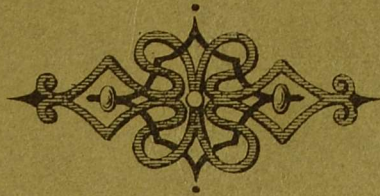




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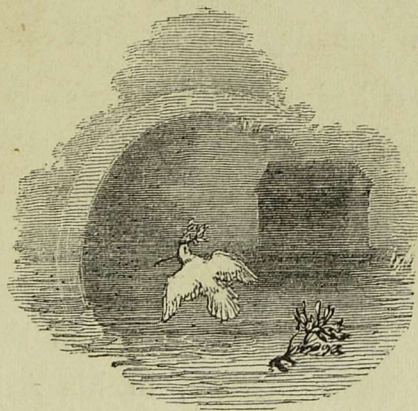
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OLD TESTAMENT.

1. WHEN God made this world, He first created all that could render it pleasant for man. In one part of it He placed the GARDEN OF EDEN, a delightful abode, where all was peace. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, lived there. God was their friend, and they had all they could desire.

2. God placed a tree in the midst of the garden which bore fruit, and that tree God told them not to touch ; but a wicked angel hid himself, in the form of a serpent, and tempted Eve to eat of the fruit.

3. Eve ate of the fruit, and then persuaded Adam, and he also tasted it. God was angry at this disobedience, and sent His angel with a flaming sword to drive them both from the Garden of Eden for ever.

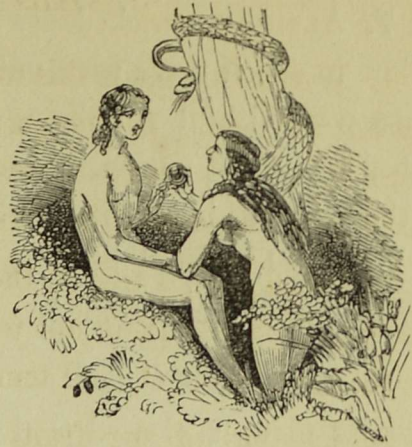
4. Adam and Eve had two sons : Cain, who did not love God, and Abel, who truly served Him. When, therefore, the two brothers brought their offerings unto the Lord, He accepted the sacrifice of Abel, but rejected that of Cain. This made Cain jealous ; and one day he rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, and he became an unhappy wanderer on the face of the earth.

5. When many years had passed by, the earth became full of people, who were so desperately wicked, that God determined to destroy them all, except Noah and his family. God told Noah to build a very large ship, called the Ark, in which some of every kind of beast and bird were placed : and then Noah and his family also went into the Ark. God then caused a terrible rain to pour down on the earth, so that it was entirely covered with water. Noah, in his Ark, rode safely on the waters ; but all the rest of mankind were drowned.

6. After many years Noah died, and the people again forgot God, and recollecting how He had punished the sins of their fathers, they said to each other, " Let us build a high tower, whose top may reach to heaven ;" but God punished them by making them all to speak different languages ; so that they could not understand one another. This tower was called the Tower of Babel.



1. THE GARDEN OF EDEN.



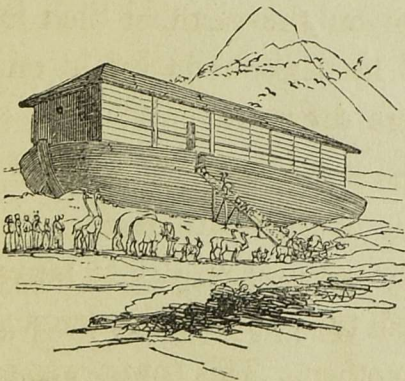
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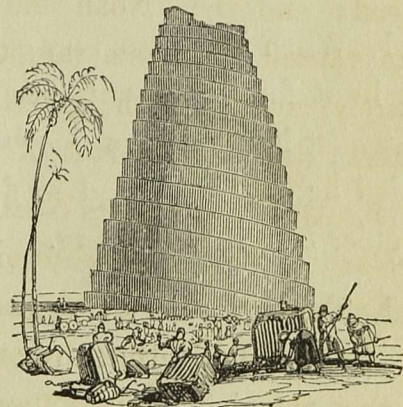
3. PARADISE LOST.



4. CAIN AND ABEL.



5. NOAH'S ARK.



6. THE TOWER OF BABEL.

7. ALTHOUGH wickedness abounded in the world, yet there never was a time in which there were not some who loved and served God. Among these was faithful Abraham, whom God had promised should be the father of a great nation. Once, when he had grown old, he was sitting at the door of his tent in the heat of the day, when three strangers came to him, and assured him he should soon have a son, and thus God's promise would be fulfilled.

