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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

- A.** *Aquila.*
Abh. Lagarde, *Gesammelte Abhandlungen.*
AJP. *American Journal of Philology.*
AL. Delitzsch, *Assyrische Lesestücke.* 3 edition. Leipzig, 1885.
Arm. Stud. Lagarde, *Armenische Studien.*
ASKT. Haupt, *Akkadische und Sumerische Keilschrifttexte.* Leipzig, 1881—2.
Ašurb. The Annals of Ašurbānīpal. KB. ii. pp. 152—237.
Ašurb. Sm. George Smith, *The History of Asurbanipal.* London, 1871.
Ašurn. The Annals of Ašurnācīrpal. KB. i. pp. 48—128.
A. V. The Authorized Version.
AW. Fried. Delitzsch, *Assyrisches Handwörterbuch.* Leipzig, 1895.
BA. Beiträge zur Assyriologie.
Behrmann. Behrmann, *Das Buch Daniel.* Göttingen, 1894.
Bevan. Bevan, *The Book of Daniel.* Cambridge, 1892.
Bezold, Lit. Bezold, *Babylonisch-Assyrische Literatur.* Leipzig, 1886.
CJS. *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum.*
Del. Profl. Fried. Delitzsch, *Prolegomena e. neuen hebräisch-aramäischen Wörterbuchs zum A. T.* Leipzig, 1886.
EIH. The East India House Inscription of Nebuchadnezzar. KB. iii. 2, pp. 10—31.
Flemming, Nbk. Flemming, *Die grosse Steinplatteninschrift Nebuchadnezzars d. II.* Göttingen, 1883.
GGA. Göttingische gelehrte Anzeigen.
Ges. Abb. See *Abb.*
Gr. Ven. *Græcus Venetus.*
HNE. Haupt, *Das Babylonische Nimrodepos.* Leipzig, 1884—1891.
JA. *Journal Asiatique.*
JBL. *Journal of Biblical Literature.*
J. H. U. Circ. The Johns Hopkins University Circulars.
Jhv. *Jehovah.*
JRAS. *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society.*
Kamphausen. Kamphausen, *The Book of Daniel. Critical edition of the Heb. and Aram. Text.* Leipzig, 1896.

- KAT.** Schrader, Die Keilschriften und das Alte Testament, Giessen, 1883.
English translation: The Cuneiform Inscriptions and the Old Testament, London, 1885-8.
- KB.** Schrader, Keilschriftliche Bibliothek, Berlin, 1889-1892.
- Khors.** The Khorsabad inscription of Sargon, KB. ii, pp. 52-81.
- Lib. Dan.** Bär and Delitzsch, Libri Danielis, Ezrae et Nehemiae, Leipzig, 1882.
- LXX.** The Septuagint.
- Nabop.** Inscription of Nabopolassar, KB. iii, pp. 2-9.
- NHWB.** Levy, Neuhebräisches und Chaldäisches Wörterbuch, Leipzig, 1876-1889.
- N. T.** The New Testament.
- Ob.** The Shalmaneser Obelisk, KB. i, pp. 128-150.
- Opp. Dec. Jur.** Oppert, Documents Juridiques de l'Assyrie et de la Chaldée, Paris, 1877.
- O. T.** The Old Testament.
- P.** The Peshitā.
- Paradies.** Fried. Delitzsch, Wo lag das Paradies? Leipzig, 1881.
- RE.** Herzog's Realencyclopädie.
- Rm.** Rammannirari III, KB. i, pp. 188-193.
- S.** Symmachus.
- Sarg. Cyl.** The Sargon Cylinder, KB. ii, pp. 34-51.
- Schrader, Cun. Inscr.** The English translation to KAT.
- Senn.** The Taylor Cylinder of Sennacherib, KB. ii, pp. 80-113.
- Sfg.** Haupt, Die Sumerischen Familiengesetze, Leipzig, 1879.
- Shalm. Mon.** The Shalmaneser Moulith, KB. i, pp. 150-175.
- St. O.** Theologische Studien und Skizzen aus Ostpreussen.
- Str.** Strassmaier.
- †** Theodotion.
- Tig.** The prism inscription of Tiglathpileser I, KB. i, pp. 14-47.
- UAG.** Hugo Winckler, Untersuchungen zur altorientalischen Geschichte, Leipzig, 1889.
- V.** The Vulgate.
- Vers. Mass.** The Marsilles Version.
- Vog.** De Vogüé, La Syrie Centrale, Paris, 1868-1877.
- ZA.** Zeitschrift für Assyriologie.
- ZATW.** Stade's Zeitschrift für alttestamentliche Wissenschaft.
- ZB.** Zimmer, Babylonische Busspsalmen, Leipzig, 1885.
- ZDMG.** Zeitschrift der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft.
- ZK.** Zeitschrift für Keilschriftforschung.
- †** Psalm.

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PREFACE.

Since the final closing of the Old Testament Canon, which probably took place about 100 B. C., perhaps no work included therein has excited more interest than the much disputed Book of Daniel. Indeed, a mere list of all that has been written both in defence of and against the authenticity of this production would fill a fair sized volume. It is obviously impossible, therefore, for a critical treatment of Daniel to be exhaustive in the sense of embodying all the opinions ever advanced regarding the interpretation, authorship and origin of the work, nor, in view of the immense mass of valueless literature dating from almost every Christian century which exists on the subject, would it be desirable to attempt such a task.

The object of the following commentary is to present as concisely as possible, especially to the student of the English Bible, the consensus of critical opinion regarding the many problems arising from the study of the Book of Daniel and to add such new matter as has been suggested by a careful examination of the text and exegesis. With this aim in view,