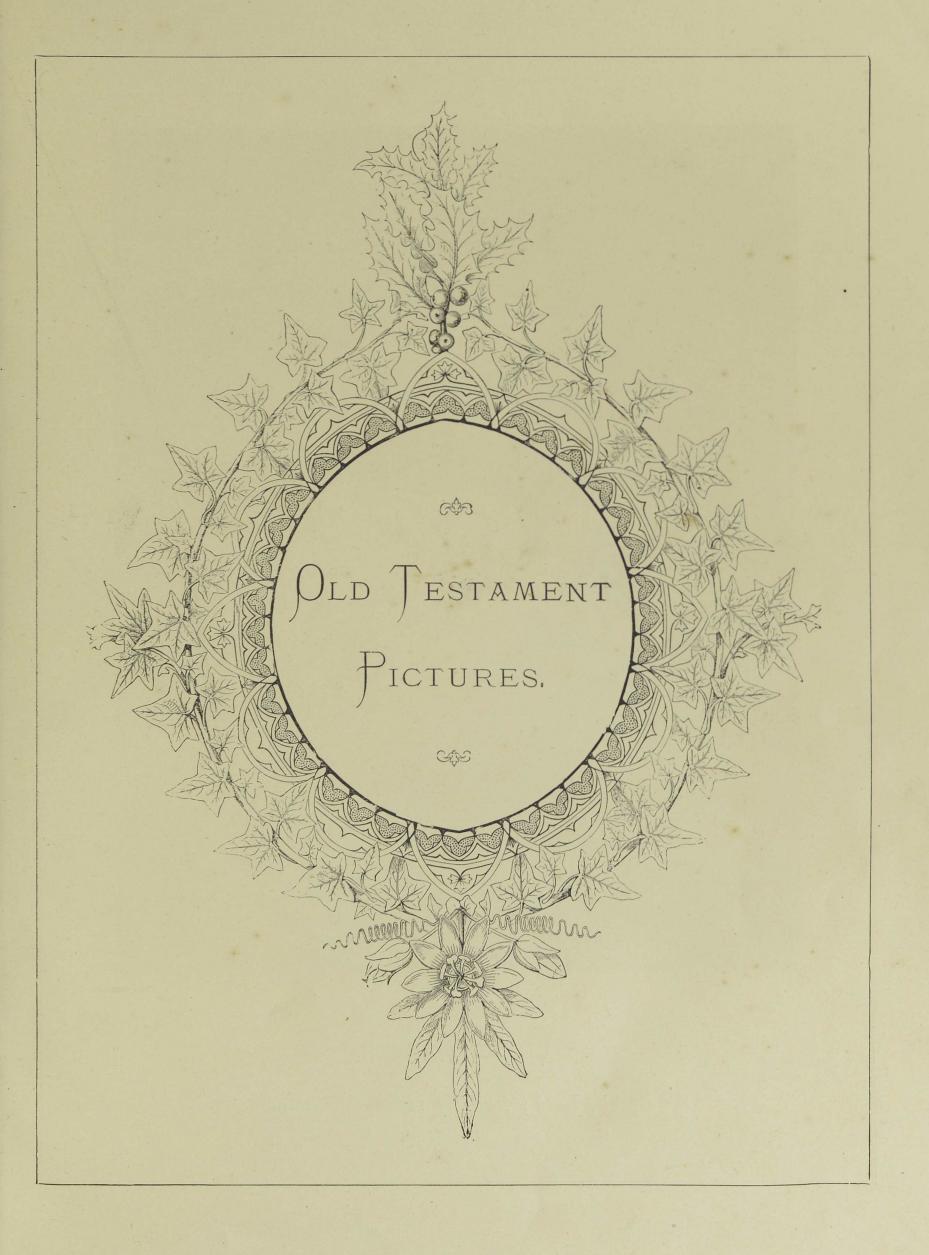


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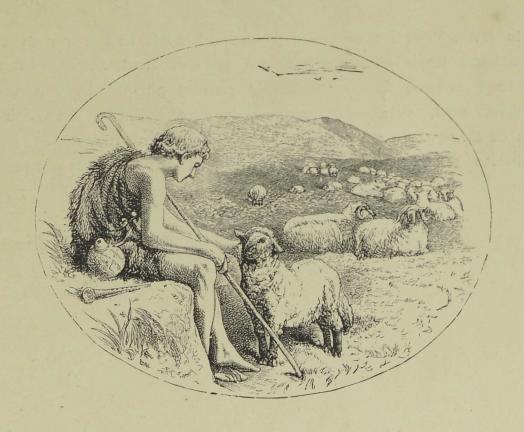


LITTLE SAMUEL.

"Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel III.

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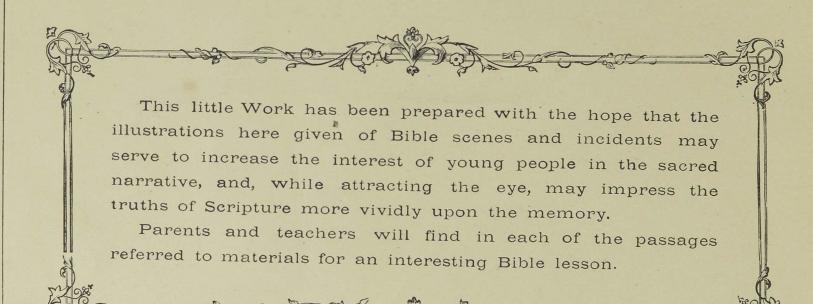
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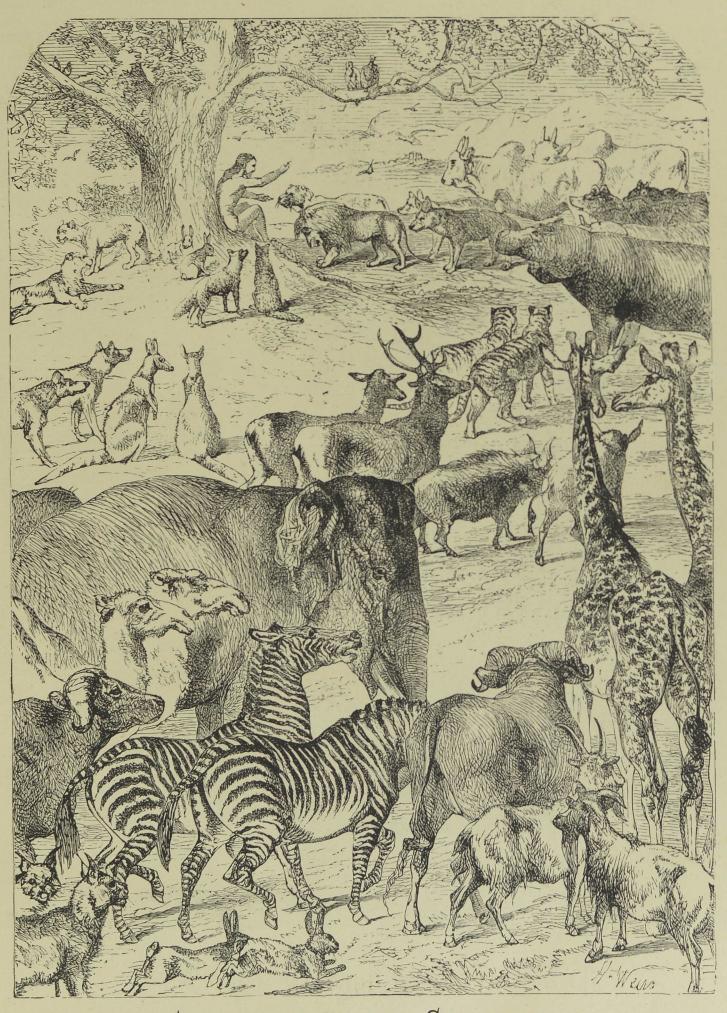


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ADAM NAMING THE PREATURES.

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field.

Genesis i. 20-31; ii. 18-20.



THE DOVE RETURNS TO THE ARK.

Again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

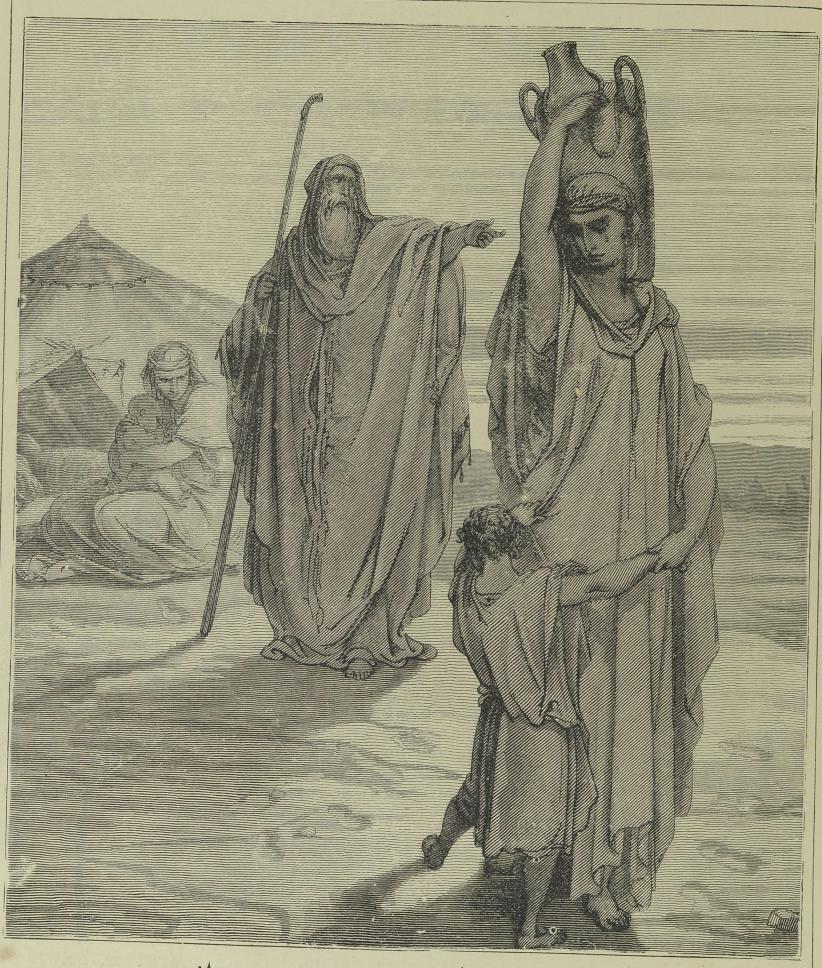
Genesis viii.



THE PARTING OF ABRAHAM AND LOT.

And Abram said unto Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; for if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left."

Genesis xiii.



ABRAHAM SENDING HAGAR AWAY.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Genesis xxi. 9-21.



ABRAHAM AND ISAAC.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

Genesis xxii. 1-14.



ABRAHAM BUYING THE SAVE OF MACHPELAH.

Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

Genesis xxiii. 19, 20.



THE COVENANT OF LABAN AND JACOB.

"Come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee." And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, "Gather stones;" and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between me and thee this day." Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; and Mizpah; for he said, "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

Genesis xxxi. 17 to end.



