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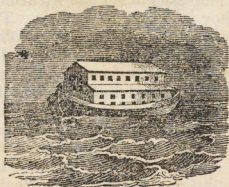


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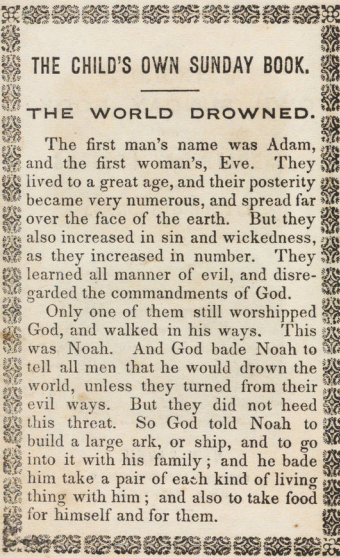
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THE WORLD DROWNED.

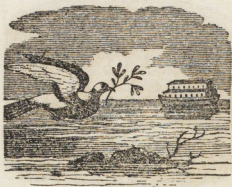
The first man's name was Adam, and the first woman's, Eve. They lived to a great age, and their posterity became very numerous, and spread far over the face of the earth. But they also increased in sin and wickedness, as they increased in number. They learned all manner of evil, and disregarded the commandments of God.

Only one of them still worshipped God, and walked in his ways. This was Noah. And God bade Noah to tell all men that he would drown the world, unless they turned from their evil ways. But they did not heed this threat. So God told Noah to build a large ark, or ship, and to go into it with his family; and he bade him take a pair of each kind of living thing with him; and also to take food for himself and for them.



And Noah did so. Then God made it to rain for forty days and forty nights. The water rose so high, that it was ten yards above the highest mountains, and neither man nor beast had power to escape, except Noah and those that were with him, who were all saved in the ark.

At length, some days after the rain had ceased, Noah sent a dove out of the ark. The dove soon came back, and Noah then knew that there was yet no dry land. After seven days, he put the dove out again, and she soon



returned with an olive branch in her mouth. This showed that the water had so far subsided, that the tops of the trees were above it. In seven more days the dove was again sent out. As she never came back, Noah knew that she had found dry land.

Then Noah, and all that were with him, went out of the ark. And Noah built an altar, and offered up sacrifice to God for his mercy. And God was pleased with Noah, and he blessed him and his children, and made a promise that he would not again drown



the world. And as a pledge of this promise, he showed them a rainbow, which was then arched over them in the heavens.

HISTORY OF JOSEPH.

Jacob had twelve sons; but of all his sons he loved Joseph the most. Although he was good and virtuous, yet his elder brothers envied him, because he was the favorite of Jacob, and because Joseph had two dreams



which seemed to show that they would some day be in subjection to him.

Some time after his dreams, when they were feeding their flocks at a distance from home, these cruel brothers sold him to some merchants who were traveling to Egypt.

These merchants sold Joseph to an officer of the king of Egypt, named Potiphar, whom he served so faithfully, that Potiphar made him overseer of all his household. But Joseph was falsely accused of a crime, and was put into prison. Even here his good



conduct and disposition gained him friends, and the jailer committed the other prisoners to his care.

Among these prisoners, were the chief butler and chief baker to the king, who had each a dream, which they told to Joseph. He explained these dreams to them, and said, that the butler would be restored to his office, and the baker put to death; and it all happened just as Joseph said.

Some time after this, the king had a strange dream, and none of his wise men could tell the meaning of it. But



the chief butler told king Pharaoh how Joseph had explained his dream. So Joseph was brought before him to see if he could tell what it meant. And he told the king that his dream denoted seven years of plenty, in which every thing would grow in great abundance ; and then seven years of famine, in which there would be a great scarcity of provisions. And he advised the king, that in the years of plenty, corn should be laid up for the years of famine, that the people might not starve.

The king admired Joseph's wisdom,

and he took a ring from his finger and put it upon Joseph's hand, and a chain of gold about his neck; and Joseph rode in the king's second chariot, and was made ruler over the land of Egypt.

When the seven years of plenty were gone, the famine began; and it reached to the land of Canaan, where Joseph's father lived, and his brothers were obliged to go to Egypt to buy some of the corn which Pharaoh had laid up in the years of plenty, as Joseph advised him to do.

His brethren did not know Joseph when they saw him, and they bowed themselves down before him, agreeably to his dreams. But Joseph soon made himself known to them, and forgave them. He loaded their beasts with corn, and sent them back to Canaan, to bring his father and all their families down into Egypt. The meeting between Joseph and his father, after so many years separation, was very affecting.

