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## PREFACE

THE author's aim in the little book which is now published is to give a succinct, but as far as possible complete, account of the nature of the religion of the O.T. In so doing he has endeavoured to lay especial emphasis on those features of this religion *which distinguish it from the other religions of antiquity and constitute its peculiarity*. One will therefore expect to find neither a minute examination of the rival religions with which the Israelites came into contact nor a detailed exposition of the whole course of the history and of the conceptions of the Israelite religion. To have attempted either would only have increased the difficulties of an already difficult task. For if, on the one hand, the reader had been

invited to consider the whole field of inquiry concerning the non-Israelitic religions, his attention might easily have been diverted from their really important features, and, besides, a disproportionate amount of space would have been occupied; while, on the other hand, the endeavour to trace the many ramifications of the separate problems which present themselves to the student of O.T. history would have perpetually broken the thread of the narrative and would certainly have operated prejudicially in obliterating features which should have been salient. For detailed investigations and completer references to authorities, the reader will therefore consult the commentaries to the O.T. and the histories of the Israelite and other religions of antiquity.

A short conspectus, such as is here offered, may possibly be of use to the general reader, to many who would wish to find a guide in the present time of controversy concerning the religion of the O.T. and its relation to the other religions. I shall be glad, there-

fore, if the following pages enable anyone to realize the incomparable importance of the O.T. for the understanding of the history of religion in general, and especially for that of Christianity.

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