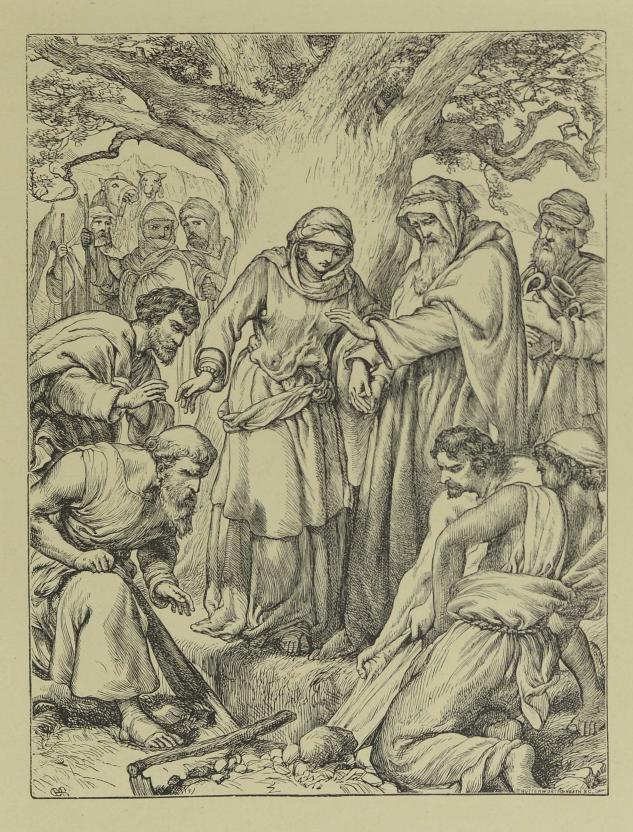
THE MEETING OF ESAU AND JACOB.

And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

Genesis xxxiii.

Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee; May we in Thy name agree; Let us for each other care, Joy or grief together share.

Make us one in heart and mind, Courteous, pitiful, and kind, Lowly, meek, in thought and word, That we may be like our Lord.



THE BURIAL OF DEBORAH.

But Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak.

Genesis xxxv. 1-15.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer,
Make our youthful souls Thy care;
From this time be Thou our Guide,
Ever keep us near Thy side.

So when death shall close our eyes, Upward shall our spirits rise; And, on our Redeemer's breast, Find an everlasting rest.



JOSEPH PUT INTO A PIT.

And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; and they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

Genesis xxxvii. 13-24.



JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT.

And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

Genesis XXXVII. 36.



JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAM.

Pharaoh said unto Joseph, "I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it." And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

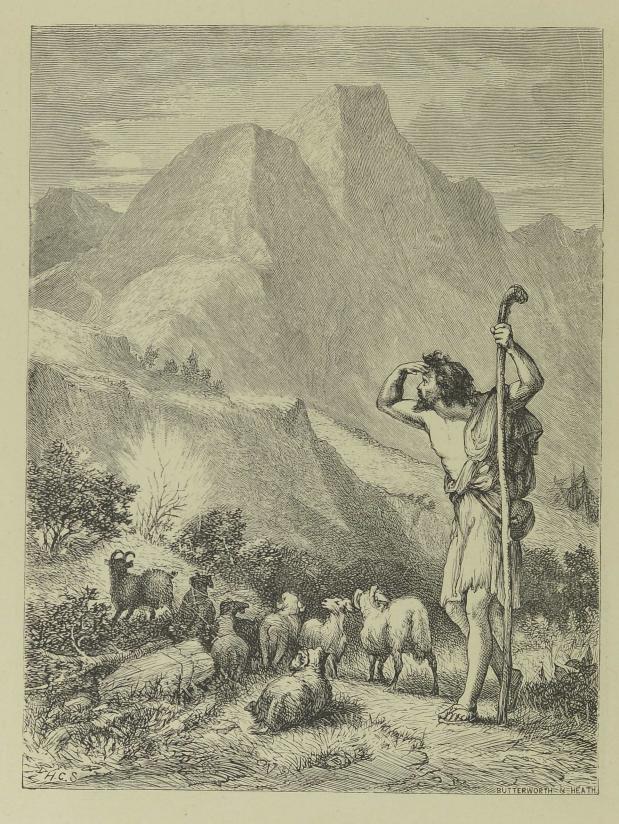
Generic xli. 15, 16.



Moses in the Ark of Bulrushes.

And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

Exodus ii. 1-10.



Moses and the Burning Bush.

The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. . . . And God said, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Exodus iii.

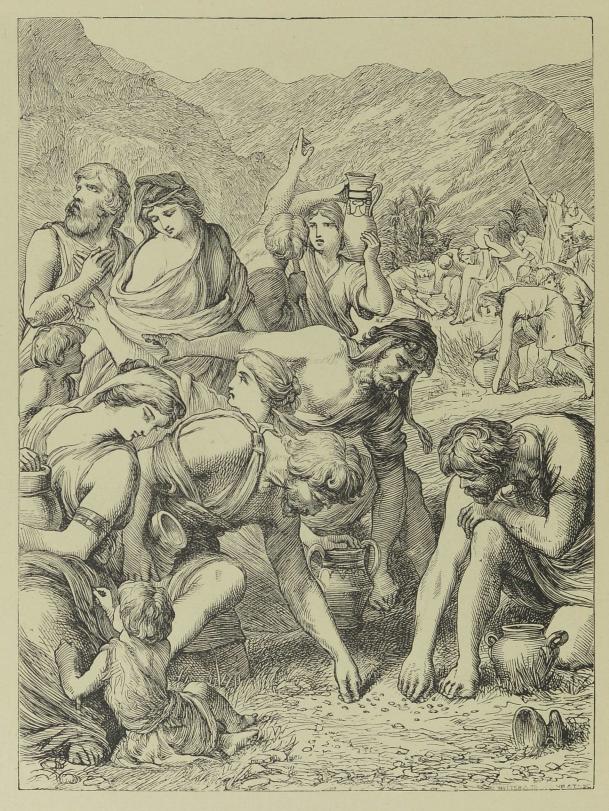
God is a Spirit, great in might,
Most holy, just, and true;
He dwells in heaven, above our sight,
And He can all things do.

Great God! Thy face we cannot see,
Thou reignest far above;
Yet may we ever think of Thee
With reverence and with love.



Moses before Pharaoh.

And afterwards Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness." And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Exodus v.



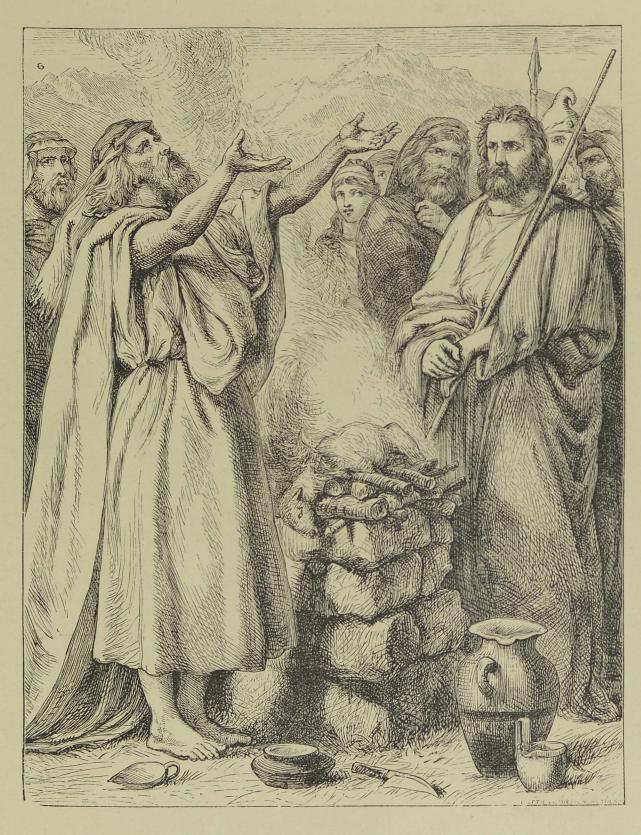
THE ISRAELITES GATHERING MANNA.

And Moses said unto them, "This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating." . . . And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack.

Exodus xvi. 11-35.

This world can never make us blest;
Its riches, honours, joys,
All prove but vain delights at best,
And perishable toys.

O satisfy us early, Lord,
With mercy from above:
Nothing can true content afford
Without Thy pardoning love.



JETHRO'S SACRIFICE.

And Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them." And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.



THE SCAPEGOAT.

And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.

Leviticus xvi.



EASTERN GLEANERS.

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus xix. 9, 10.

A cup of water, lovingly
To want or weakness given
For Christ's dear sake, will surely be
Acceptable in heaven.

The helpful hand and tender heart, Kind words and gentle ways, In God's remembrance have a part, And all show forth His praise.



Moses told of Eldad and Medad prophesying.

And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, "My lord Moses, forbid them." And Moses said unto him, "Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!"

Numbers xi. 16-29.



THE BRAZEN SERPENT.

And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

Numbers xxi. 4-9.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John III. 14, 15.



Moses striking the Rock.

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice; and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

Numbers xx. 1-13; 1 Corinthians x. 1-4.



THE DESERT OF SINAI.

Ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire: . . . but ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, . . . and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

Exodus xix.; Hebrews xii. 18-29.



BALAAM'S PROPHECY.

"I shall see Him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel."

Numbers xxii.-xxiv.



FLEEING TO THE SITY OF REFUGE.

Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising; that the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live.

Deuteronomy iv. 41, 42.



THE TRESPASS OF ACHAN.

And Achan answered Joshua, and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it."



JEPHTHAH AND HIS DAUGHTER.

And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, "Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back."

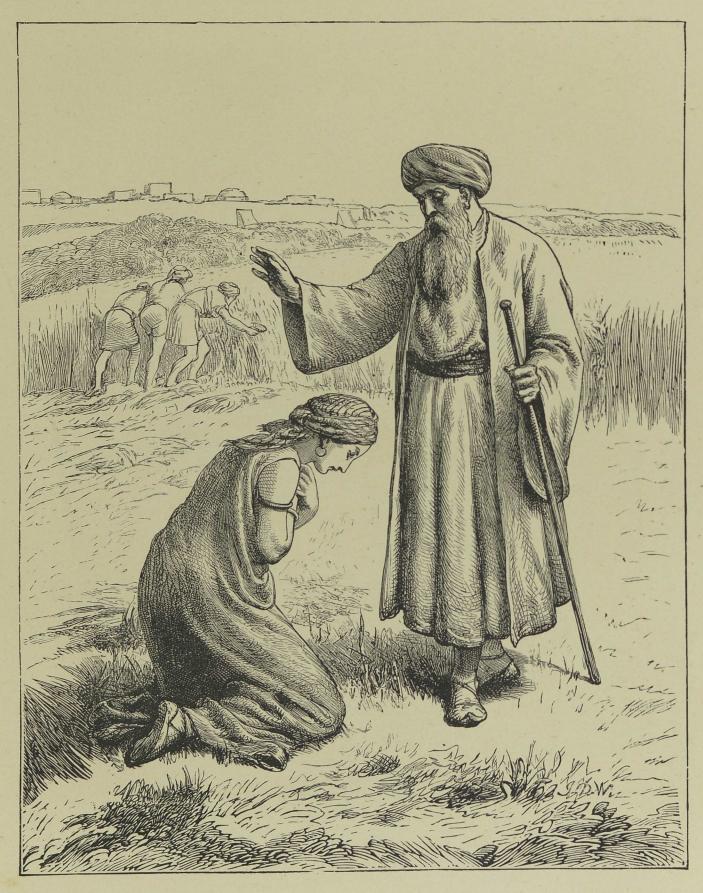
Judges xi. 29-40.



RUTH AND NAOMI.

And Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

Ruth i. 1-19.



BOAZ AND RUTH.

And Boaz answered and said unto her, "It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust."



THE PRESENTATION OF SAMUEL.

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him: therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." And he worshipped the Lord there.