8. In course of time Isaac was born, and when he had grown up to be a young man, it pleased God to tell Abraham to offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham took his child and went a long way off to a mountain, where he laid some wood in order, and bound his son on the altar. Just as he was about to kill him, an angel stayed his hand, and pointed to a ram, which was caught in a thicket close by.

9. When Abraham had become a very old man, he told his servant Eliezer to go and search for a wife for his son. Eliezer was a very good man, and prayed that he might make a wise choice, and God directed him to choose Rebekah, whom he met carrying a pitcher.

10. Isaac and Rebekah had two sons, Esau and Jacob. One day when Esau had been hunting, and was very tired and hungry, he asked Jacob to give him his pottage, which Jacob agreed to do, if Esau would give him his birthright in exchange, and Esau gave it him.

11. When Isaac was very old and could scarcely see, he told Esau to go and hunt for some venison, and he would then give him his blessing; but whilst he was gone Jacob brought his father some venison, and pretended he was Esau, and so deceived his father, Isaac, that he obtained his elder brother's blessing.

12. This made Esau very angry, and he would have killed Jacob if he had not gone away directly to another country. When Jacob was tired with his journey he laid down to sleep, and dreamt that he saw a ladder, reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending.



7. ABRAHAM AND THE ANGELS.



8. ABRAHAM OFFERING UP ISAAC.



9. ELIEZER MEETING REBEKAH.



10. ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT.



11. ISAAC BLESSING JACOB.



12. JACOB'S DREAM.

13. THEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east, where he found a well; and some shepherds told him that his cousin Rachel would soon be there with her father's sheep; and when she came, Jacob helped her to roll away a large stone, which covered the mouth of the well, that she might give her sheep water.

14. Jacob went with Rachel to her father's house; and, after he had passed many years with Laban, he married Rachel, and went to see his own father once more before he died. One night on his journey, while alone, there came a man and wrestled with him for a long time: at last Jacob found out that it was an angel of God, and the angel told him he should be called Israel.

15. Jacob had twelve sons; among them was Joseph, who was first thrown into a pit and then sold by his brethren to some Arabians. After they had sold him they carried home the coat of many colours, which Jacob had given Joseph; and dipped it in blood, to make their father think he had been killed by some wild beast.

16. Joseph was carried to Egypt, and became a servant in the house of Potiphar. After he had lived some time in Egypt, Pharaoh the king had a dream, and Joseph was the only person who could tell the king what it meant. He said there would be a great famine, which soon came to pass; and Joseph's brothers had to go to Egypt to buy corn. When Joseph first saw them he did not tell them who he was; but when they came again for corn, he caused his cup to be hid in his brother Benjamin's sack; and while they were returning home he sent his officers to stop them. They came back much afraid, and then Joseph told them who he was.

17. Jacob, who was now very old, could not at first believe the glad tidings his sons had brought him. But when he saw the waggons sent by Joseph, he said, "It is enough, I will go and see Joseph before I die." And he went into Egypt, and Joseph took him to the king.

18. Because the children of Israel increased too fast the cruel king of Egypt ordered all their male children to be killed, as soon as born. But one mother saved her little boy by hiding him among some rushes; and the king's daughter happening to find him, took him home and nursed him, as if he had been her own child, and called him Moses.



13. JACOB AND RACHEL AT THE WELL.



14. JACOB AND THE ANGEL.



15. JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BRETHREN.



16. THE CUP IN BENJAMIN'S SACK.



17. JACOB INTRODUCED TO PHARAOH.



18. MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES.

19. WHEN Moses grew to be a man, while watching his flock one day, he was greatly surprised to see a bush on fire, and yet not consumed. God was in the bush, and told Moses of the sufferings of his brethren, and said he should deliver them. So Moses went to the king of Egypt, and asked leave for all the Israelites to go and worship God in the wilderness. The king refused, but was, at last, obliged to consent; for God sent many plagues on him and his people.

20. After Moses and the Israelites had set out on their journey, the king repented he had let them go, and followed them to the borders of the Red Sea, which God caused to be divided, and the Israelites safely passed through the waters, which stood like a great wall on each side. The king of Egypt and his soldiers madly pursued them into the sea, the waters returned to their places, and they were all drowned.

21. The people of Israel were now freed from their enemies. When the bread they carried out of Egypt was gone, God gave them food, called manna. Yet these foolish people did murmur, and wish themselves back in Egypt. Once, when they were suffering from thirst, Moses, directed by God, struck a large rock, and water flowed out in great plenty.

22. The people of Israel, in their wanderings, reached the foot of Mount Sinai. Moses was told by God to ascend this mountain, and there, amidst clouds and thunder, God gave him His laws and the ten commandments.

