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PREFACE.

N such a portion of the Word of God as the Epistles of John, the extant commentaries are comparatively few. To assign a valid reason for this fact would not be difficult. But with the Revelation it has fared otherwise; the number of its expositors is truly legion. Yet by many it has been judged advisable to publish in this form, this other aid to the study of this Book. As most readers are probably aware, it has already appeared in successive numbers of *The Latter-Rain*; but there are those who prefer to have a continued exposition bound in a volume, than in its original shape, in a series of articles in that periodical.

The book is a small one. That will be a recommendation to some who have not an abundance of leisure. The object aimed at has been to assist the student of the Word in his own examination and grasp of the teaching of this precious portion of God's Word. Some of the most difficult chapters in the Bible are passed in review in the following pages, as Rev. iv., Rev. ix., and incidentally, that obscure chapter, Dan. x.; of the former two, each in its proper place, the last at page 188. And if the

hints offered be compared with the hints of previous writers on these chapters, it will be seen why there was thought to be still room for this additional commentary.

The general plan pursued, has been to get at the leading principles, and at the main threads of this book, rather than to be much occupied in the details. Thus, for instance, in the exposition of the Seals, since the designed unity and connection of these judgments will be readily admitted, the endeavour has been to get at the scope or drift of the series as a whole, by more narrowly marking the effect of the later ones; then, when that final result of all has been ascertained, the light obtained therefrom can be safely carried back in elucidation of the previous ones, as showing in what direction each one was tending; and in this simple way, we have earnestly attempted to avoid all conjecture. We have felt we were handling God's Word, which is given to show us His glory, and to sanctify our hearts, and not to amuse our fancies.

May God abundantly bless the effort, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

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LECTURE I.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

I BELIEVE it is of the Lord that I have been led to expound the Epistles of John, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and now to commence the exposition of the Book of the Revelation. I have not sought this work for my own glory. I had felt that the Lord had Himself shown to me much as to the general teaching of these scriptures. And in response to various invitations from divers places, I had, over and over again, lectured thereon. But even then I never thought of printing my remarks. But when these lectures were taken down, and sometimes incorrectly or inadequately reported, I could but consent on request to enforce and enlarge