1 Samuel i, 19-ii, 11.

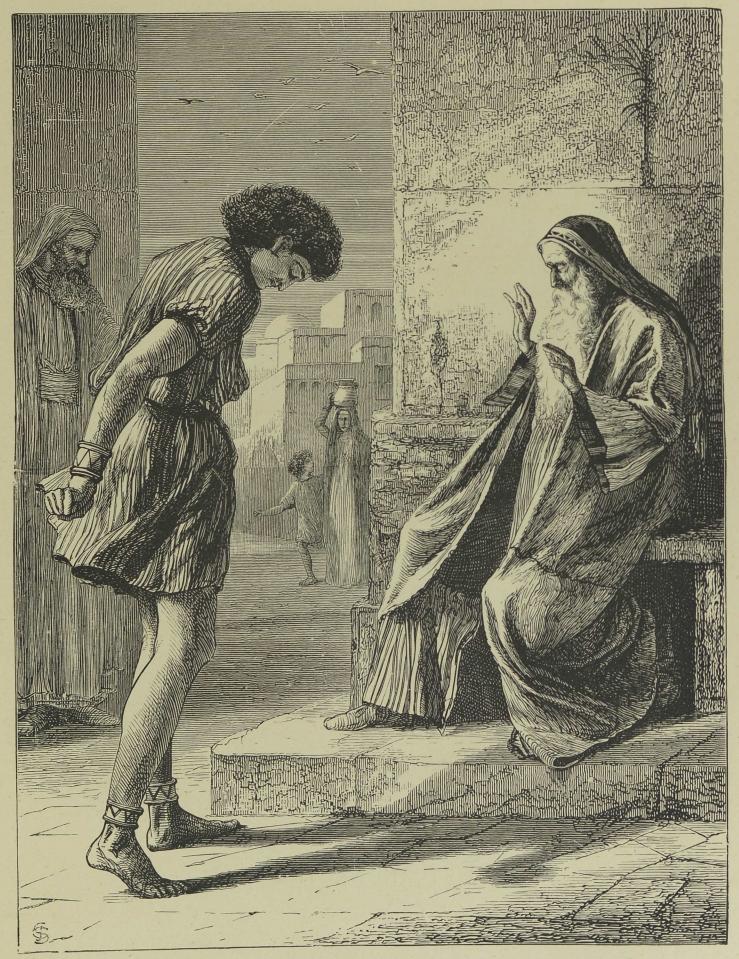
My Father! who hast known me,
And borne with me till now,
And hast such favour shown me,
Accept my early vow.

Accept the dedication

Of this young heart of mine;

Lord, grant me Thy salvation,

And make me wholly Thine.



ELI AND THE MESSENGER.

And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God.

1 Samuel iv. 1—18.



THE RETURN OF THE ARK.

And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.



JONATHAN AT MICHMASH.

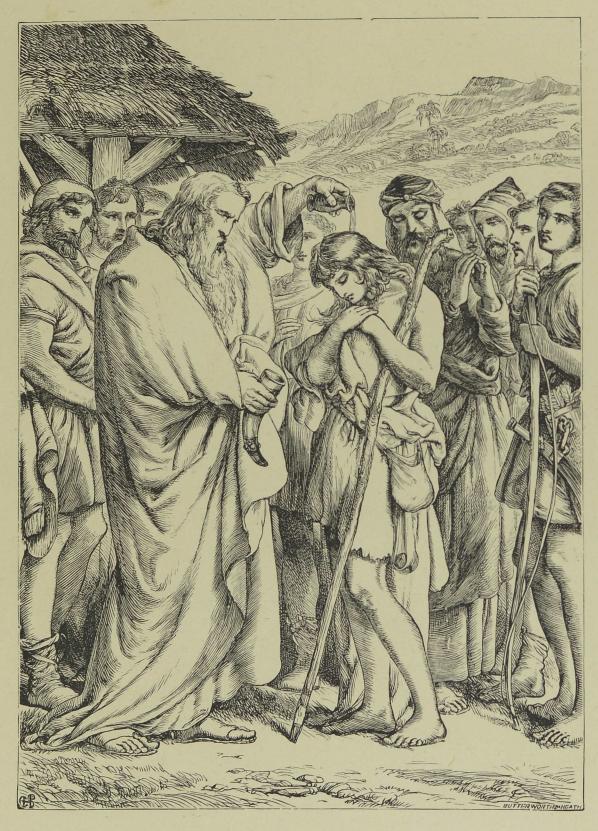
And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves." And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, "Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel." And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew after him.



THE REJECTION OF SAUL.

And Saul said unto Samuel, "I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord. I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord." And Samuel said unto Saul, "I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel." And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, "The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou."

1 Samuel XV.



SAMUEL ANOINTING DAVID.

And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Are here all thy children?" And he said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.



JONATHAN'S TOKEN TO DAVID.

And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. And he said unto his lad, "Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot." And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. . . . And Jonathan cried after the lad, "Make speed, haste, stay not." And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

1 Samuel xx.



DAVID AND ARAUNAH.

And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him... And Araunah said, "Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people."

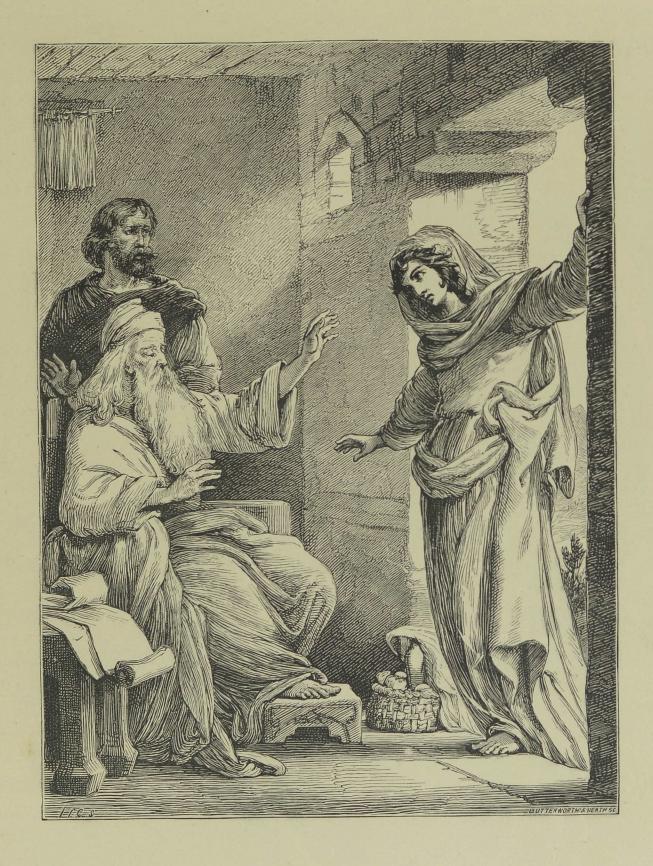
2 Samuel xxlv. 20-21.



THE DEATH OF THE DISOBEDIENT PROPHET.

And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, "It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the Lord: therefore the Lord hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the Lord."

1 Kings xiii.



THE QUEEN AND THE PROPHET.

And the Lord said unto Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feigh herself to be another woman." And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feighest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings." 1 Kings xiv. 1-18.



ELIJAH FED BY RAVENS.

So Elijah went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

1 Kings xvii. 1-7.



ELIJAH RAISING THE WIDOW'S SON.

And Elijah cried unto the Lord, and said, "O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again." And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, "See, thy son liveth."

1 Kings xvii. 8-24.



SYRIAN BEARS.

And as Elisha was going up by the way, there came forth little children [or youths] out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head." . . . And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

2 Kings ii.



MY HEAD! MY HEAD!

And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, "My head, my head." And he said to a lad, "Carry him to his mother." And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

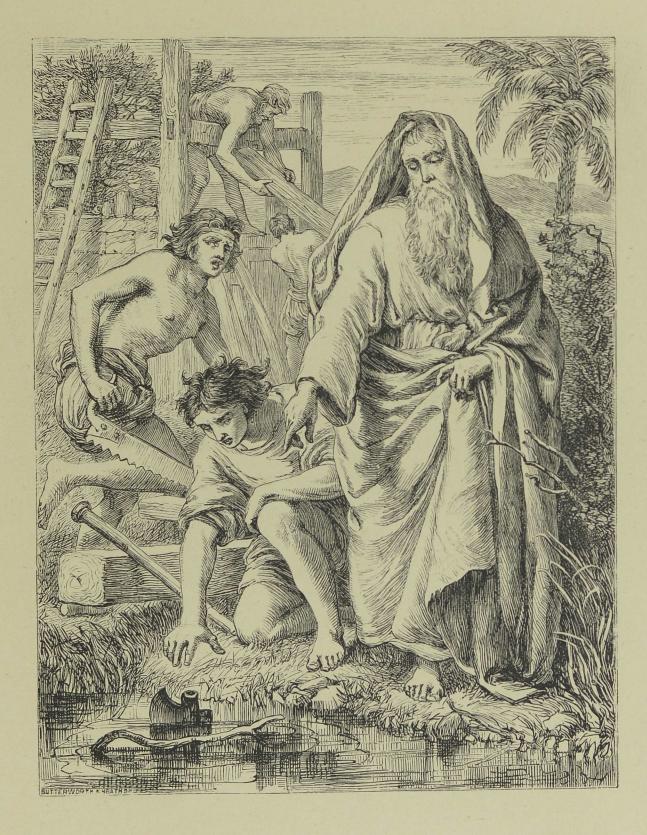
2 Kings iv. 8-37.



THE LITTLE CAPTIVE MAID.

And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy."

2 Kings v. 1-19.



Elisha causeth Iron to swim.

And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, "Alas, master! for it was borrowed." And the man of God said, "Where fell it?" And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, "Take it up to thee." And he put out his hand, and took it.

2 Kings vi. 1-7.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF KING JOASH.

And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard, and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the Lord. And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, "Treason, Treason!" 2 Kings XI.



THE KING AND THE DYING PROPHET.

And Elisha said unto him, "Take bow and arrows." And he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, "Put thine hand upon the bow." And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, "Open the window eastward." And he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot." And he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them."

2 Kings xiii. 14—19.



KING HEZEKIAH SHOWING HIS TREASURES.

And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not . . . And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord."



REHOBOAM'S ANSWER TO THE MEN OF ISRAEL ..

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, "Come again to me on the third day." And the king answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."

2 Chronicles x.



JEHOSHAPHAT'S PRAYER IN THE TEMPLE.

And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, and said, "O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? . . . O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee."

2 Chronicles xx. 1-19.



KING JOSIAH READING THE LAW.

And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

2 Chronicles xxxiv.

Good king Josiah, in his youth, Began to seek the Lord in truth; To God he lived, observed his laws, And laboured to promote his cause. Thrice happy they who thus begin Early in life to turn from sin;
And in their youthful days are led
In paths of piety to tread.



NEHEMIAH BEFORE THE KING.

And I said unto the king, "Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?" Then the king said unto me, "For what dost thou make request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, "If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it." And the king said unto me (the queen also sitting by him), "For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return?" So it pleased the king to send me.

