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Bible-characters with pictures are  
always acceptable to children especially in

Jewish & Christian households. ~~But~~ grown

people <sup>however</sup> cannot <sup>so</sup> often be detained from other  
reading to review the stories that pleased them  
in their early youth. <sup>yet</sup> I think the life-

work of Joshua, the Ephraimite is an  
exception to the rule. <sup>It reasonably presented</sup>

I am asked to give a study of his "genius" <sup>for military leadership</sup> <sup>as a fascinating biography</sup>

One may remark in the outset that the  
qualities which mark a man & distinguish  
him as a military leader are the same  
as those which are prominent in  
all leaderships - in business when the barons in  
finance, in railways, in mining and in  
politics of today <sup>are</sup> step by step to the front; they  
seldom lack abundant following & success.



Johnston, James H.  
Western University  
Bible - literature with pictures on

always acceptable to children & especially in

primary & intermediate schools. The pictures  
people cannot often be obtained from other  
sources to maintain the stories that please them  
in their early reading. To think the life-  
work of Johnson. The explanation is an  
exception to the rule. It is a study of his "primary" life.  
I am content to give a study of his "primary" life.

Our very motto is the oldest that the  
qualities which make a man a better man  
than as a military leader are the same  
as those which are prominent in  
our leadership - in business when the man is  
firm, is always in winning and in  
position of today, especially to the front; the  
few seldom look ahead following years.



(2)

The name given him by his parents was  
Hoshea [meaning deliverance or safety]. His  
the great predecessor, with a ~~seeming~~ veritable  
prophetic anticipation of what ~~the man~~ <sup>the man</sup>  
would eventually accomplish, change of his  
name from Hoshea to Joshua which  
signifies "Jehovah's help". Lady an often  
largely influenced by ~~the~~ <sup>a given</sup> name, particularly by what  
we designate the Christian name. Sherman  
for example  
among eleven children was called by his  
father "Tecumseh" <sup>who was</sup> a great Indian warrior.  
"Who knows" said the sire "but this boy <sup>(then in his mother's arms)</sup> may become  
a great fighter". Sherman justified <sup>the</sup> prediction.  
And indeed ~~Joshua~~ <sup>Joshua</sup> lived up to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> hope  
his parents as a <sup>safe</sup> deliverer, and to the ideal  
of Moses <sup>head of him is to become</sup> a conqueror by Jehovah's  
help.

One biographer declares that Joshua or rather  
Hoshea the son of Nun was born anno ~~domini~~  
munda. 2473 <sup>B.C.</sup> 1531; he adds that "the future captain of  
invading armies grew up a slave in the brick-fields of Egypt."  
(over)



(3)

~~Thus we see that~~ <sup>a strong young man</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>was already nearly forty</sup>  
years of age when the people of Israel  
passed from Egypt across the Red Sea,  
so that he was not much beyond this age  
<sup>still</sup> <sup>in the blossom</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>manhood</sup> when Moses chose  
him to guard the women & children & whatever  
belonged to them against the bands of Amalekites  
<sup>who</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>infested</sup> ~~blackened~~ <sup>the</sup> mountain passes  
and infested the wilderness along their <sup>route</sup> ~~route~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>land</sup>.  
These descendants of Ishmael had preserved  
<sup>their</sup> <sup>ancestral</sup> <sup>characteristics</sup>. They were as wild  
as the Seminoles of Florida & as swift &  
desperate as our Cheyennes of the Western  
Plains.

Without hesitation they ran upon the helpless  
arms of the marching Israelites. - Steal there  
without <sup>as soon as a chance occurred</sup> ~~mercy~~ & carried off their  
~~belongings~~ goods as lawful plunder.

Then Moses showed his confidence in Jotham,  
who had watched for him <sup>when absent</sup> in the Mountain &  
had remained staunch & true <sup>when</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>Moses'</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> trusted  
brother, making a false god to please the people,  
had deserted him. Only a servant then; but Moses  
took in his make up & had a glimpse of <sup>his real</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>worth</sup>.



