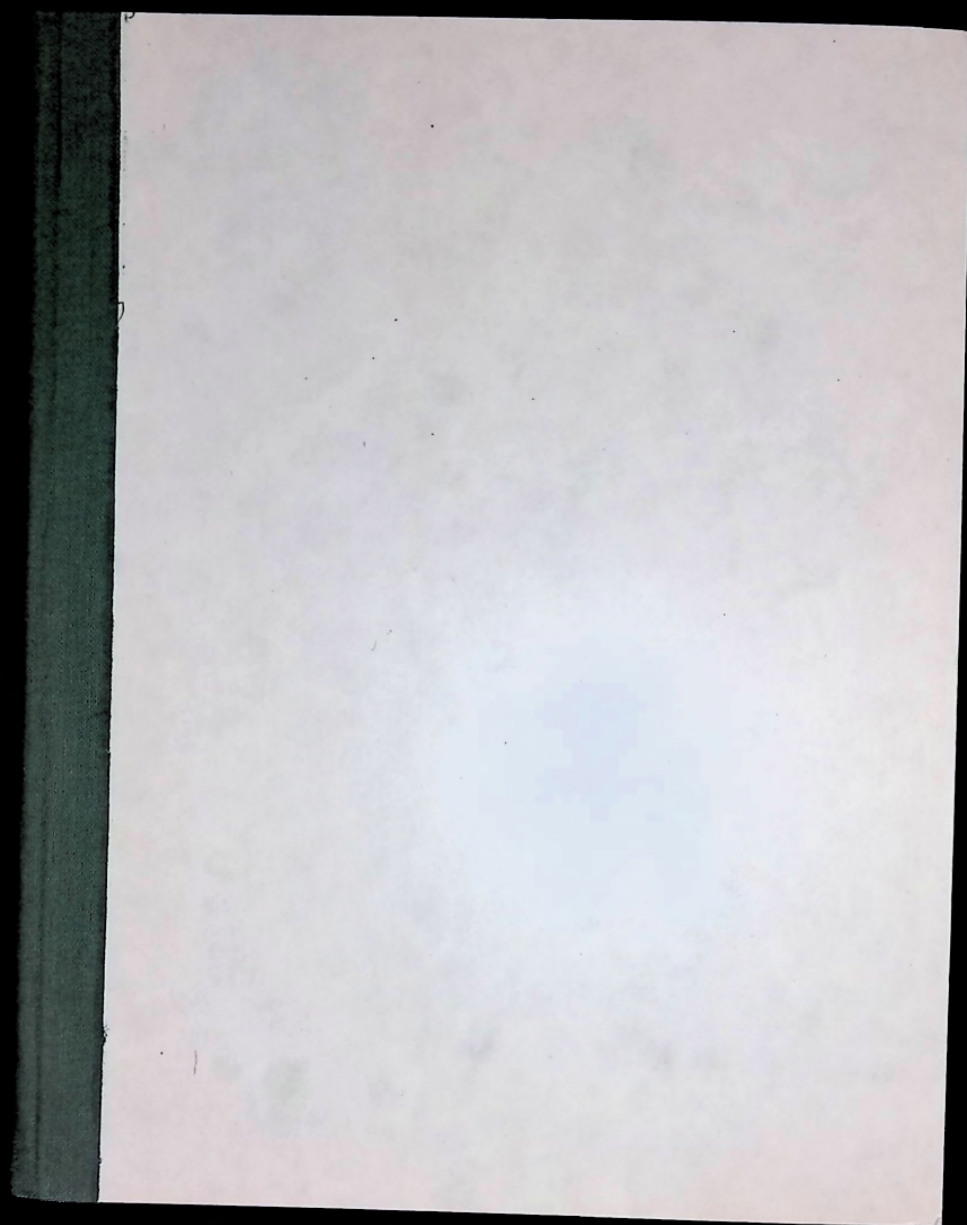
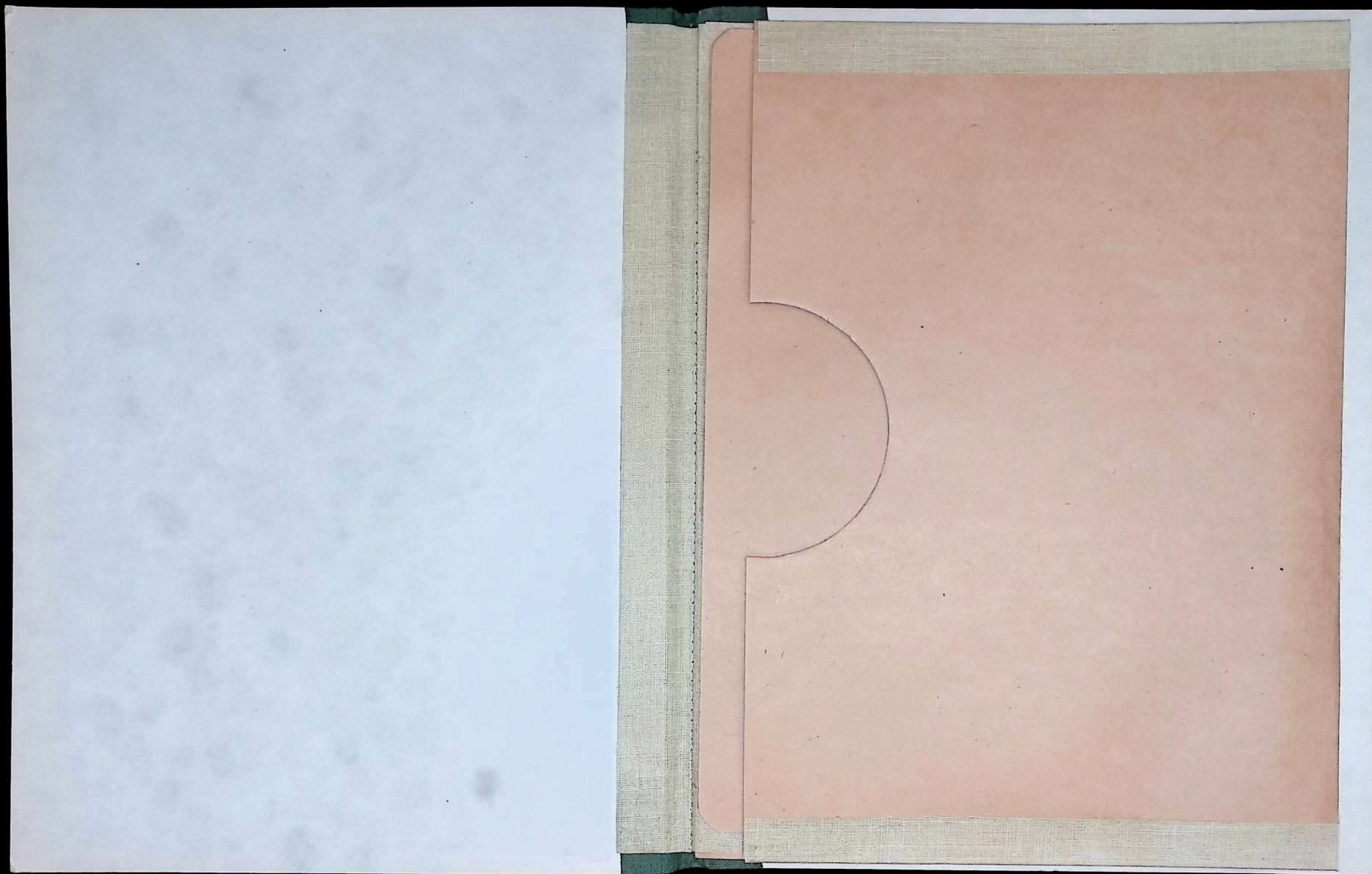
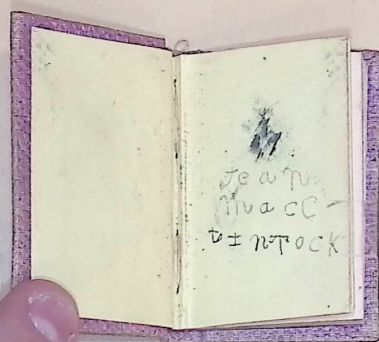