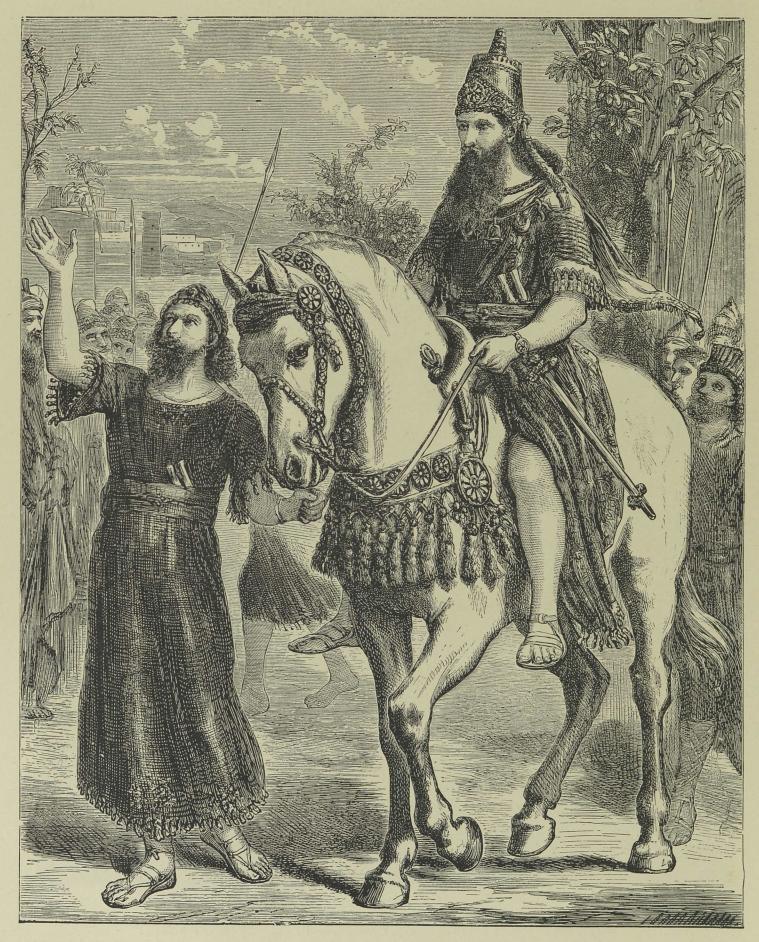
Nehemiah ii. 1—8.



EZRA READING BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

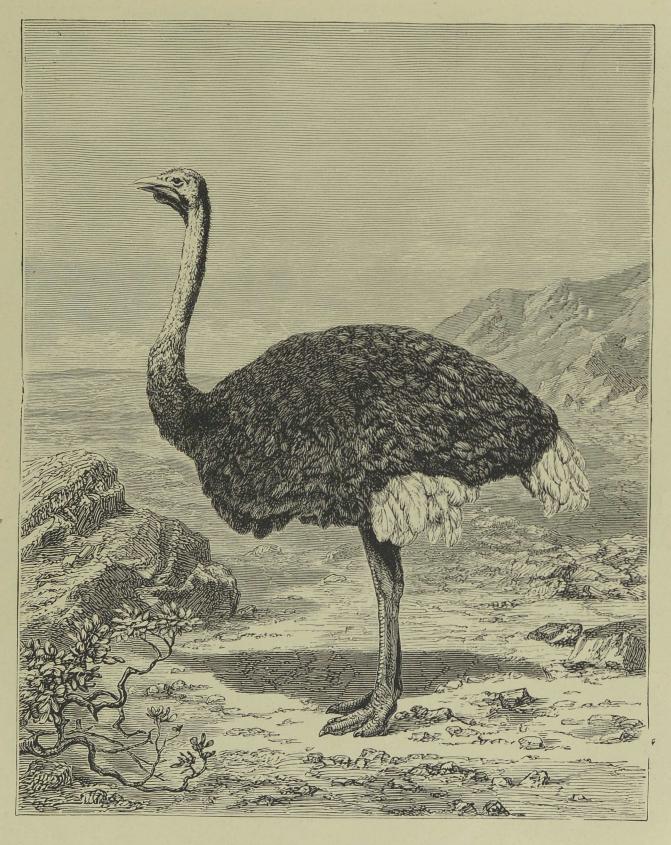
And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose. . . And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people (for he was above all the people); and when he opened it, all the people stood up: and Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Nehemiah viii. 1—12.



HAMAN AND MORDECAL.

Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour."



THE OSTRICH.

Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear; because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

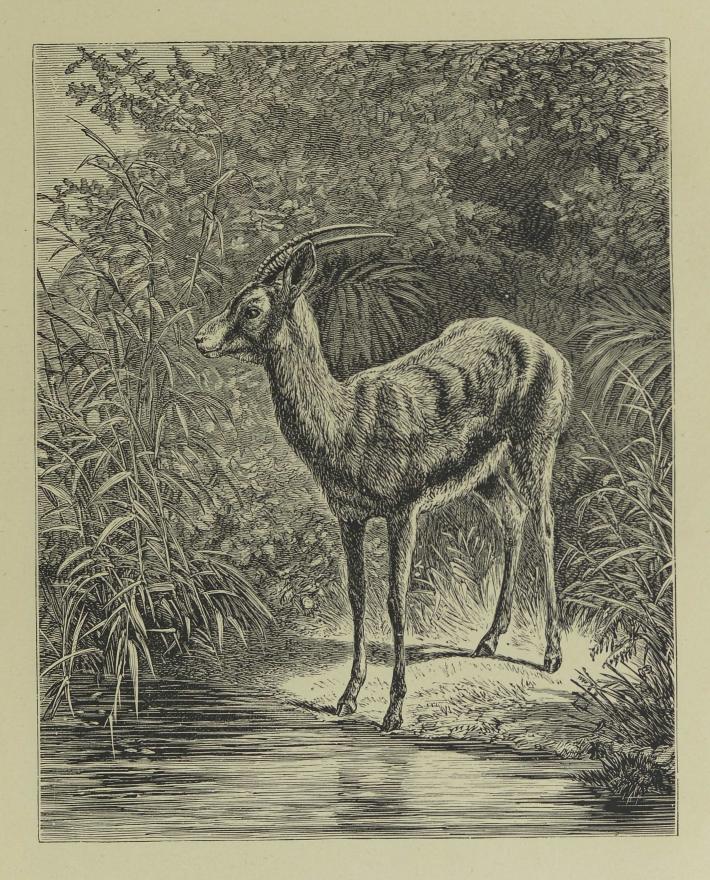
Job XXXIX. 13-18.



THE HIPPOPOTAMUS.

Behold now behemoth; ... he eateth grass as an ox. ... He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed and fens. The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not.

Job xl. 15-24



THE GAZELLE.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

Psalm xlii. 1.

As pants the hart for cooling streams,
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul for Thee, O God,
And Thy refreshing grace.

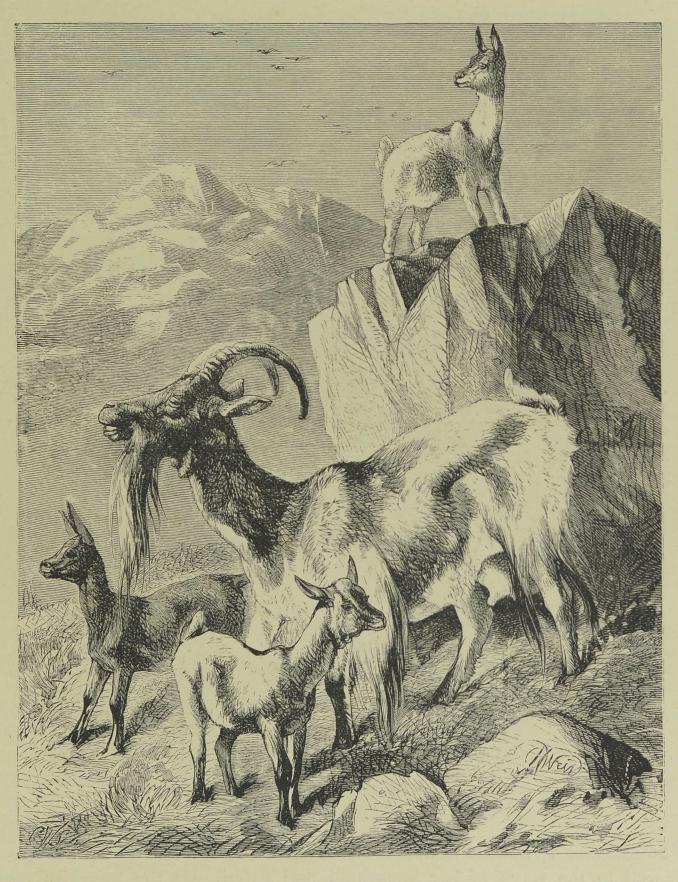
For Thee, O God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh, when shall I behold Thy face,
Thy Majesty Divine?



THE PELICAN.

Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline Thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily. . . . I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Psalm cii.



WILD GOATS.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. . . . Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

Psalm civ.

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THE HAPPY HOME.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs xxxi. 10-30.

Yes, home is a delightful word!

The father's fervent prayer,

The mother's love, the infant's smile,

The springs of life are there.

O Saviour! drawn by boundless grace, From Thy bright throne in heaven, To lead a pilgrim's life on earth! To us may grace be given!



THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM.

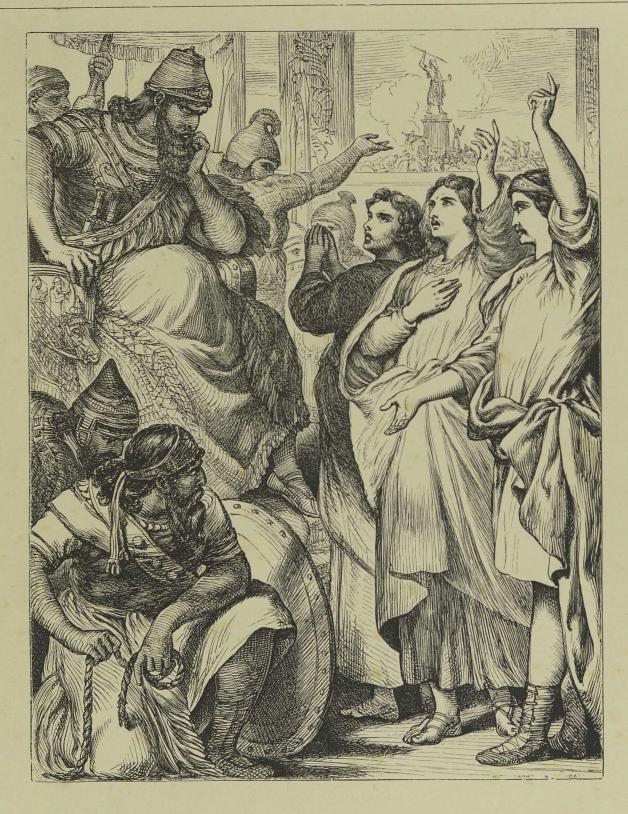
The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.



THE GOLDEN EMAGE.

Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Daniel iii. 1-18.



SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABED-NEGO.