23. When the children of Israel came near the land of promise, Moses sent twelve of them to view it, and bring back a true account of it. They found the country abounding in corn and fruit, but were filled with fear of the inhabitants. Two only, named Caleb and Joshua, encouraged the people to go forward, and, to convince them how rich the land was, they shewed them the grapes they brought away, which were in bunches so large, that they carried them on poles on their shoulders.

24. For forty years the people had wandered in the wilderness, and the time at last arrived when they were to be allowed to enter the promised land. But it pleased God that Moses should not go with them. But he was permitted to see the land of Canaan, and ascended the mountain of Nebo to the top of Pisgah, which was its highest point, where he beheld the beautiful land before him, and died.



19. MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH.



20. PHARAOH AND HIS HOST.



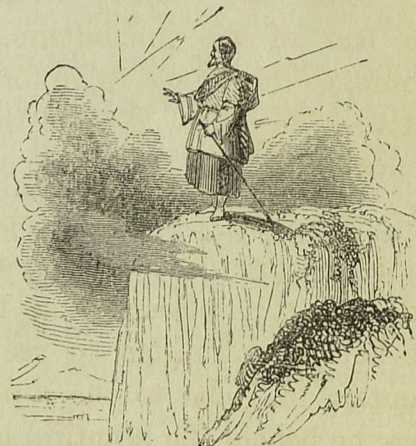
21. WATER FLOWING FROM THE ROCK.



22. MOUNT SINAI.



23. THE SPIES RETURNING.



24. MOSES VIEWING CANAAN.

25. THE Israelites entered Canaan, and drove out most of the wicked inhabitants of the land : but they let some of the Canaanites remain, who kept them in constant fear. Now and then a deliverer arose, and among them was Samson, a man of very great strength, who was once a prisoner in a city called Gaza ; but he made his escape by carrying away the gates of the town on his shoulders.

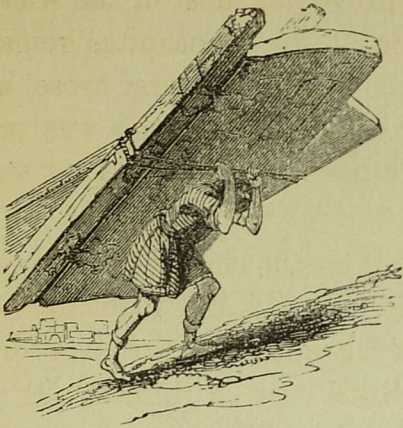
26. Not long after this, there was a famine in the land of Canaan, and a man named Elimelech, went with his wife Naomi and his two sons, unto the land of Moab for food. When he and his two sons died, Naomi returned to her own people, and Ruth went with her. It was the time of harvest, and Ruth went into the fields to glean corn. Whilst she was gleaning, a rich man named Boaz came to see his reapers, and found Ruth ; and hearing of her goodness to Naomi, her mother-in-law, he was so pleased that he treated her very kindly, and soon afterwards married her.

27. Some years afterwards, when Eli was the high-priest of the Israelites, a woman, whose name was Hannah, came to the tabernacle of God, apparently in great grief. Eli asked her why she was grieved, and she said it was because she had no child. Being a prophet, he told her God would give her a son ; and when her little boy, who was called Samuel, was born, in gratitude, she dedicated him to the service of the temple.

28. The Israelites seeing that the surrounding nations were governed by kings, asked to have a king too. God was not pleased at their request, but He gave them a king whose name was Saul. He neglected the advice Samuel gave him, and disobeyed God's commands. So David was anointed to be king instead of Saul.

29. When Saul was king, and had conquered the king of Amelek, he was told to take nothing that belonged to the Amelekite, because he was a wicked man ; but Saul disobeyed God's commands, by which he lost God's favour, and was driven nearly mad. While he was in this state of mind, David played on the harp to comfort him.

30. Not long after, the Philistines came to fight the Israelites, and a great giant, named Goliath, challenged any of the Israelites to fight with him. David, who knew God would defend him and be his helper, went out to meet him, and slew him with a sling and a stone.



25. SAMSON WITH THE GATES OF GAZA.



26. BOAZ AND RUTH.



27. SAMUEL BROUGHT TO ELI.



28. SAMUEL ANOINTING DAVID.



29. DAVID PLAYING BEFORE SAUL.



30. DAVID AND GOLIATH

31. WHEN Saul was dead, David became king. David feared God, but he once committed a great sin, and God directed Nathan, the prophet, to go and tell him of his sin.