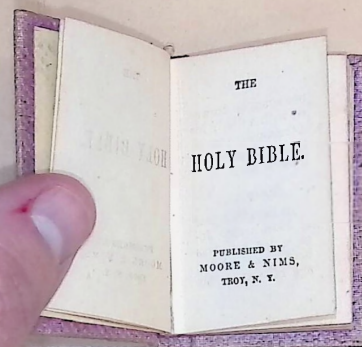






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THE HOLY BIBLE

CHAP. I.

In the beginning
God created the
heavens and the
earth, with every
plant and living
thing. He also made
the sun, the moon,
and stars, and placed

them in the firmament of the heavens; and last of all he made a man, named Adam, and a woman whose name was Eve; and he put them in a garden, where it was so warm that they needed not a house. The beasts were all

playful and tame, and plenty of fruit hung upon the trees. There was but one tree, of which God said they should not eat; yet they partook of the fruit of that very tree! Till then they were happy; but they soon became

miserable. God then called to them to reprove them for their folly; and although they strove to hide themselves, he soon found them out in the thickest shade. / The serpent told her the fruit was good, that it would make her more wise

and more happy.— She believed him and disobeyed God. But he told her a falsehood, for as soon as she had eaten the fruit, she became very wretched. Disobeying God always makes people miserable.

After Adam and Eve were driven from the pleasant garden of Eden, they had two sons, Cain and Abel. The first was of an angry disposition, and hated his brother Abel, because he was meek; and though God rea-

soned with Cain, his anger and hatred grew so very strong against Abel, that he killed him.
Adam and Eve having disobeyed their Maker, and Cain having killed his brother Abel, their children and posterity became at

length so wicked, that God determined to punish them by a flood of water, which should drown all but Noah and his family, who, it appears, did not forget to worship and obey him. Noah was a just man, and perfect in his genera-

tion; and Noah walked with God, and the Lord not only gave warning to righteous Noah of what he was about to do, but also directed him how to make an ark, or vessel, for the preservation of himself, his family, and of

every kind of beast, bird, and creeping thing. And the Lord caused a great and terrible rain of 40 days and 40 nights, to fall on the earth, and all flesh on the face of the earth was destroyed, save Noah, and all those with him in the ark.

It is said, that this flood which drowned the world, was 1656 years after the creation, and 2348 years before Christ was born.

CHAP. III.

It is now 4182 years since the flood. The ark rested on

the top of a high mountain. Mount Ararat in Asia. And Noah built an altar, and offered burnt offerings to the Lord, and the Lord said, I will not again curse the ground for man's sake. And God set his bow in the cloud.

in token of a covenant between him and the earth. This bow you have often seen—it is the "Rain Bow." Every body loves to look upon it, it is so beautiful. When you see this Bow, you may be sure that the world will

not again be drowned
ed with a flood; for
it reminds you of
God's promise, that
it never shall.

CHAP. IV.

In the 108th year
of Jacob's age, Jo-
seph, his son, was
born; and, at the
age of sixteen, his

brethren hated him,
insomuch that they
sold him; and he
was carried into
Egypt, where he
was purchased by
Potiphar, an officer
of Pharaoh, king of
Egypt; and Poti-
phar made him ruler
over all his house.
When he was thirty

years old, he interpreted the dream of Pharaoh, on account of which he was made governor of Egypt; and by his counsel the miseries of a famine were prevented.

His brethren came to buy corn, and bowed to him, for

they knew him not. He seized them as spies, confined them in prison, and kept Simeon in Egypt till they had brought Benjamin his youngest brother; on seeing of whom he wept aloud, declared himself to be their brother whom they

sold; and with much tenderness, fell on Benjamin's neck and kissed him; Jacob being told of Joseph's prosperity, went down with all his family to Egypt, and was seated in the fertile plains of Goshen, where, after

17 years residence, he died in peace.

But let us just see how it was that Joseph rose to so much honor and greatness.

It was by remembering the instructions of his good father Jacob, who had early taught Joseph to fear God and keep

his commandments;
For when Joseph
was carried away
among the Egyp-
tians, he was under
very great tempta-
tions to forget God
and to do wrong.
But Joseph kept the
fear of God before
his eyes, and al-
ways strove to do

right. So God gave
him strength to keep
from sinning. Then
the Egyptians saw
that Joseph loved
and served the true
God, and thus he
found favor with the
king.