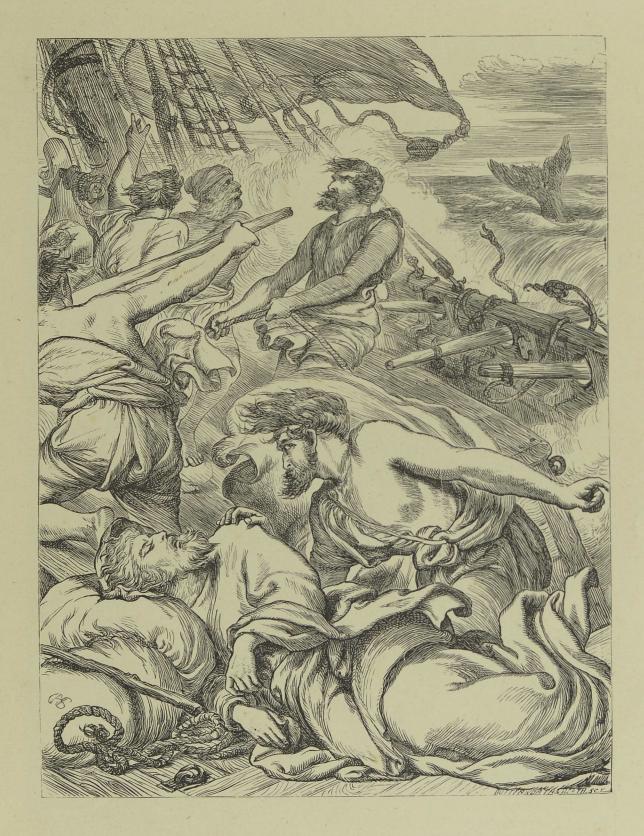
Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."



DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN.

Then said Daniel unto the king, "O king, live for ever. My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me."... So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Daniel vi.



JONAH OVERTAKEN BY THE TEMPEST.

But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

Jonah i., ii.



REPENTANCE OF THE KING OF NINEVEH.

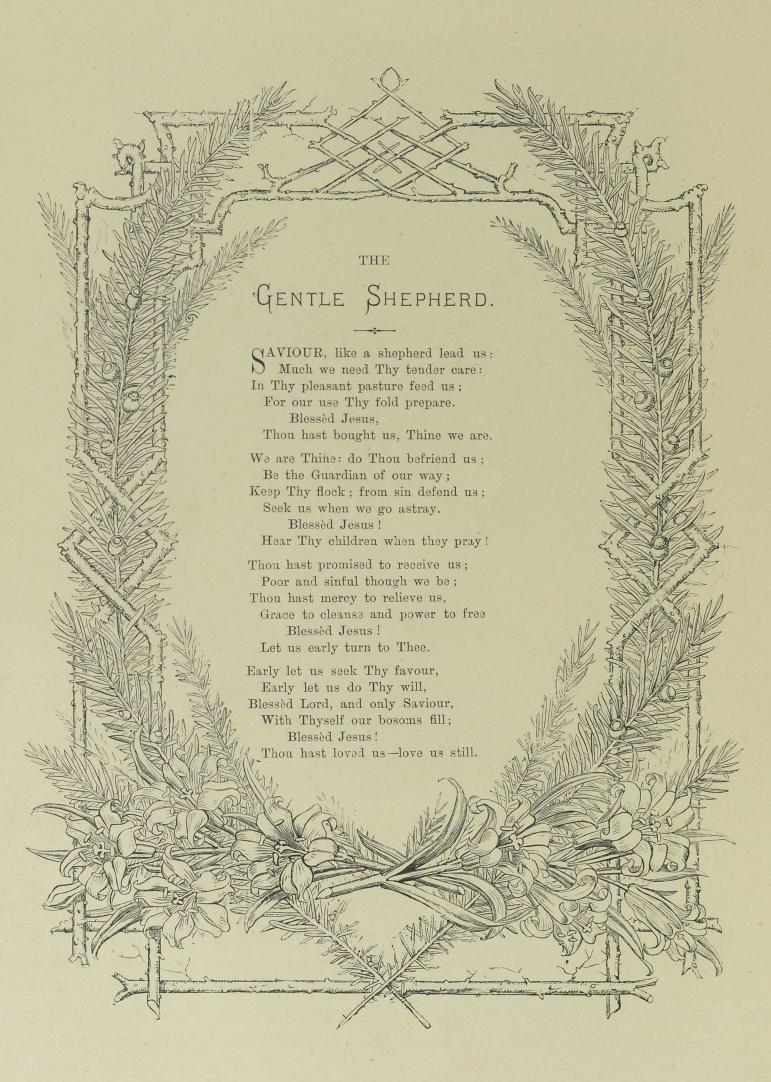
So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. . . . And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not.

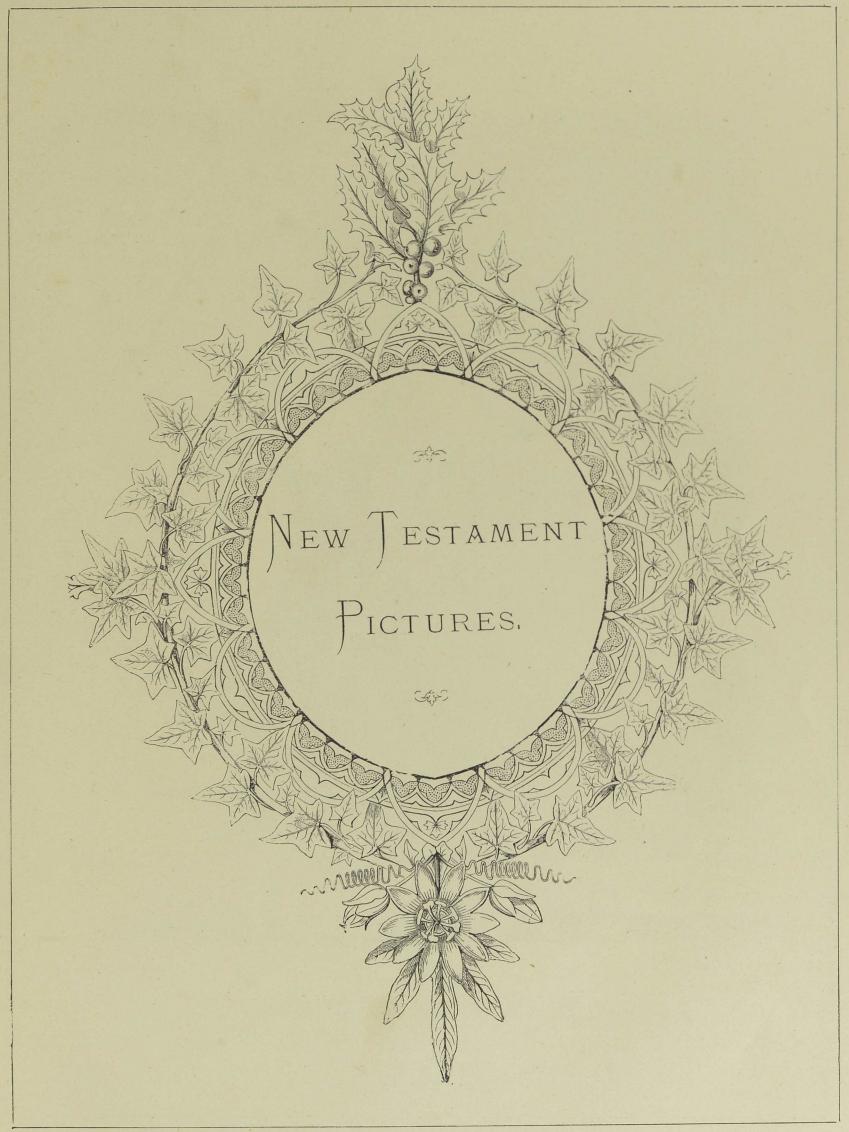


THE MESSENGER OF THE LORD.

Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.

. . . But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.







An Eastern Shepherd.



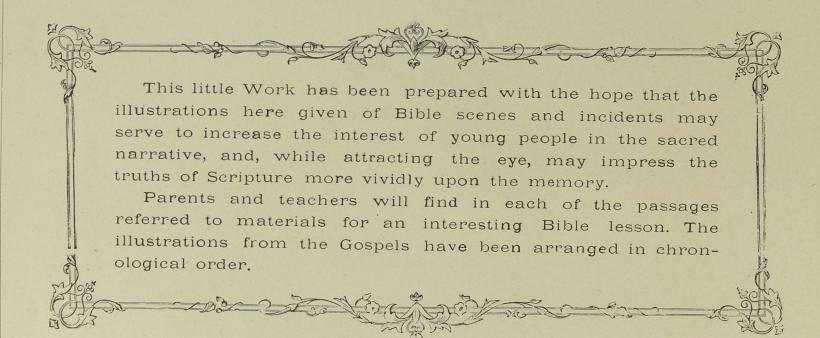
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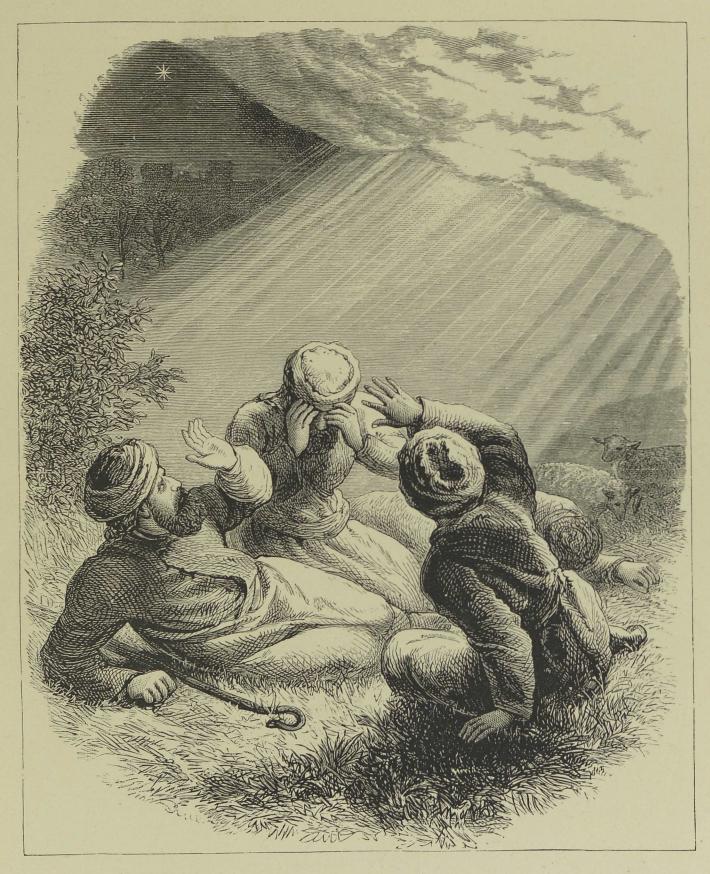


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THE SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke ii. 7-20.



BETHLEHEM.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.'"

Matthew ii. 3-6.



THE WISE MEN OF THE EAST.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Matthew ii. 1-12.



THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt.

Matthew ii. 13-23.



JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.... I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



NAZARETH.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Still His childhood's bright example Gives a light to our poor homes: From the blood of His atoning, Still our hope of pardon comes. Still He stands and pleads in heaven
For us weak and sin defiled,—
God who is a man for ever,
Jesus who was once a child.



THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA.

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing: and when they were ended, He afterward hungered. And the devil said unto Him, "If Thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread." And Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

Luke iv. 1-13.

Oft have I felt Thee in my thoughts,
Fighting with sin for me;
And when my heart loves God, I know
That love is all from Thee.

And when, dear Saviour, I kneel down, Morning and night, to prayer, Something there is within my heart Which tells me Thou art near.



THE SITY OF SAMARIA.

He left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee. And He must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, "Give Me to drink."

John iv.

Children, the kind and gracious Lord Is just as full of love for you; Implore His Spirit, search His word, And you shall know and praise Him too. He will the living stream impart, He will the Holy Spirit give: Oh, come, and He will fill your heart; Oh, come, and drink of Him, and live.



EASTERN WATER-SELLER.

Jesus answered and said unto her, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The woman saith unto Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

John tv.



SECRET PRAYER.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew vi. 1-23.

