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## PREFACE.

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This Old Testament History is a reprint, in a cheap form, of the work published by the Benziger Brothers, and now extensively used in the Catholic Schools of England and America.\*

Shortness in the chapters, pithiness in the sentences, and a great condensation of matter, render this work most useful for schools. For the convenience of teachers, the chapters have been divided into numbered paragraphs, and questions have been added to aid the pupil.

The New Testament History, by the same Author, is published, uniform with this book.

\* Bible History. By a Priest. Price Two Shillings. Illustrated. Richardson and Son, Derby. Since the first appearance of this work, the author has been consecrated Bishop of Cleveland—the Right Rev. Richard Gilmour.



# HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

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AGE I.

FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM.

CONTAINING 2063 YEARS.

**Chapter 1.—The Creation of the World.**  
[A.M. 1, A.C. 4000.]—1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was void and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. Then God said: "Let there be light!" and light was made. This was the work of the first day.

2. On the second day was created the firmament, with all its expansive beauty.

On the third day God gathered together the waters into one place, and commanded the dry land to appear; the waters He called sea, and the dry land earth. Thus were formed the fountains, the streams, and the rivers.

3. Then God commanded the earth to bring forth plants, and green trees, and flowers of many various forms and different colours.

On the fourth day were made the great lights that shine in the heavens, the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day the fish that are in

Chapter 1.—What was done in the beginning? How was the earth created? What did God create on the first day? What on the second? What on the third? What were the waters called? What did the earth bring forth? What was created on the fourth day?

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the waters, and the birds that are in the air, were created.

4. The sixth day God created all manner of living creatures that are upon the earth, each in its kind.

At last He said: "Let us make man to our own image and likeness, and let him have dominion over the whole earth." So God formed man out of the slime of the earth, and breathed into him an immortal soul, and called him *Adam*, that is, taken from the earth. God saw all the things that He had made, and they were good. So He rested on the seventh day, and blessed it.

5. As God created man on the sixth day of creation, so on Good Friday, the sixth day of Holy Week, He redeemed him. And as the body of the first Adam was formed from the earth whilst it was yet pure and blessed, so was Jesus Christ, the second Adam, born of Mary, a Virgin, pure and without original sin.

**Chapter 2.—Happiness of Adam and Eve in Paradise.**—1. The heavens and the earth being finished, God planted a garden, a terrestrial paradise, in which were all manner of trees and precious fruits. In the midst thereof He placed two trees, one the tree of life, the other the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God then told Adam he might eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden, but "of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he should not eat; for on the day he would eat, he should surely die."

2. Then God brought before Adam all the beasts

What was created on the fifth day? And sixth? Why did God call the first man Adam? What did God do on the seventh day?

Chapter 2.—What was placed in Paradise? What are the names of the trees? What was to happen if Adam eat the fruit? What were brought before Adam?



of the earth, that he might give to each its name. But for Adam there was not found a companion like to himself. And God said: "It is not good for man to be alone, let us make a helpmate like unto himself." So God cast a deep sleep upon Adam, and from his side took a rib, which He formed into a woman. When Adam awoke, God brought the woman to him, and he called her Eve, that is, the mother of all the living.

3. Whilst Adam and Eve were in Paradise, God treated them as a father does his children, and they were happy; at the same time the tree of life preserved them from sickness and death. The tree of life was a figure of the Sacrament of the Altar, of which it is written: "He who is fed by it shall live for ever."

**Chapter 3.—The Angels, and the Fall of our First Parents.**—1. Besides the visible world, God also created an invisible world, namely, His angels. At first they were good and perfectly happy; but in time they became dazzled with their own perfections, and, yielding to pride, revolted against God. Michael, and the other angels that remained faithful, fought against them, vanquished and overthrew them, together with their leader, *Lucifer*, who is also called Satan.

2. But Satan, fallen and lost, began to contrast his misery with man's happiness, and, raging with anger and envy, resolved to seduce man from his obedience to God. For this end, he made use of the serpent.

3. One day, while Eve was looking at the for-

What was not found? Of what was the woman formed? What does Eve mean? What is said of Paradise? And of the tree of life?

Chapter 3.—What was created? At first, what were they? How did they fall? What is said of Satan? How did he tempt Eve?

his spite, Cain one day asked Abel to go with him into the fields. There he rose up against his brother and slew him. As soon as the blood of the innocent Abel stained the ground, God cried out to Cain: "Where is thy brother?" But Cain, hardened in his crime, answered, "he did not know; nor was he his brother's keeper."

4. But God, from whom nothing can be hid, told Cain that Abel's blood cried to Him for vengeance, and, because he had dared to touch his brother; he should be a fugitive and a vagabond on the face of the earth. When Cain heard this sentence of God, he gave way to despair, saying: "My sin is too great to be pardoned." So God set a mark upon him, and he went forth, a wanderer and a fugitive upon the face of the earth.

5. The murdered Abel is a figure of Jesus Christ, while Cain is a figure of the traitor Judas and the Jewish people, who put our Saviour to death.

**Chapter 6.—The Deluge.** [A.M. 1656, A.C. 2344.]—1. The descendants of Adam were divided into two classes, the *good* and the *bad*. To console Adam for the death of Abel, God gave him the pious Seth. Seth's posterity were known as the children of God, while the descendants of Cain were very wicked.

2. By degrees mankind became corrupt, Noe alone remaining just. God bade Noe build an Ark, for in a hundred years He would destroy by a deluge every living creature on the face of the

How did Cain act? How did he answer God? What was Cain's sentence? What is said of Abel and Christ? Of Cain and Judas?

Chapter 6.—How were men divided? Who descended from Seth? Who from Cain? Who alone remained just? What did Noe build?

earth. The following are the dimensions and the construction of the ark: its length, three hundred cubits; its breadth, fifty; and its height, thirty cubits. In the upper part was a window, and in the side a door.

3. For a hundred years Noe laboured on the construction of the Ark. During this time he preached penance to the wicked, and warned them of the evils that were to come, but they heeded him not. Then God commanded him to go into the Ark, and to take with him his wife, and his three sons and their wives; moreover to take with him of every animal two of a sort, and food sufficient.

4. After seven days the deluge came. The fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the flood-gates of heaven were opened, but the Ark floated peacefully upon the waters. Overwhelmed with despair, men began to climb the trees, and in vain to ascend the hills. The waters continued to increase, until they had risen fifteen cubits above the tops of the highest mountains.

5. Thus perished every living thing that then moved upon the earth: from man to the beasts of the earth; from the birds in the air to the reptiles on the ground. Noe and all that were in the Ark alone remained.

Noe is a figure of Jesus Christ, as the Ark is a figure of the Catholic Church.

**Chapter 7.—The Sacrifice of Noe.** [A.M. 1657, A.C. 2343.]—1. When the waters had covered the earth for a hundred and fifty days, God remem-

How long was Noe building the Ark? Who went into the Ark? When did the Deluge come? What is said of the Ark? What of men? What perished?

Chapter 7.—How long did the Deluge continue?