Jacob and his family lived happily in Egypt; but when the good old man died, Joseph's brethren were afraid that he would punish them for selling him to the merchants, and they begged him to forgive them for their father's sake. But Joseph said, "Fear not, for God turned the evil you did me, to good. I will take care of you and your little ones as I did when our father was alive."

Such was the generous conduct of Joseph. How well did he deserve the love and respect of his brethren!

BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

About four thousand years after this world was made, JESUS CHRIST, the Savior of all mankind, was born in the city of Bethlehem. As the place was at that time full of people, there was no room in any of the houses for his parents, and they had to take up their



abode in a stable. Here, in a manger, the blessed Redeemer was born!

Some wise men in the east noticed one particular star, which shone with great brightness, and they followed it as it proceeded on its course, till they arrived at Jerusalem, where they inquired about the star, and about the SAVIOR, who was expected at that time, as his coming had been foretold by the prophets. The Jews, among whom he was to come, thought he would be a mighty king of this world, And Herod, who was then king of that



country, hearing of the wise men, and of the star, was afraid CHRIST would take his throne from him; and he resolved, therefore, to destroy him while he was yet but a babe!

But the parents of the child were told by an angel to take him and go down to Egypt, lest Herod should kill him. And accordingly they went, and remained in Egypt till Herod died.

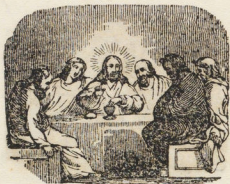
But the wicked king did not know they were gone; and that the child might not escape, he gave orders to his soldiers to kill all the children in



Bethlehem who were not two years old. This barbarous order was obeyed, and all the poor little children slain! But the infant JESUS was then safe in the land of Egypt.

DEATH OF OUR SAVIOR.

When JESUS CHRIST was grown to manhood, he began to do a great deal of good in the world. He healed the sick, the lame, the blind, and the deaf, and raised the dead to life. His time was employed in doing good.



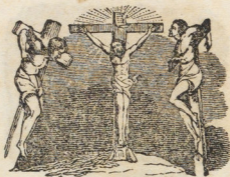
He told the Jews of their sin and wickedness ; and for this reason they hated him, and resolved to kill him.

He had twelve disciples, who labored with him to make men repent of their sins. One of these, named Judas, was hired by the Jews to betray his master. But the Savior knew all things ; and when he sat down to eat the Feast of the Passover with his disciples, he told them that one of their number would betray him. This, said he to them, is the last supper that we shall eat together.



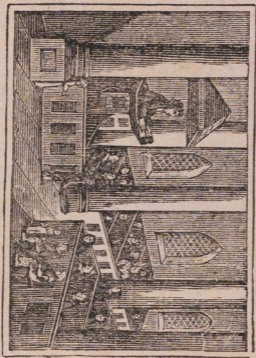
He then went out to the mount of Olives to pray, and while he was there some armed men came to take him. Then Judas went up and kissed him. This was the sign he was to give, to inform them which was his Master.

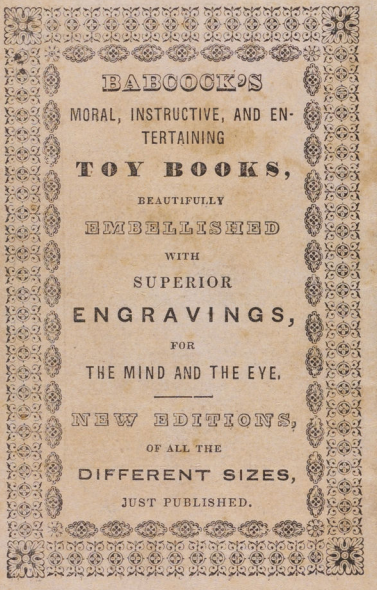
The soldiers then seized JESUS and took him before Pontius Pilate, the governor. But Pilate could find no wrong in him. However, the Jews insisted that he should be put to death. And they mocked at, and scoffed him, and spit upon him, and made a crown of thorns, and put it upon his head.



Finally, Pilate yielded to their cruel wishes, and the Savior was led out to Mount Calvary, and crucified between two thieves. When nailed upon the cross, he prayed to God for all his enemies, and said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Thus died our blessed Savior, the Son of God, the Redeemer of all who love him and keep his commandments. He died to save us from the wrath of God, and from the punishment due to our sins. Thanks be to thee, divine Savior, forever and ever!





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