32. After this Solomon was king ; one day two women came before him ; one said that because the other woman's child had died, she had come in the night and stolen her baby, leaving that which was dead in its place. The other woman said the living child was really hers. Then Solomon told his soldiers to cut the living child in half, and divide it between them. The pretended mother agreed to this plan, but the real mother offered to give up her baby rather than see it so cruelly killed. "Give her the child," said the wise king, "it is plain whose it is."

33. The queen of Sheba, who had been told of Solomon's wisdom and grandeur, travelled from a far country to see him, and to learn whether he was so wise and rich as she had heard. But when she had talked to him, and seen his temple, his palace, and his riches, she found that the half had not been told her.

34. King Ahab was a very wicked man, so God sent Elijah to tell him that for three years there should be no rain in the land. Elijah, having delivered his message to Ahab, went into the wilderness, where, for a long time, ravens, sent by God, brought him flesh and meat twice a day.

35. When the stream dried up where Elijah was, God sent him to a widow who dwelt in Zidon. He found her gathering sticks, and asked for something to eat. Alas ! she said, I have only enough meal and oil to make one more cake for my son and myself ; but Elijah said if she did as he told her, she should not want ; and the meal and the oil did not fail. Soon after this her child was taken very ill, and died. Elijah pitied her grief, and prayed to God to restore the child's life, and his prayer was heard.

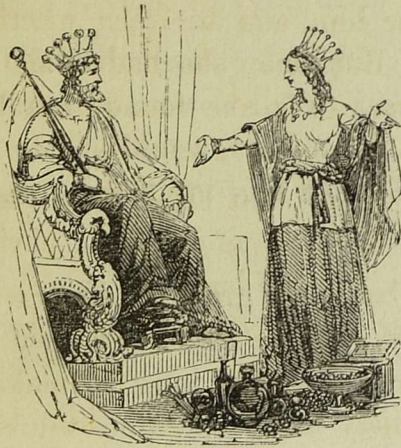
36. Elijah, knowing that he should soon leave this world, went to take leave of the sons of the prophets. He then told his servant Elisha not to follow him, but Elisha would not leave his beloved master till there appeared a chariot and horses of fire, which took Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven. And the mantle of Elijah fell on the ground, and Elisha took it.



31. NATHAN'S PARABLE.



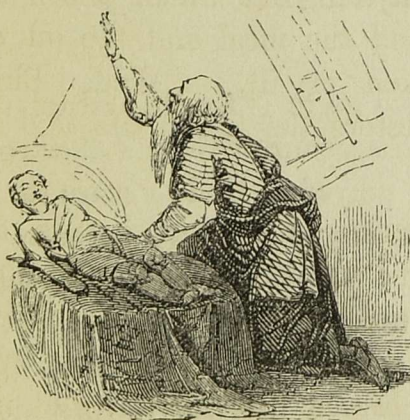
32. JUDGMENT OF SOLOMON.



33. SOLOMON AND THE QUEEN OF SHEBA.



34. ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS.



35. ELIJAH RAISING THE WIDOW'S SON.



36. THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH.

37. JOSIAH was only eight years old when he began to reign, but though so young, he prayed to God to take care of him, and God heard his prayer, and he became a good king.

38. Ahasuerus, king of Persia, made a grand feast, to which he invited his nobles and princes. During the feast he sent for his queen Vashti, that all the people might see how beautiful she was, but she refused to come; this made the king very angry, and he said she should no longer be queen; and Esther, a Jewish orphan, was made queen in her stead.

39. Job was the most patient man that ever lived; in order to make him an example to all faithful people, God suffered him to fall into great trouble and affliction. He was not, however, left without comforters; three of his friends came to mourn with him and comfort him.

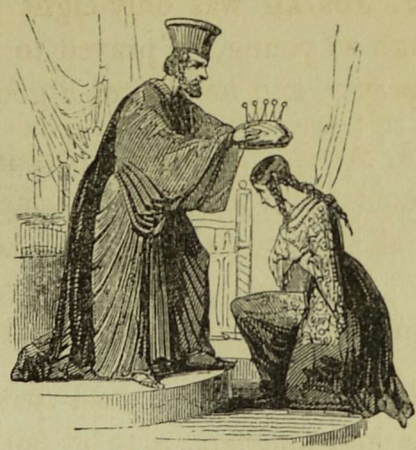
40. Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, and commanded all his subjects, when they heard the sound of music, to fall down and worship it. But Shadrach, Meshac, and Abednego, three Jews, would not do so. Then the king ordered them to be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. But God would not let the fire hurt them.

41. Daniel, who was a prophet of God, became a great favourite with king Darius. This made the princes very jealous, and they tried to get him into disgrace. To do this, they persuaded the king to make a law that no one should pray to God for thirty days, and that whoever did so should be cast into a den of lions. Then they watched Daniel, and, finding that he prayed to God as before, they told the king, and Daniel was thrown into a den of lions. But God shut the lions' mouths, so that they did him no injury.