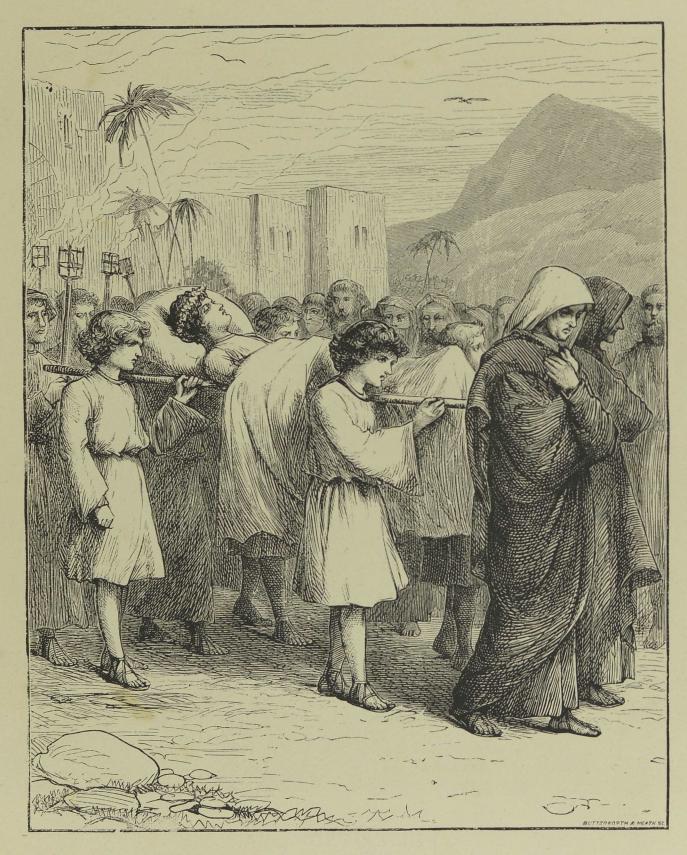




THE SPARROWS' NEST.

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke xii. 1-12.



THE WIDOW'S SON AT NAIN.

Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not." And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.



THE DEAD SEA.

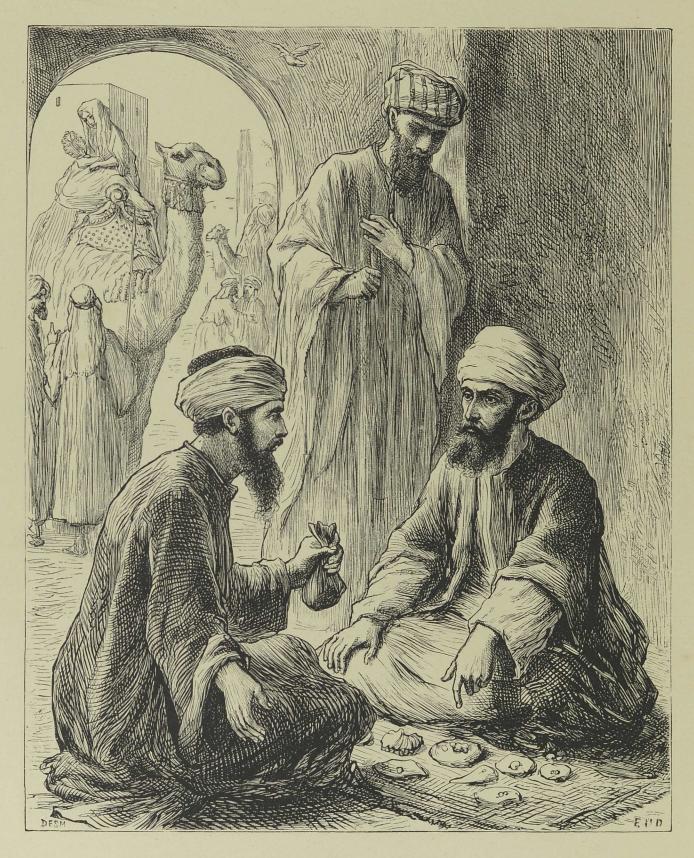
And He called unto Him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only. . And He said unto them, "In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city."

Mark vi. 7-13.



THE SOWER.

Behold, there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; . . . and some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.



THE PEARL MERCHANT.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Matthew xiii. 45, 46.

From everything our Saviour saw, Lessons of wisdom He would draw; The little birds that fly in air, The sheep that need the shepherd's care,

The pearls that deep in ocean lie,
The gold that charms the miser's eye,—
All from His lips some truth proclaim,
Or learn to tell their Maker's name.



GOOD AND BAD FISHES.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew xiii. 47-50.



TIBERIAS ON THE SEA OF GALILEE.

When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither His disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said unto Him, "Rabbi, when camest Thou hither?" Jesus answered them and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you."



THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



THE RAVEN.

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

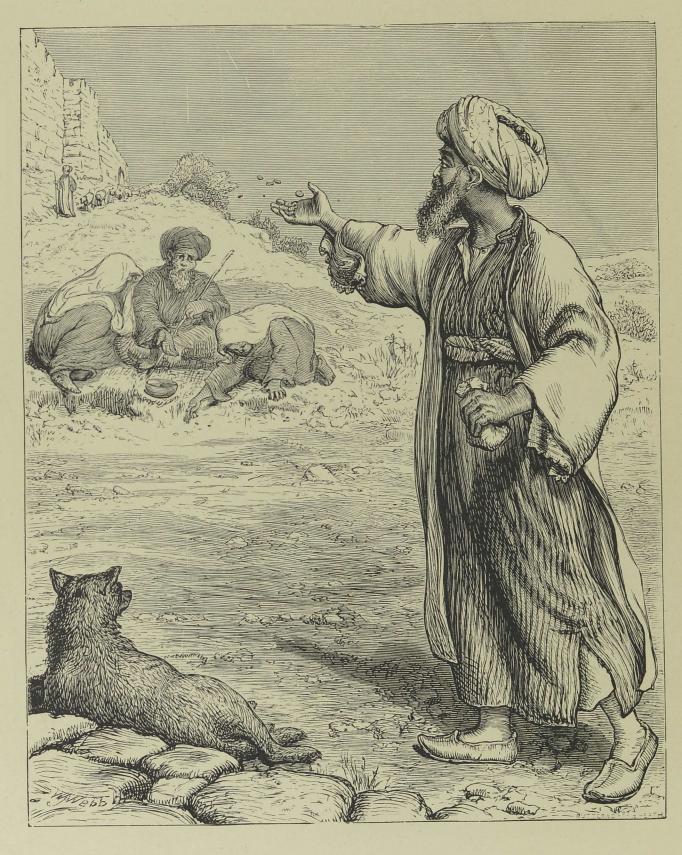
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THE BARREN FIG TREE.

He spake also this parable. A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, "Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?" And he answering said unto him, "Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

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LEPERS OUTSIDE JERUSALEM.

And it came to pass, as He went to Jerusalem, that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." And when He saw them, He said unto them, "Go show yourselves unto the priests." And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Luke xvii. 11-19.



ВЕТНАНУ.

Now it came to pass, as they went, that He entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." And Jesus answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke x. 38-42.

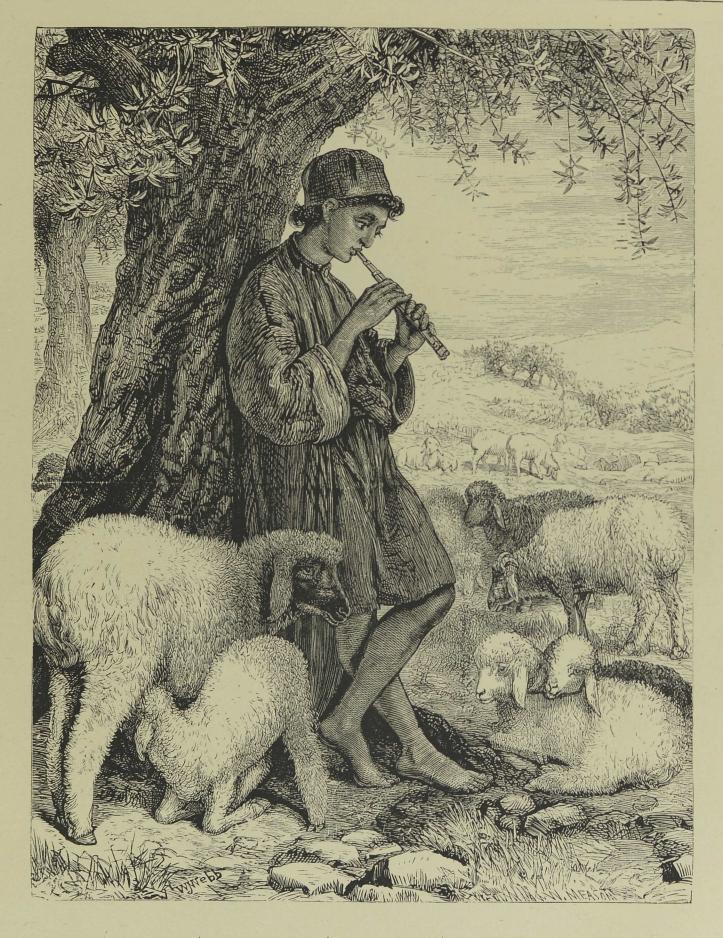


THE MAN BORN BLIND.

Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, "Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see!"

John ix. 1-38.

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A SHEPHERD BOY OF PALESTINE.

He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John x. 1-18.



WATCHFUL SARE.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

Luke xiii, 34.



THE LOST SHEEP.

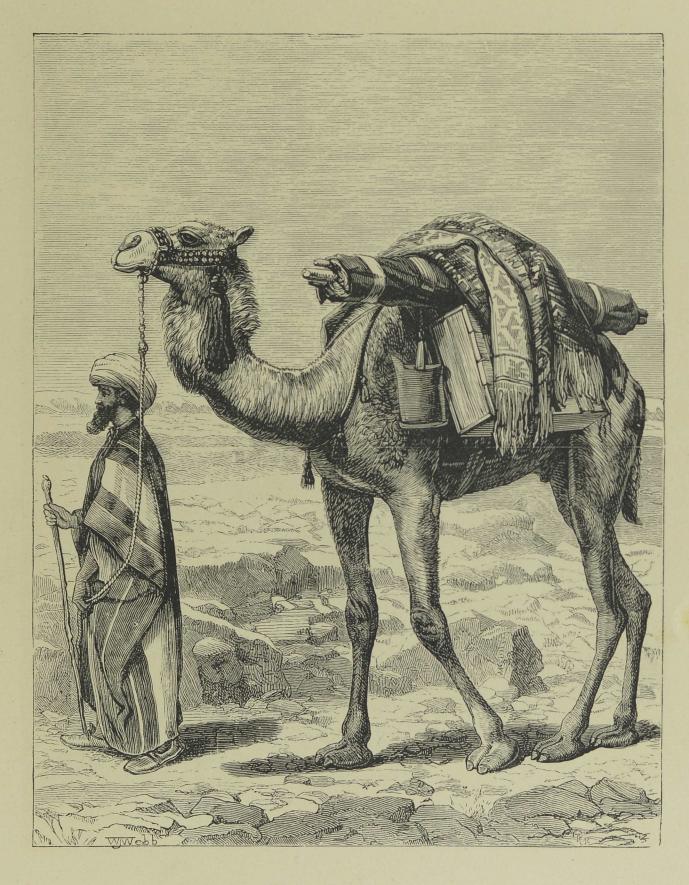
What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luke xr. 3-7.



THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN.

