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TO MY WIFE
WHOSE CONTINUOUS SYMPATHY
AND VALUABLE ASSISTANCE
HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY
TO THIS VOLUME

PREFACE

In the following pages an attempt is made to reach an interpretation of the Revelation of John that will be both reasonable and in accord with the best modern scholarship and at the same time so simple that the ordinary layman will find it easily within his grasp. It is hoped, therefore, that these pages may be found profitable by all who are interested in the interpretation of the closing book of the New Testament.

Although this volume is the result of study extending over many years it makes no claim to exhaustiveness; indeed it is only an interpretation, and that merely in outline, of the book. An accurate interpretation of every word and phrase of the book along historical lines is impossible in the present state of our knowledge, but enough is known to enable us to understand it in a general way, and this general knowledge is of very great practical value.

For the reader's convenience, and because careful study showed both the Authorized Version of 1611 and the Revised Version of 1885 to be defective, it was found necessary to include a fresh translation of the book in this volume. A translation, as literal as possible, into clear, simple, modern English has been the aim. Although in many ways the book is a difficult one for the translator it is hoped some success has been obtained. The translation is inserted as Appendix I. In Appendix II will be found brief explanations of the very few technical terms and proper names used in the volume the explanation of which might be helpful to some readers.

If the succeeding pages prove to be a help to the intelligent comprehension of the book the writer of them will rejoice that his labour has not been in vain.

C. C. W.

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