(4)  
Recall the the action that followed Joshua's  
choice of fighting men: "So Joshua did as  
Moses had said" <sup>to him</sup> "[He knew how to obey orders]" and  
fought against Amalek. The Treacherous  
Garrison had made ready to attack them  
in the plain of Rephaidim, and Joshua  
was fully prepared to meet them in battle.  
"Tomorrow" said his thoughtful commander,  
I will stand on the top of the hill with  
the rod of God in my hand! it was better than  
an ordinary flag or banner. It suggested  
the help of the God of armies.

When the rod was high & seen Joshua's men  
prevailed. when ~~it~~ <sup>they</sup> went down, their hearts  
failed them - for "Moses' hands were heavy;  
Aaron & Hur took a stone & put it under  
him; then they "stayed up his hands, the one  
on <sup>the</sup> one side & the other on the other side; and his  
hands were steady until the going down of the sun."  
What a picture of sympathy & support. "And Joshua  
discouraged Amalek & his people with the edge of  
the sword."



the sense of  
disappointment & his people with the sight of  
what a picture of poverty & neglect. The people  
have been struggling until the very bones of the  
are gone - the other on the other side; and his  
brain; then they "strayed off his head, the one  
down & the other a stone & put it under  
failed them - for these words were heavy;  
presented. When the <sup>thing</sup> was high & low, the heart  
When the day was high & low, the heart was  
the help of the party members.

an ordinary day or evening. It suggested  
the nob of day in my hand? it was better than  
their stand on the top of the hill with  
"invention" said his thoughtful companions,  
and fully prepared to meet them in battle.  
in the vision of Raphael and of others  
examine the world ready to attack them  
for a fight against "kneels": the thousands  
have had said "The thousands are dead" and  
vision of fighting men: so far from this as  
recalls the the century that follows Johnson



(5)

The next expedition in which Joshua bore a part was a reconnaissance to extend across the border & into the very heart of Canaan the land of promise. Twelve chiefs corresponding <sup>in number</sup> to the twelve tribes one of whom was himself set out full of hope & ardor. They ran great risks and indeed men very faithful in their clear sighted observation. They <sup>returned</sup> after <sup>a</sup> forty days absence filled with the story of what they saw & did. "The land floweth with milk & honey" and delicious fruits, - but oh, the people! they are strong: they dwell in walled cities: the ~~children~~ <sup>sons</sup> of Anak are there & they are giants. Before them ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> are as grasshoppers in ~~our~~ <sup>their</sup> sight and in our own. Such was the majority-report. The congregation, hearing this, lifted up their voices & cried: - they wept that night. But in fierce protest Joshua & Caleb rent their clothes, and addressed the discouraged people saying:



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The next experience in which I have  
been a part was a remarkable  
to which across the border into the  
heart of Germany the land of promise  
I believe chiefly corresponding to the truth  
which one of whom was himself, at  
out full of hope & order - they were  
great risk and ended over my faith  
ful in their clear sight observation. This  
after forty days absence filled with the  
story of what they saw & did. The land  
flourish with wild & large and delicious  
fruit - but of the people? They are strong  
they dwell in walled cities; the  
of which are there & they are great. Before  
there was a great power in the right  
and in our own. And in the right report  
the organization. Every thing is right  
in every way & they are right. But  
in every way & they are right. But  
and in every way & they are right.



(6)

∴ It is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land & give it to us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye <sup>the land</sup> the people. "

The crazy <sup>crowd</sup> congregation set out to "stone them with stones", and were only prevented by a miraculous distraction at the Tabernacle of the Congregation. Here we may note <sup>a manifestation,</sup> an outcropping of genius on the part of both Caleb & Joshua. Joshua <sup>as well as his companion</sup> had extraordinary courage, and he had also an unswerving faith in his Lord. Neither high, strong walls, nor giants many times larger than <sup>himself</sup> caused him a tremor of dismay; and the most terrible thing of all, that fierceness of an angry multitude which would crucify a Saviour, or burn a martyr at the stake, could not abate one jot of his fearless proclamation of the truth.