CHAP. V.
Now the children
of Jacob (who also

was called Israel), increased greatly in Egypt, where they were held in bondage, so that the Egyptians feared lest they should be the most powerful; wherefore the king of Egypt ordered that each male infant should be killed

when born. A certain woman having a son, and fearing the king's decree, after she had kept him hid 3 months, finding she could no longer keep him secret, she prepared an ark or cradle of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime

or pitch, and put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's brink; and when Pharaoh's daughter went down to the river to bathe, she discovered the ark; she sent and took it, and opening it, the child wept, and hav-

ing compassion on it, she procured a nurse which, though unknown to her, was the child's mother: and the child grew, and was called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and she called his name Moses.

Pharaoh was that wicked king, who ordered all the little Hebrew boys to be killed. But when his daughter saw Moses, a sweet baby, three months old, lying in his ark of bulrushes, she pitied the poor little thing, and she took him

for her own child. After he was grown to be a man, the Lord by his hand delivered the children of Israel from their bondage. He divided the Red Sea so that they passed over on dry land, and when the Egyptians followed them

that they might
bring them back,
the waters came
in upon them and
drowned them.

CHAP. VI.

The Decalogue,
or Ten Command-
ments, which I hope
all my little readers
have committed to

memory, was given
to Moses by the
hand of God, in a
most interesting and
solemn manner. It
was upon the top of
Mount Sinai, which
is in the southern
part of Arabia, near
the Red Sea. A
thick cloud covered
all the mountain.

There were thunders and lightnings, and the voice of a loud trumpet in the clouds. Moses went up to the top of the mount, and there God gave him the Commandments. He was there forty days and forty nights. No person

can disobey any one of these commands, without offending God.

CHAP. VII.

In the last year of the travel of the children of Israel through the wilderness, their leader Moses, and his bro-

ther Aaron died, and Joshua succeeded in the civil government, before whom the Lord miraculously divided the river Jordan, as he had done the Red Sea before for his chosen prophet, and they passed over on dry ground. Hay-

ing conquered many kings and powerful nations, he divided the land among the children of Israel; he then set up the tabernacle in Shiloh, and having governed 24 years, he died. After the death of Joshua the Israelites were governed

by a number of judges and rulers, among whom was Samson, of whom it is said he was the strongest of all men. When he was beset by a lion, he caught him in his hands and rent him as he would a kid, and killed the lion.

He slew, at different times, many of the Philistines. At one onset he destroyed 1000 with a jaw-bone; and at his death he killed more of them than he had in his life, by pulling down a house upon himself and the Philistines who were

gathered therein to make sport of him, he being their prisoner, and they having put out his eyes.

After a time the Israelites desired a king, and Saul was appointed: but whilst he was at war with the Philis-

times, Goliath, a great giant, defied the armies of Israel, and no man dared to meet him. But David heard it; and though but a lad, not going in his own strength, but in the fear of God, he took a stone out of the brook, and put it in

a sling, and there-
with smote the gi-
ant, and slew him.
And all the people
praised David more
than they did Saul,
and his anger burn-
ed against David.—
When Saul and all
his sons were dead,
David was appoint-
ed king over Israel.

But David was a
good boy. His fa-
ther had eight sons,
and he was the
youngest. He used
to take care of the
sheep and the lambs.
He killed a lion and
a bear that took
lambs from the fold,
and brought the
lambs back again.

He was always an obedient, dutiful child. And David loved God and trusted in him. That was the reason he was not afraid of the haughty Goliath. He knew God was able to deliver the haughty Goliath into his hand.