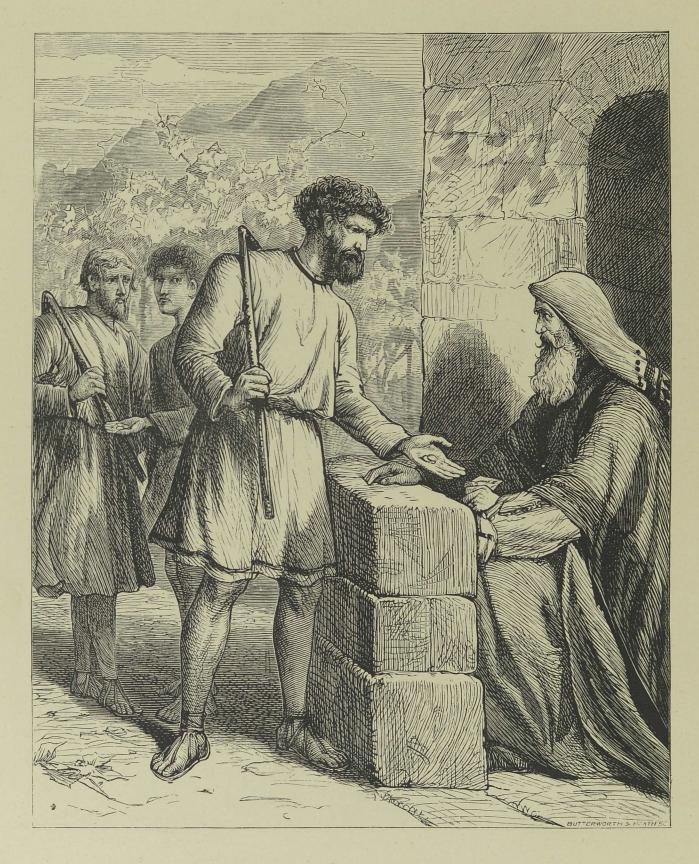
The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."



THE SAMEL.

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto His disciples, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

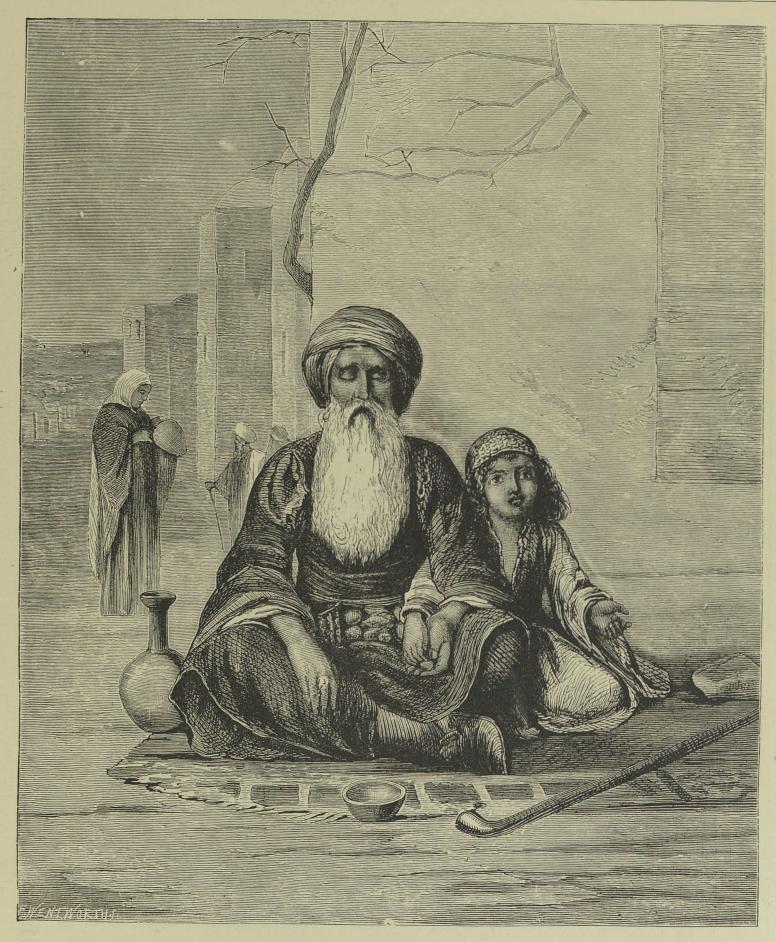
Mark x. 17-31.



THE DISSATISFIED LABOURERS.

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, "Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first." And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. . . . And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house.

Matt. xx. 1-16.



BLIND BARTIMÆUS.

And they came to Jericho: and as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, "Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me."

Mark x. 46-52.



JERUSALEM, FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

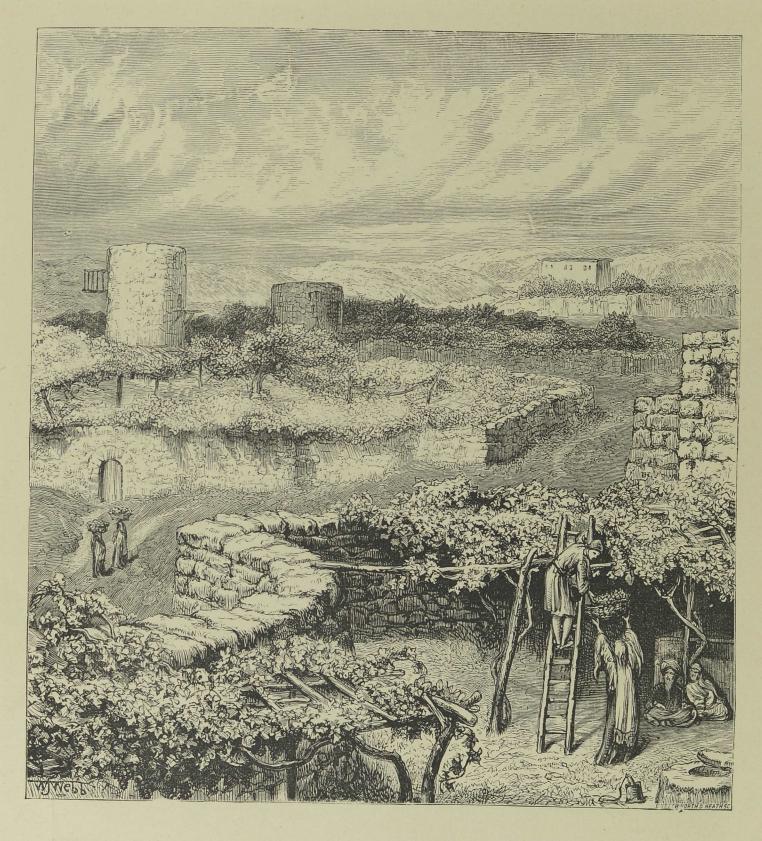
Luke xix. 28-44.



THE SHILDREN IN THE TEMPLE.

And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, "Hearest Thou what these say?" And Jesus saith unto them, "Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise?"

Matt. xxi. 15, 16.



A VINEYARD IN PALESTINE.

And He began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.

Mark xii. 1-12.



THE WIDOW'S MITE.

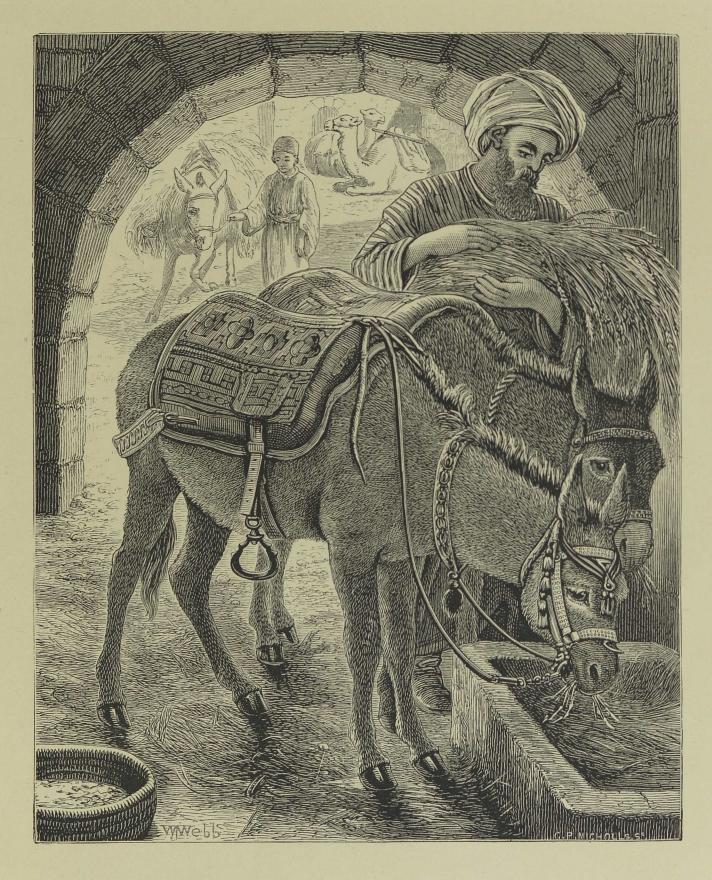
And He looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And He said, "Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had." Luke xxi. 1-4.



Sir, we would see Jesus.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: the same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus."... And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified... If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour."

John xii. 20-36.



Eastern Inn, or Saravanserai.

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

Mark xiii. 24-37.



Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matthew xxiv. 1-21.



THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM.

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judæa flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

Luke xxi. 5-36.



THE TEN VIRGINS.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. . . . They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. . . . And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. . . . Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew xxv. 1-13.



EASTERN GOATHERD.

When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matthew XXV. 31-46.

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JUDAS TAKING THE BRIBE.

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you?" And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Matthew xxvi. 1-25.



ARRIVAL OF FLOCKS AT JERUSALEM.

In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Exodus xii. 3, 4.

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat." And they said unto Him, "Where wilt Thou that we prepare?"

Luke xxii. 7-23.



SEEKING THE GUEST- CHAMBER.

And He said unto them, "Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, 'The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with My disciples?'"