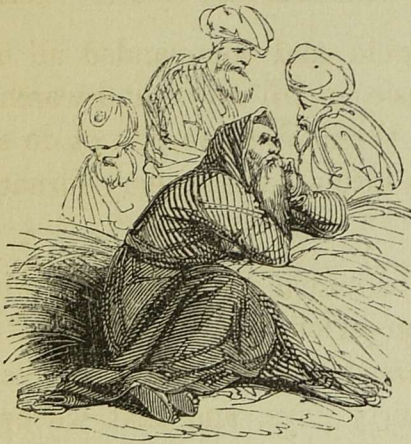
42. God commanded the prophet Jonah to go to Nineveh, and tell the people that the city should be destroyed, on account of their wickedness. But the king of Nineveh and all the people prayed to God to spare them, and God heard their prayer. Jonah felt angry at this, because he thought the people would consider him a false prophet. To shew Jonah how wrong it was to be angry, God made a gourd grow up in the night, to shelter him from the sun, and caused it to wither the next day, at which Jonah murmured. God then reproved him for having more pity for the gourd than for that great city, Nineveh.



37. JOSIAH PROCLAIMED KING.



38. AHASUERUS CROWNING ESTHER.



39. JOB AND HIS FRIENDS.



40. THE FIERY FURNACE.



41. DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN.



42. JONAH AND THE GOURD.

NEW TESTAMENT.

1. SHORTLY before the birth of Jesus, Mary, with her husband Joseph, had to leave the town of Nazareth, and go to their native city, Bethlehem, to be taxed. When they arrived there, they found so many strangers at the inn that they were obliged to sleep in the stable. It was in this humble place that Jesus, the Lord of the whole earth, was born ; and because there was no cradle in which Mary could put her baby, she laid Him in the manger.

2. In the fields around Bethlehem, there were shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. To them an angel appeared with great glory, which when the shepherds saw they were much afraid. But the angel told them not to fear, for he came with good tidings of great joy, for that same night there was born a Saviour.

3. At the same time some wise men who lived in the East saw a beautiful star, which God had sent to shew them that His Son was come into the world. They immediately went to Jerusalem, and then to Bethlehem, and when they had found Jesus they fell down and worshipped Him, and presented to Him gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

4. When Jesus was eight days old, his parents, according to the Jewish custom, took Him up to the Temple to present Him to the Lord.

5. The wise men did not go back to Jerusalem, as Herod the king had desired them, because God had told them in a dream not to do so. When Herod found that they did not return he was very angry, and as he could not find out in which house the infant was, he determined to kill all the children in Bethlehem who were not two years old. He thought that by this means he should certainly kill Jesus ; but God took care of this holy child, and sent an angel to speak to Joseph in a dream, to tell him to take the young child and His mother by night, and flee into Egypt, where they would be quite safe.

6. When Jesus was twelve years old, His parents took Him to Jerusalem. Finding He had not returned with them, as they supposed, they were much alarmed, and immediately went back to Jerusalem in search of Him. And when they arrived there, they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions.



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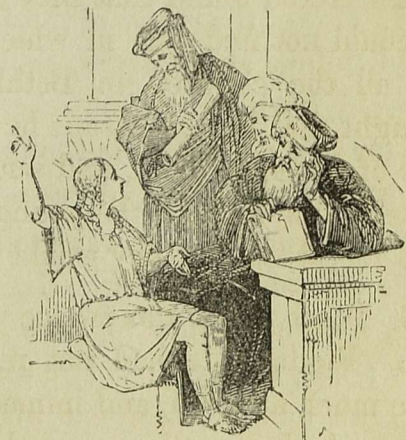
3. THE OFFERINGS OF THE WISE MEN.



4. PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE.



5. FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.



6. JESUS WITH THE DOCTORS.

7. BEFORE Christ began to preach, a man, named John the Baptist, was sent to tell the people to repent, and that Christ was coming; and many people came to be baptized. Jesus one day came to be baptized by John; but John said to Him, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" And Jesus said to him, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." Then John baptized Jesus, and the heavens opened, and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

8. After Jesus Christ was baptized He went into the wilderness, where He remained forty days without any thing to eat and drink. Here Satan came and tempted Him in many different ways, but finding that it was in vain, he left Him, and angels came and ministered unto Him.

9. When Jesus had been three days in Galilee, there was a marriage in the town of Cana, and He, and Mary His mother, were invited to it. It happened that there was not wine enough: this Mary knew, and said to Jesus, "They have no wine." Now there were six waterpots standing near, and Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these water-pots;" and they filled them to the brim, and Jesus changed it by His Almighty power into wine.

