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PREFACE.

IN the teaching of the Holy Scriptures in Elementary Schools, there has not been hitherto available a manual of sufficient fulness to grasp the leading features of the narrative, and sufficiently cheap to allow of general purchase or distribution. The present work has been undertaken with a view to present, in a connected form, the facts and incidents that are contained with much greater amplification in the various books of the Bible. If such works as these are allowed by the teacher to supersede the study of the Bible itself, they will do more harm than good; as aids to Bible reading they are valuable, as substitutes for it they become mischievous. I have endeavoured, in compiling this Bible History, to condense the narrative on a uniform scale—not treating one portion with unnecessary fulness, and unduly abridging another. The short paragraphs into which the chapters are divided will render the work more useful to the student and scholar.

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OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

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From the Creation of the World to the death of Joseph.
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CHAPTER I.

THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN.

1. **The Creation of the World.**—The history of the Old Testament begins with the creation of the world by Almighty God. The earth was at first empty, and without form, and its surface was hidden by the darkness which prevailed around. The work of creation occupied six days, each day's separate task being as follows:—

On the First Day was created Light.

On the Second Day, the Firmament, or the Atmosphere which surrounds the earth.

On the Third Day, Dry Land, Herbs, and Trees, and Water and Land were separated.

On the Fourth Day, the Sun, Moon, and Stars.

On the Fifth Day, Fishes and Birds.

On the Sixth Day, Animals and Man.

The creation of man, which took place on the sixth day, is more particularly described by the sacred writer. The first man Adam was made in the image of God, out of the dust of the ground. He was appointed the head of all creation, and all other creatures were to be in subjection to him. For his food, herbs and the fruit of trees were given him.