(6)

It is an exceedingly good thing. If the law  
helped it in us, then we will bring us into  
this land & give it to us; a land which  
floweth with milk and honey. They  
shall not be against the law, which  
fear of the people.  
The words of the law set out a  
"stone" with stones, and men  
are presented by a resurrection distinction  
of the law which of the resurrection.  
There are very many, an outworking of genius  
in the part of both law & justice.  
Justice, and righteousness, and he  
who also can understand faith in his  
law. Another high, strong will, not afraid  
many times longer than his own  
dream of history, and the most noble thing  
of all, that foundation of our country, which  
which would create a nation, or law in  
a thought of the state, and not at all  
one of the great foundation of the state.











(8)

shall ask counsel for him after  
the judgment of Uriah before the Lord;  
and at his word they [he & all the children with  
him] shall go out & come in. Thus Moses  
put some of his own honor upon Joshua  
& secured <sup>to him</sup> the respect & obedience of the  
people of Israel. <sup>Thus was arranged</sup> to the new leader so soon  
to take his place.

In an address to a <sup>social</sup> company of young  
men, I heard <sup>from</sup> an aged General, who was  
always called a rough one & believed to be  
positively irreligious - <sup>a man</sup> ~~one~~ reasonably successful  
in <sup>all</sup> his career - make a singular statement.

"Never", said he "have I entered upon an  
important enterprise, or upon any business  
venture, without going by myself and considering,  
<sup>with</sup> ~~the~~ prayer to almighty God."

So Joshua began: Here is God's answer brought  
him, <sup>in</sup> same way from the altar of prayer.

"There shall not a man be able to stand before  
thee all the days of thy life; as I (the Lord) was with







(9)  
Moses, & I will be with thee; I will  
~~not~~ not fail thee nor forsake thee. Be  
strong and of a good courage: for unto  
this people shalt thou divide for an  
inheritance the land which I swear  
unto their fathers to give them. Only be  
thou strong and very courageous that thou  
mayest observe to do according to all  
the law. + + + (the law) thou not permit <sup>it</sup> to the  
right hand or to the left that thou mayest  
prosper whithersoever thou goest: x x + thou shalt  
meditate ~~therein~~ <sup>therein</sup> day & night - observe - do -  
= "then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and  
then thou shalt have good success."

Then was given upon him & precept upon  
precept: "I am not I, commanded thee?"

"Be strong & of good courage! Be not afraid, neither  
be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with  
thee whithersoever thou goest."

After this solemn commission & manfully  
faithful instruction, Joshua went to the  
immense throng of people already well organized in their



...and will be with them; I will  
...not fail them for such. Be  
strong and of a good courage: for unto  
this people shall thou be as a  
father. The Lord which I serve  
counts them fathers to give them. Only be  
strong and very courageous that thou  
mayest observe to do according to all  
the law. + + + I have not power to the  
right hand or to the left that thou mayest  
prosper whithersoever thou goest; x x x  
...that thou shalt make the word prosper and  
that thou shalt have good success.  
...and thou shalt have a perfect return  
...: It was not of thee neither was it  
...of good courage! Be not afraid, neither  
be thou discouraged; for the Lord thy God is with  
thee whithersoever thou goest.  
After this solemn ceremony & encouragement  
...to the  
...of the people...



(10)  
tribes, and gave forth the detail of his  
orders. We have your rations - within  
three days you will cross this river & go forth  
to possess the promised land - two tribes, &  
the half tribe of Manasseh will stay this side  
of the Jordan. - but the fighting <sup>of them</sup> ~~men~~ will  
go over & help their brethren - to return  
when <sup>these brethren</sup> ~~they~~ shall attain a rest.

The answer of <sup>the sleeping</sup> ~~these~~ warriors was prompt &  
full & hearty. "All that thou commandest us  
we will do" - and "whithersoever thou  
sendest us we will go".