10. After this miracle Jesus went to Jerusalem; it was the feast of the Passover, and the people used to offer a great many sacrifices of sheep, and oxen, and doves. Some men took a number of these into the temple to sell; Jesus was very much grieved at this, and took up a small whip that was near, and drove them all out, and said, "My house shall be a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves."

11. One of the rulers of the Jews, named Nicodemus, having heard wonderful tidings about Jesus, thought he would go and see Him, and then he could learn more about these things. He did not like to go in the day, for fear it should be thought he was one of the disciples of Jesus, so he went by night. And Jesus taught him the way of salvation.

12. As our Saviour was going from Jerusalem to Galilee He sat down by the side of a well, while His disciples went to buy food. While sitting there, a woman came to draw water. He asked her to give Him some drink; but, seeing that He was a Jew, she hesitated to do so, because the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus then told her that He was the Messiah, or Deliverer, whom God had promised to send into the world.



7. JOHN BAPTIZING CHRIST.



8. ANGELS MINISTERING TO CHRIST.



9. WATER MADE WINE.



10. CHRIST CLEARING THE TEMPLE.



11. JESUS AND NICODEMUS.



12. THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA.

13. ONE day, after Jesus had been teaching the people from a boat that was anchored a little distance from the land, He told His disciples to cast their net into the sea ; and, although they had caught nothing all night, yet as soon as they did as Jesus told them, they filled their boat with fish.

14. One poor man, who was so ill as not to be able to walk, asked some kind friends to carry him on his bed to Jesus, that he might be healed. They did so ; but when they arrived at the house in which Jesus was, they found it so full, that they could not get in, so they let him down through the roof of the house. Jesus was so pleased to see their faith that He cured the poor man.

15. Jesus once preached a sermon to His followers from the top of a mountain. He told them that those should be blessed who did not quarrel themselves, and who tried to prevent others from quarrelling ; also that the poor, the merciful, and the pure in heart, should be blessed. He likewise taught them “ the Lord’s prayer,” and told them not to think much about eating and drinking, nor about dress : and, pointing to some lilies, He said, if God clothed them so beautifully, He would surely clothe His people.

16. Jesus frequently taught the people by parables : in one parable He told them that a sower went out to sow seed ; and some fell on the foot-path, and the birds ate it ; some fell on stony places, and soon withered away ; some fell among thorns, which choked it ; and some fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit ; and He compared the seed to the Word of God, and the earth to the heart of man.

17. On one occasion, when Peter, James, and John, were all in a ship, a storm suddenly arose ; the waves dashed into the ship, and it began to fill with water. Jesus lay asleep on a pillow in the hinder part of the ship ; so they ran to Him and awoke Him, saying, “ Master, carest Thou not that we perish ?” And He arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still : and the storm ceased.

18. There was a little girl whom our Lord raised from the dead. Her father had heard how kind Jesus was in healing sick people, so he went and fell down at Jesus’ feet, and said, “ My little daughter is very ill, I pray Thee to come and lay Thy hands upon her, that she may be healed.” Jesus, pitying his distress, went with him to his house, and taking the little girl by the hand said unto her, “ Arise !” and she rose up quite well.



13. THE MIRACULOUS DRAUGHT.



14. CHRIST HEALING THE PALSIED.



15. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.



16. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER.



17. CHRIST STILLING THE TEMPEST.



18. RAISING JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER.

19. ONE day Jesus went into a desert to pray, and the people having knowledge of it, crowded after Him to the number of five thousand. Jesus talked to them, and healed their sick. When evening came, they were all very hungry, but they had only five loaves and two little fishes. Jesus made them all sit down, and so increased the food, that after every man had eaten there were twelve baskets of fragments left.

20. The disciples were once fishing, when a great storm arose. Jesus went to their assistance, walking on the water. Peter saw Him coming, and tried to walk on the water to meet Him, but, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Then Jesus took him by the hand, and led him into the boat.

21. Peter, James, and John, were once with Jesus on a mountain, and as He prayed they fell asleep. They were awoke by a great light shining on them, and, when they looked up, they saw that the face of Jesus shone like the sun, and by His side were Moses and Elijah, talking to Him.

22. Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a king that had a servant who owed him a great sum of money, and because the servant could not pay it, the king ordered that he, and all that belonged to him, should be sold; but when he saw his servant's distress he forgave him the debt. This same servant, meeting a fellow-servant who owed him a small sum, and could not pay him, seized him by the throat, and put him in prison. This made the king so angry, that he ordered the cruel servant to be put in prison himself, till he could pay all that he owed.

