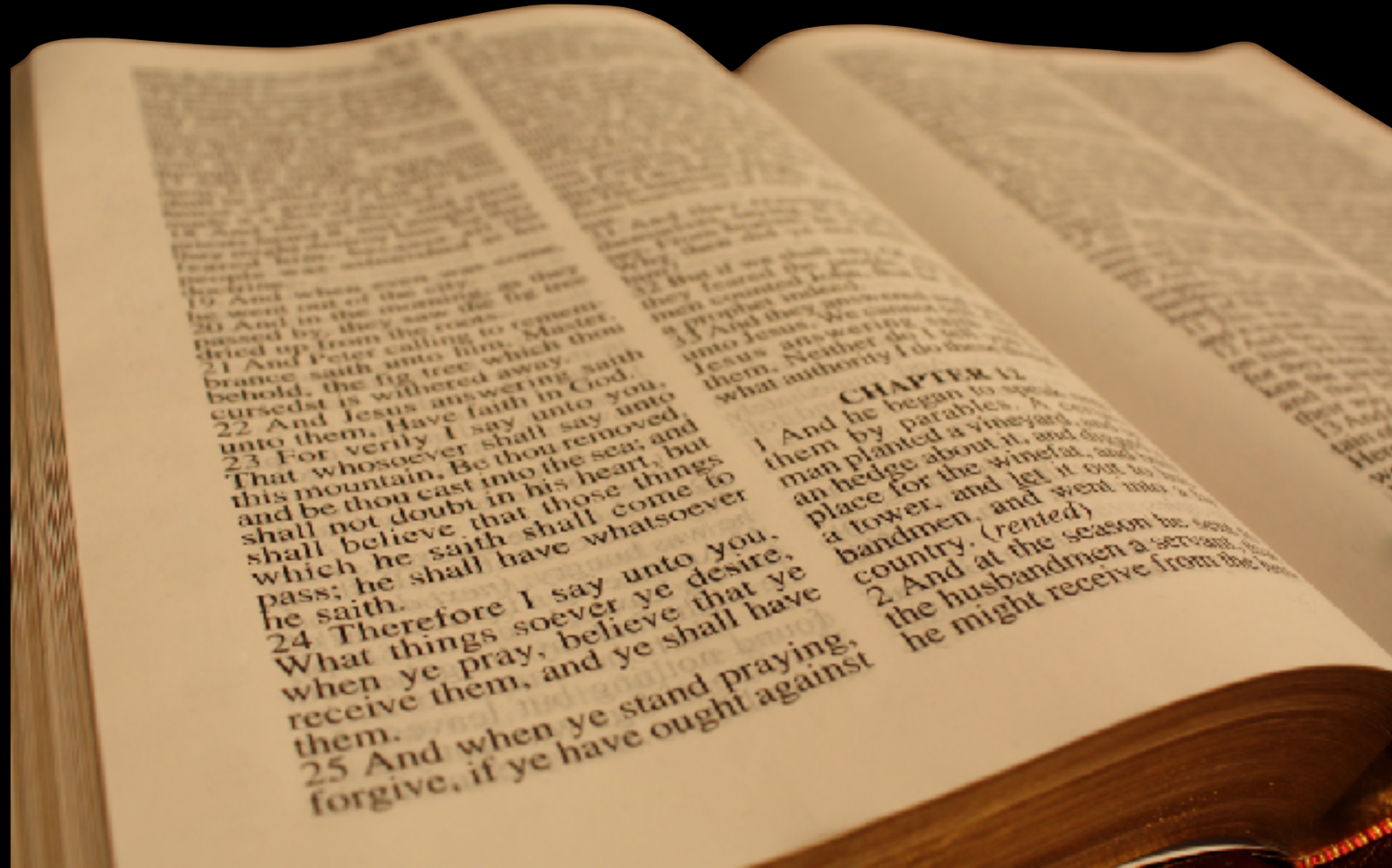
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