The first city to be taken, the one that barred the  
way like Yorktown <sup>to McClellan</sup> on the peninsula of Virginia  
was Jericho which was encompassed by  
wall. When they set out Joshua kept  
his men warriors well equipped, well in hand. Twice  
in this campaign before Jericho fell it is said, and  
Joshua rose early in the morning, an essential  
item in all good leadership. How he sent the



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The first and foremost the detail of his  
orders. The first man - William

When you go over with these men & go forth  
to possess the promised land - two things  
the half tribe of Manasse over the side  
of the Jordan - but the fighting  
go over & help their brethren - to return  
to the land of Canaan a host.

The command of the Lord was given  
to the people - "All that have been  
in the land of Canaan - and = within seven days  
return to the land of Canaan."

The first city to be taken, the one that bore the  
name of Jericho, on the plain of the Jordan  
to the east of the Jordan river, was surrounded by  
walls. When they set out Joshua kept  
the men in the camp with supplies and in the morning  
in this campaign before Jericho he is said to have  
Joshua rose early in the morning, and  
there in the camp with the men to fight the



(11)  
spies - how they were received by Rahab  
the sun-keeper & ~~what~~ <sup>how</sup> they reported, &  
said Rahab & her household -

and how after the Jordan was crossed over  
and after six days Jericho was taken - this  
is a story by itself of <sup>a leader's early rising</sup> ~~care~~ painstaking  
~~and~~ fearlessness & humble devotion to God.

and of a great army singularly obedient to  
that leader's commands. <sup>Anyone can see the immediate</sup> ~~history in the Book~~  
Instantly after the river crossing he put up a  
memorial ~~to show coming generations~~ that  
all the people of the earth might know the  
hand of the Lord, that it is mighty! that  
He (all Israel) might fear the Lord your God  
forever."

Now Joshua looked forward to the next city -  
His scouts <sup>from Jericho</sup> went, came back & made a clear  
report. It is a smallish city - no need of all  
the army - So Joshua sent but "about 3000  
men". They were so sure of victory, under  
Joshua's orders given in the fear of God, that  
they were all taken aback to see 36 of their <sup>soldiers</sup>



A vertical ruler with a dark background and white markings. The word "Inches" is printed vertically at the top. Major tick marks are labeled with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Between each major tick mark, there are four smaller tick marks, representing 1/4 inch increments.



(12)  
fall in the first onset. The poor fled  
& hurt heavily in their flight. "Wherefore the  
hearts the hearts of the people (all the people) melted  
and became as water."

Here is the first great discomfiture like our  
first discomfiture at Bull Run. Stop  
Joshua - ~~take~~ send thy garments - gather ~~the~~  
all <sup>the elders of</sup> Israel before the ark of the Lord - then  
& they fall upon your faces & say aloud  
unto the God of armies.

It was soon revealed that a great sin had  
been committed. The pay from Jericho  
promised to the service of Hiel had in  
part been kept back. Achan confessed the  
sin - He & his family were punished  
with death. - The criminals were sacrificed  
that the guiltless might be delivered from  
the terrible curse.

Now we ~~see~~ find a <sup>new</sup> touch of Joshua's genius. He  
knew <sup>that</sup> the men of Ai would be over-confident.  
He took prompt <sup>advantage of that.</sup> He sent under the cover of a dark night ~~30,000~~ <sup>30,000</sup>  
"mighty men of valor" into ambush close by the  
city; then he led his main army toward the gates of Ai;



fall in the first sunset. In 2000 Y  
about heavy in their flight. "What for the  
hearts the heart of the heart (all the heart) matter  
and become no matter."

There is the first great discovery like a  
first discovery of 1844. Stop  
at home - ~~the~~ read the reports - gather the  
all around before the end of the day - then  
+ they fall upon upon you & you alone  
into the day of course.