23. Jesus told another parable. A Jew was travelling, when some thieves robbed, and nearly killed him. A priest soon came that way, but he passed by on the other side of the road; next came a Levite, who looked at him, but also passed by. Then came a Samaritan, who bound up his wounds, and took him to the nearest inn, and bade them take care of him. And Jesus told those who were listening to Him to imitate the good Samaritan.

24. Jesus used often to go to Bethany to see Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Mary loved to sit at Jesus' feet, and to hear Him talk. Martha complained that she did not come and help her. But Jesus told Martha that she was too anxious about worldly matters, and Mary had chosen the better part, which should not be taken away from her.



19. FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND.



20. CHRIST WALKING ON THE SEA.



21. THE TRANSFIGURATION.



22. THE TWO DEBTORS.



23. THE GOOD SAMARITAN.



24. MARTHA AND MARY.

25. JESUS told this parable of a prodigal son. A certain man had two sons, and the younger came to his father, and asked him to divide between them the money he intended they should have. Soon after, the younger son went into a far country, and spent all his money, and he was then in great distress. He became a servant, and was sent into the fields to feed swine, and was nearly starved. He then thought that he would go and confess to his father how wicked he had been. When he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and ran and kissed him, and told his servants to make a feast for him. When the elder son heard of all this, he was angry; but his father told him to come and join in their happiness, for his brother had been lost and was found.

26. Some mothers brought their children to Jesus, that He might bless them, but His disciples told them to go away, and not trouble Jesus with children. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Then He took them up in His arms, and blessed them.

27. There was a poor beggar named Lazarus, who sat at a rich man's gate; he was covered with sores, which the dogs came and licked. But he loved God, and when he died, he went to heaven.

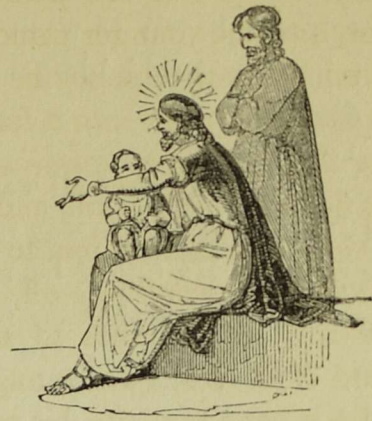
28. A Pharisee and a Publican went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee thanked God that he was not so bad as other men, or even as the Publican who came with him. But the Publican smote upon his breast, and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" And God accepted his prayer, but rejected the prayer of the Pharisee.

29. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem, He sent two of His disciples to a village near, telling them that they would there find a colt tied up, and He told them to bring it to Him. And when they had brought the colt, Jesus rode upon it into the city.

30. Before Jesus suffered death upon the cross, He sat down to supper with His disciples. He told them He was soon to be put to death, and that this was the last time He should eat with them. He then took some bread and wine, and, after He had given thanks, He blessed them, and told His disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of Him.



25. THE PRODIGAL SON.



26. CHRIST BLESSING CHILDREN.



27. LAZARUS AT THE RICH MAN'S GATE. 28. THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN.



29. CHRIST ENTERING JERUSALEM.



30. THE LAST SUPPER.

31. WHEN they had finished supper, Jesus rose from the table, and took a towel, and began to wash the feet of His disciples. Peter objected to this ; but Jesus told him, that if He did not wash him he could not be His disciple.

32. After this, they all went into a beautiful garden called Gethsemane. And Jesus went a little way from the disciples and prayed to God, that if it were possible He might be saved from the agony which awaited Him ; but added, “ Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt !”

33. While Jesus was yet speaking to His disciples, Judas, with a band of armed men, came into the garden. When Jesus saw them, He did not try to escape, but went up to them, and said, “ Whom seek ye ?” They said, “ Jesus ;” He said, “ I am He.” And when His disciples saw that Jesus was taken, they ran away, and left Him.

34. Jesus had told Peter that before the cock crew twice he should deny Him thrice. Jesus was taken to the high-priest, and one of the servants accused Peter of being a disciple of Jesus ; but he denied it. And presently a cock crew. Then he went out, and another saw him, and said, “ This is one of them ;” Peter denied it again. In about an hour afterwards, another said, “ I am sure this fellow was with Him ;” then Peter began to swear that he was not. While he was speaking, the cock crew, and Jesus turned and looked at Peter, who, remembering what Jesus had told him, went out and wept bitterly.

35. The high-priest asked Jesus if He were the Christ, the Son of God. He said, “ I am.” They then cried out, “ There is no need of any further witness, He deserves to be put to death.” Then they platted a crown of thorns and put it upon His head, and “ spit upon Him, and smote Him upon the head ;” and when they had beaten Him, they led Him away to crucify Him.