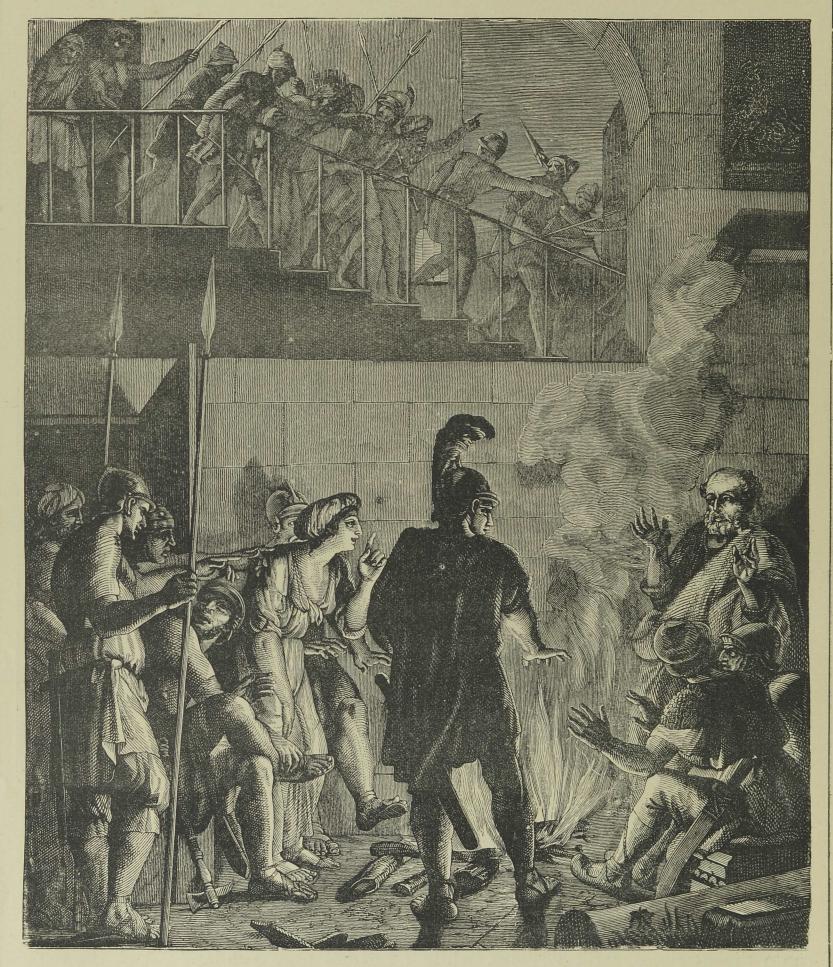
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THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

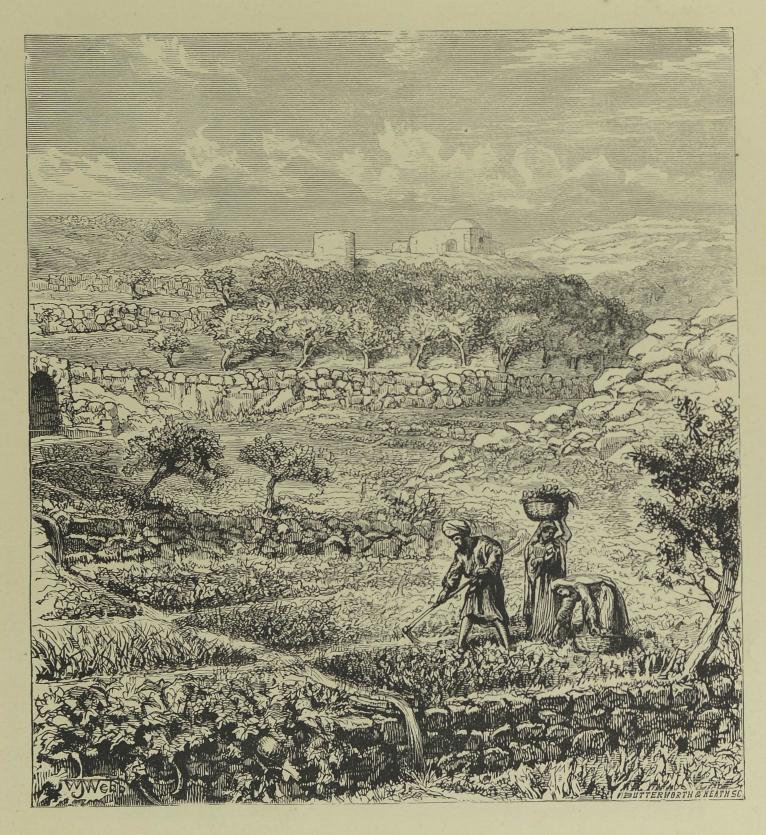
Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with Me."

Matthew xxvi. 26-46.



THE DENIAL OF PETER.

But a certain maid beheld Peter as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, "This man was also with Him." And he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I know Him not."



GARDEN NEAR JERUSALEM.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

John xix.

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall;
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.



PETER AND JOHN AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE.

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up. And immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts iii.



STREET STRAIGHT, DAMASCUS.

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Behold, I am here, Lord." And the Lord said unto him, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight."



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There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, "Cornelius, . . . send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do."

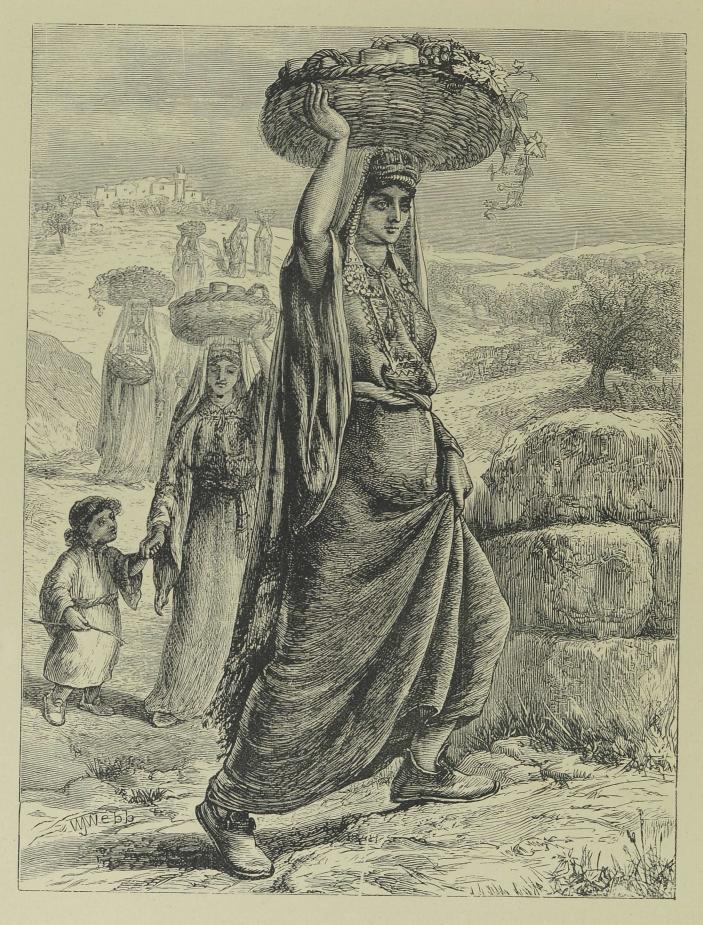
Acts x. 1-3 5, 6.



PETER'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

The same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, "Arise up quickly."

Acts xii. 1-19.



MARKET WOMEN OF JUDÆA.

Nevertheless He left not Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Acts xiv. 17.



THE PLACE OF PRAYER.

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there." And she constrained us.

Acts xvi. 13—15.



A MIDNIGHT SCENE IN PRISON.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. Acts xvi. 16-40.



PAUL PREACHING ON MARS' HILL.

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you."

Acts xvii. 16-34.



BOOK BURNING AT EPHESUS.

And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts xix. 13-41.



Paul's Defence Before Agrippa.

"King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest." Then Agrippa said unto Paul. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."



THE SHIPWRECK OF PAUL.

But the centurion commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: and the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Acts xxvii.



PAUL AND THE VIPER.

And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or have fallen down dead suddenly, but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their mind, and said that he was a god.

Acts xxviii. 3-6.



PAUL IN PRISON.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time or my departure is at hand. I have tought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

2 Timothy iv. 6-8.



PLOUGHING ON MOUNT ZION.

He that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

1 Cor. ix. 10.

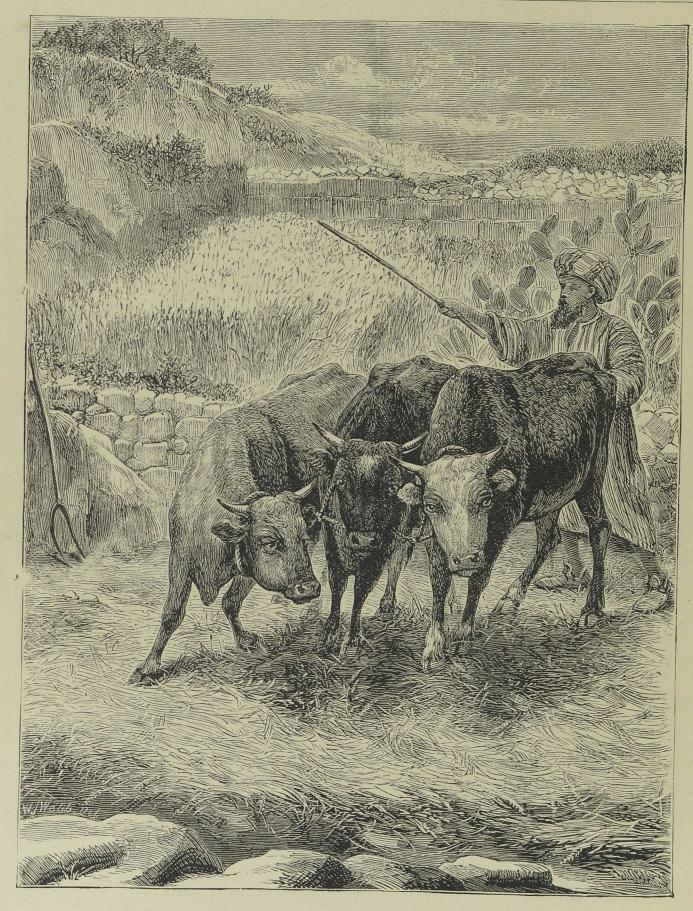
We thank Thee, God our Father,
For all things brihgt and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer

For all Thy love imparts,

But that which Thou desirest,—

Our humble, grateful hearts.



THRESHING CORN IN THE EAST.

Thou shall not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.

1 Timothy v. 13.

Be kind to the creatures, for God made them all,
And places them under your care;
And He says in His word not a sparrow can fall
Who has not in His notice a share.

Be kind to the poor, for your Master and Lord Chose their lowly estate for His own; And many among them will, at the last day, Be exalted to share in His throne.

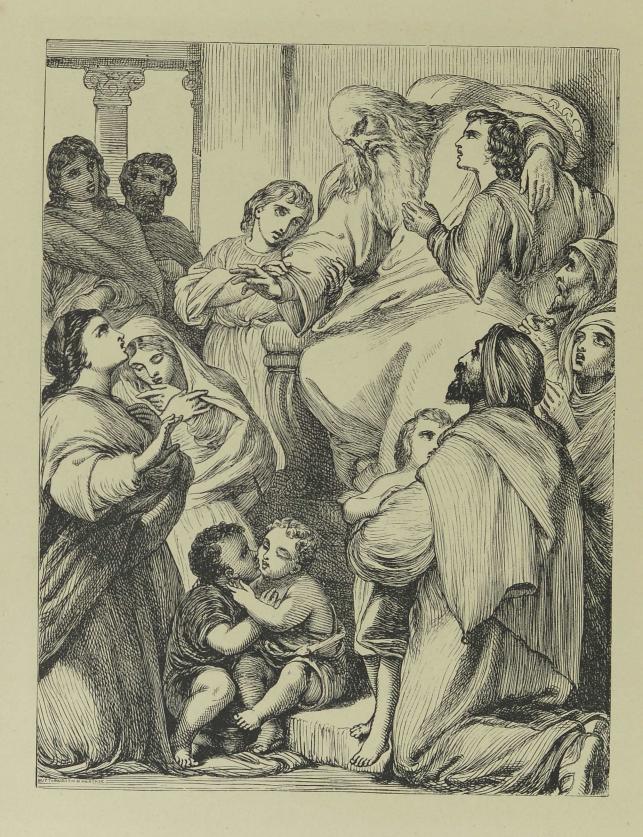


THE YOUTHFUL TIMOTHY.

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Timothy i.

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JOHN'S LAST WORDS.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. . . . Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John iv.



JOHN IN PATMOS.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last."

Revelation i.



THE WALL OF JERUSALEM.

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work.

Nehemiah iv. 6.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Revelation xxi.



"PEACE, BE STILL!"

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. . . . He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Psalm cvii.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev. xxi. 7.