The new sun revealed that a great sun had  
been examined. The new sun  
promised to the service of the heart of the  
heart been kept back. When examined the  
sun. He & his family were promised  
with death. The examination was  
that the greatest might the beginning of the

The terrible error.  
Now we find a touch of the sun's power. The  
Knew the sun of the sun be seen - ~~the~~  
the sun and the sun of a last night  
bright sun of the sun, into the sun of the  
with the sun of the sun, into the sun of the



(13)  
his forces made the feat of fleeing before  
the confident out-rush & attack of their  
foes. While 5000 <sup>others</sup> of Joshua's men <sup>had</sup> worked their  
way around the city between Ai & Bethel. As the  
main army fled the men of Ai & the people  
in generally pursued.

Just at the right time, Joshua, like Moses  
in Joshua's battle against Amalek, stretched  
forth this time the spear that was in his  
hand toward the city. Then the ambush  
arose & took the city & set it on fire -

Joshua's foes looking back saw the flames  
& the smoke ascending to heaven; so they  
had no power to flee this way, or that way.  
They were this time beaten & destroyed - and  
the King of Ai was hanged before the even-  
tide of that terrible day. The spoil was this  
time given to be distributed among the conquerors.

Joshua was very ready to recognize the  
hand of the Lord in this complete victory.

He built an altar unto Jehovah in Mount  
Ebal, which was not far away from Ai.



(13)  
The forces made the point of fleeing before  
the confident and swift attack of their  
foes. While 2000 of Gorkha's men followed them  
and around the city between the 1st & 2nd. As the  
main army fled the rear of the people  
in general pursued.

Just at the night time, Gorkha, like many  
in Gorkha better against the British, stretched  
for the first time the Span that was in his  
hand towards the city. Then the British  
army & took the city & set it on fire.  
Gorkha's few looking back saw the flames  
& the smoke ascending to heaven; so they  
had no power to flee the way, or that way.  
They were the first broken & destroyed - and  
the King of the area fled before the men.  
The day of that terrible day. The spirit was this  
time given to be distributed among the people.  
Gorkha was very ready to recognize the  
hand of the Lord - the conflict victory.  
He built an altar with Gorkha in front  
of which was set for every person.



(14)

There were two large villages on the road from Gibeon to Azekah. After the <sup>permanent</sup> settlement of the twelve tribes, they lay ~~beside~~ along the boundary lines between Benjamin & Ephraim. The road connecting these villages ~~was~~ crossed the battle-ground of Joshua against against the five kings of the Amorites. These <sup>combined</sup> ~~combined~~ <sup>combined</sup> forces were holding this most important thoroughfare from the East to the West of Palestine.

In this instance the Gibeonites called Joshua from his fortified camp at Gilgal to come <sup>over</sup> ~~up~~ to Gibeon & help them, as the ~~combined~~ combination was preparing to take & destroy that city. Joshua, this time moved like Napoleon when he crossed the Alps against the <sup>Austrians</sup>. His forces were in the midst before anybody suspected the coming; he broke their army into fragments & pursued the fragments without a halt.







It was then <sup>(15)</sup> that Joshua begged of his  
Lord for a longer day - "Here are the  
swords that men uttered - 'Sun stand thou  
still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in  
the Valley of Aijalon' - 'So? as it is  
written in <sup>the book of</sup> Joshua, 'the moon stayed, and  
the sun stood still in the midst of  
heaven; -"

And there was no such day as that before  
it or after it, - that the Lord hearkened  
unto the voice of a man; for the  
Lord fought for Israel. A great hail  
fell upon ~~them~~ <sup>stragglers</sup> as they fled down toward  
Gibeon; more died from <sup>the</sup> hail stones than were  
slain with the sword. The Kings fled to  
a cave near Makedah. Joshua had  
them shut in; as soon as he was ready he  
broke them forth & caused his army  
Captains to put their feet upon their  
necks; then he caused them to be  
hanged. It is strange but the record is  
that Joshua said to his <sup>melancholy</sup> Captains: fear  
not, be strong & of good courage, for thus







(16)  
Shall the Lord do to all your enemies  
against whom ye fight."

We need not follow Joshua step by step -

In six years he had thoroughly  
outstripped in Campaign & conquered in  
battle thirty <sup>the greater portion of</sup> warlike kings and  
taken the country of Canaan, the land  
which <sup>the Lord had</sup> promised to Abraham  
Isaac & Jacob.