36. When the soldiers led Jesus away to crucify Him, they laid a cross upon His back, that He might bear it to the place where He was to be put to death. As it was very heavy, and Jesus was too weak to bear it, they laid hold of a man coming out of the country, named Simon, and compelled him to carry it.



31. WASHING HIS DISCIPLES' FEET.



32. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.



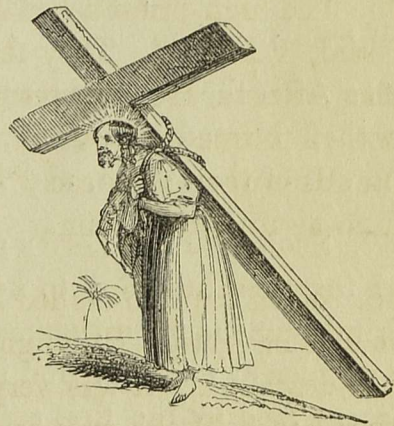
33. JUDAS BETRAYING CHRIST.



34. PETER DENYING CHRIST.



35. THE CROWN OF THORNS.



36. CHRIST BEARING HIS CROSS.

37. WHEN our Lord arrived at the top of Mount Calvary, they nailed Him to the cross by His hands and feet. Then they wrote, "This is Jesus the king of the Jews;" and they put it upon the top of the cross. About the sixth hour (or noon) there was darkness over the earth, which lasted for three hours, and at the ninth hour (or three o'clock) Jesus said, "It is finished," and then He died.

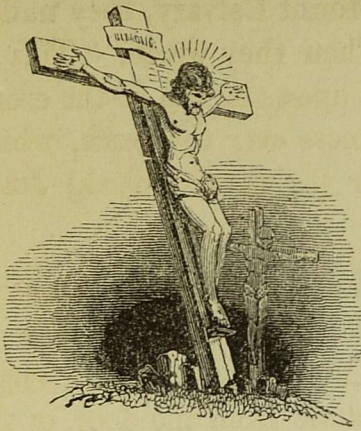
38. On the next day a rich man named Joseph, who was a disciple of Jesus, went and begged to have the body of Jesus. And he took it, and laid it in a new tomb in the garden. On the next day an angel came down from heaven, and rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb, and sat upon it; and there was a great earthquake.

39. On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and John, came to see the sepulchre. The angel told them that Jesus was risen; and Mary Magdalene turned, and saw a man standing near, and supposing Him to be the gardener, said, "Sir, if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have laid Him." Jesus (for it was He) said to her, "Mary!" She instantly knew Him, and said, "Master!" He then told her to go and tell His disciples He was risen from the dead.

40. On the same day Jesus appeared to two of His disciples as they were going to Emmaus. They did not know Him, but He came and walked with them, and went in with them to supper, and took bread and blessed it, and then gave it to them, and, as they ate, their eyes were opened, so that they knew Him; and He vanished immediately out of their sight.

41. After these things Jesus led His disciples out to the Mount of Olives. He then blessed them, and, while He was speaking, a cloud received Him out of their sight, and He was taken up into heaven.

42. Soon after our Lord's ascension, while His disciples were all assembled together in order to keep the feast of the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Then they found that they were able to tell the wonderful works of God in languages which they had never known before. And by the first sermon of Peter, three thousand people were taught to believe in Jesus Christ.



37. THE CRUCIFIXION.



38. THE RESURRECTION.



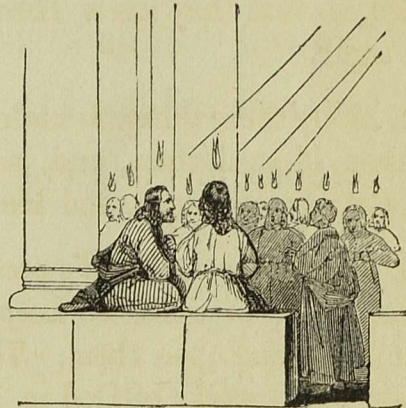
39. CHRIST APPEARING TO THE MARYS.



40. THE WALK TO EMMAUS.



41. THE ASCENSION.



42. DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

CONCLUSION.

I HAVE here given you, my dear little Children, a very short account of some of the Stories in the most beautiful of all writings, the Bible; with the earnest hope that you will be induced to turn to that Book, and read in it, both to your profit and delight. I would recommend you, when you have finished this little work, to begin it again, and ask your Mamma or your Teacher to take your Bible, and find those descriptions for you, of which I have only been able to give you a little part. You will then understand much better what I have told you, and will learn to know some of the most beautiful portions of Scripture History.

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