After the death of David, Solomon his son reigned in his stead. God endowed him with great wisdom, and added thereunto length of days, riches, and honor: and he built a very great house for the Lord.
After king Solo-

mon died, his son Rehoboam reigned, and the kingdom was divided. Jeroboam reigned over the tribes of Israel, who set up the golden calves, and made Israel to sin. Abijah, Asa, and Ahab reigned successively over Israel;

but Ahab was a wicked king. Now there was a vineyard near to his palace, which belonged to Naboth, and the king desired Naboth to sell it to him; but Naboth said, "The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of

my fathers unto thee. And when Jezebel, Ahab's wife, heard this, she made a false accusation against Naboth, and caused the people to stone him to death. But God was very angry at this, and suffered Ahab to be killed in battle; and

as to Jezebel, she died miserably. Her own servants threw her out of the window, and the dogs eat up her flesh so that nothing was left but her skull and feet, and the palms of her hands. Ahab did not remember the tenth

commandment. He coveted that which was his neighbor's.
He wears a crown on his head, because he is king. It is very dangerous for people to covet. Wishing to get what belongs to another, leads to theft, robbery, and often to murder.

CHAP. VIII.
In the days of the reign of the wicked king Ahab, lived the prophet of the Lord, Elijah, who was fed by ravens, and finally when in company with the prophet Elisha, there appeared to them a chariot of fire, and

horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind, into Heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof! and he saw him no more, and

he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. And he took up the mantle of Elijah, that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he had smitten the waters (as Eli-

jah had done before him when they were together, and they passed over on dry ground, they parted hither and thither, and Elisha went over.

After this as Elisha passed along, some wicked children mocked him, and

there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tore forty and two of the children.

These children were very wicked to mock the man of God. But there are many who now make a mock at sin.

NEW TESTAMENT

About four thousand years after the world was made Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, was born in the city of Bethlehem. As the city was at that time full of people,

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there was no room in any of the houses for the parents of the Saviour, and they had to take up their abode in a stable. Here, in a manger, the Redeemer was born!

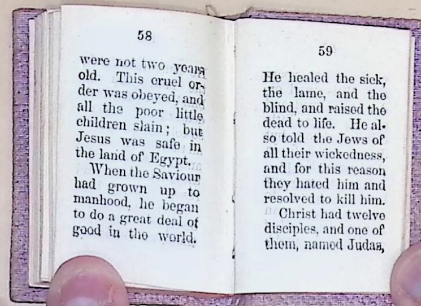
Herod, who was then king, was afraid Christ would take

his throne from him,
and he resolved,
therefore, to destroy
him while he was
yet but a babe.

But Joseph, the
father of the child,
was told by an an-
gel to take the child
and his mother and
go down to Egypt,
lest Herod should

kill him. And they
went and staid there
till Herod died.

But the wicked
king did not know
that they were gone,
and he determined
that the child should
not escape. So he
gave orders to kill
all the children in
Bethlehem who



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were not two years old. This cruel order was obeyed, and all the poor little children slain; but Jesus was safe in the land of Egypt. When the Saviour had grown up to manhood, he began to do a great deal of good in the world.

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He healed the sick, the lame, and the blind, and raised the dead to life. He also told the Jews of all their wickedness, and for this reason they hated him and resolved to kill him. Christ had twelve disciples, and one of them, named Judas,

was hired by the Jews to betray him. When Jesus 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, is the last supper that we shall eat

together. He then went out to the Mount of Olives to pray. While he was there, some armed men came to take him. Then Judas went up and kissed him. This was the sign by which he was to let them know which was Jesus.

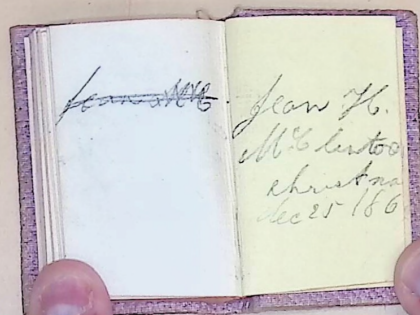
The soldiers then seized Jesus and took him before Pontius Pilate, then governor of Judea. But Pilate could find no wrong in him. However, the Jews insisted that he should be put to death; and they mocked and scoffed

him, and spit upon him.

Finally, Pilate yielded to their wishes, and the Saviour was led out to be crucified.—When nailed upon the cross he prayed for all his enemies, and then died. Two thieves were also

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crucified with him.
Thus died our di-
vine Saviour. He
died to save us from
punishment for our
sins, and to secure
our eternal happi-
ness. Thanks be to
thee, gracious Re-
deemer, forever and
ever!



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