Then there being no more enemies to  
fight "the land had rest!"

The division of the country & the location  
of the tribes of Israel now grown to  
millions was not an easy task. Joshua  
the bold & trusted leader did this.

It was a <sup>no less</sup> greater work to establish  
the six cities of refuge, & distribute ~~to~~ the  
Levites (the established clergy of the people)  
to 48 cities well chosen.

Again he did not forget to bring the whole  
Tabernacle of the Congregation to Shiloh -  
Here ~~was~~ were the Altars & the Ark of the <sup>Covenant</sup>.



shall the day do to all your enemies  
against whom we fight.  
We were not before Joshua step by step  
The first means he had intended by  
outstripping in some points & conquering in  
better than we would like things and  
taken the country of Canaan, the land  
which he had promised to Abraham  
his father.  
Then there being no more enemies to  
fight the land was rest.  
The business of the country & the location  
of the tribes of Israel was given to  
Moses and he was not an easy task. Joshua  
the valiant warrior leader did this.  
It was a question much to consider  
the city of refuge, & to divide it to the  
Levites (the scattered among of the people)  
to the 48 cities were chosen.  
Again he did not forget to give the tribes  
their share of the inheritance to the whole  
He was over the whole of the land.



(17) at Shechem  
Lastly many years past the century of  
his wonderful life & work, he brought  
the multitude together and delivered to them  
his final <sup>concluding</sup> address. "Now therefore fear the Lord and  
serve him in sincerity & truth" + + +  
"If ye forsake the Lord & serve strange  
gods, then he will turn & do you hurt and  
consume you, after he hath done you  
good."

The people answered: "Nay: but we will  
serve the Lord."

after he <sup>had</sup> set up a great stone <sup>in</sup> the words of promise  
Joshua ~~said~~ after he had put their  
~~words~~ in the Book of the Law, said:  
"Behold this stone shall be a witness unto  
us: for it hath heard all the words of  
the Lord which he spake unto us; it  
shall <sup>therefore</sup> be a witness unto you, lest ye  
deny your God."

Joshua was an able warrior - a daunt  
man - the bravest of the brave. He may have  
been deceived at times; he certainly was by some  
pretenders ~~men~~ who claimed that they came from  
Gad when they were actually neighbors: yet







he <sup>always</sup> sought <sup>(18)</sup> the Lord & was governed  
by the divine impulse - basking his own  
judgment in its sunlight. One says truly  
of Joshua "He combined strength with  
gentleness. — which he wielded great  
power & directed it calmly, without  
swerving, to the accomplishment of  
a great & unselfish purpose.

Josephus the ancient historian gives him  
this character (in introduction pg. 18½)

The answer to the question "what  
was Joshua's genius for military  
leadership? is: <sup>a</sup> large natural talent  
for organization; for planning a campaign;  
for fighting a battle and for keeping  
the love & confidence of his soldiers -  
never forgetting to lean upon the arm  
of his Lord in defeat or in victory.



of John, the evidence brought with  
gentleness, which is needed great  
power & directed in edifying, without  
savouring, to the accomplishment of  
a great & useful purpose.

Josephus the ancient historian gives him  
this character (Antiquities 11. 112)

The answer to the question "What  
was Josephus' plan for Palestine?"  
is: the large national latent  
for organization; for planning a campaign;  
for fighting a battle and for keeping  
the law & constitution of his nation.  
never forgetting to learn upon the score  
of his God as defeat or in victory.



Josephus. 1. pg. 16

So Joshua when he had thus discovered to them died  
having lived 110 years; 40 of which he lived with  
Moses, in order to learn what might be for his  
advantage afterwards. He also became their  
commander after his death for 45 years. He was  
a man that wanted not wisdom, nor eloquence  
to declare his intentions to the people, but  
very eminent on both accounts.

He was of great courage & magnanimity  
in action & in danger; and very sagacious  
in procuring the peace of the people, and of  
great virtues at all proper seasons.



