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To the

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WHOM I GREATLY ADMIRE AS A SCHOLAR, TEACHER AND TRUE
FRIEND, AND WHOSE MINISTRATIONS ARE FULL OF
LOVE FOR GOD, ISRAEL AND MANKIND

"If I open the Bible, it is to me as if I walk in a forest, full of celestial trees towering towards the infinite height. What are all the other books compared with this Book, in which every line is pervaded with the divine spirit! The rise and the fall of man, his greatness and littleness, his defeats and his victories, his yearnings and aspirations, are depicted in this Book. This Book cannot be measured by our little minds, it cannot be comprehended by our tiny intellects; it is gigantic and immense like the large heavens, and pictures to us the whole drama of mankind."—HEINRICH HEINE.

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PREFACE

It has been my purpose in preparing this history, to lay before the Jewish youth a book which, written in a simple and popular style, directly appeals to the hearts of the children, and thus seeks to interest them in Biblical studies. I have drawn from the various tales related in the Book many useful lessons, which are often illustrated by fitting examples taken from the world's history and the Talmud. I have likewise pointed or referred to different homiletic or ethical text sentences which, when properly applied and commented upon by an intelligent teacher, must be of considerable assistance in his noble work, and cannot but greatly enhance the instruction imparted to the pupils. For those, however, who understand our sacred language, I have tried to picture by a single sentence, in Hebrew, the character of the man I speak of or the period of history I describe; but to those who do not understand the holy language, the very sentence in the vernacular will, no doubt, prove to be of great advantage.

Moreover, this book can be used in places where there is neither preacher nor teacher, by our religious mothers who personally wish to instruct their children in Biblical history.

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This present volume extends from the creation of the world to the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus; a second volume, comprising the time from the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus to Samuel, will follow; while a third, from Samuel to the destruction of the Temple, will complete the work. Thus in a three years' course the entire Biblical history can be imparted to the young.

I am indebted to my dear friends and cherished pupils, the Rev. Samuel Langer and Mr. Moses Beckhardt, for the kind help and assistance they have given me in revising this book and correcting its proof sheets.

Trusting this book will accomplish its objects, and will meet with every possible success, and hoping that it may find a kind reception in our homes and schools, I give it on its entry into the world my best wishes and warmest fatherly blessings!

THE AUTHOR.

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BIBLE LESSONS

I. THE CREATION

The earth we live on was not always so beautiful as it is now. There was a time when darkness was everywhere, and neither the sun by day nor the moon and stars by night shone upon the earth. Neither sky nor plant, man nor animal, was then to be seen. There was only God, our dear heavenly Father, who was the first in the beginning, and who has remained during all ages and times our Rock and Redeemer, our Hope and Comfort.

It was in the plan of God to create this wonderful world, therefore He formed heaven and earth. And as it was entirely dark upon the earth, God, the great Creator of the world, said, "Let there be light," and there was light. At once light spread its cheering rays everywhere, and God in His wisdom called the precious light "day" and the gloomy darkness "night."

On the second day God created the magnificent blue sky, which we see above our heads. From the clouds which often cover the firmament, the rain and dew, which enrich the soil, fall down to the earth.

On the third day God ordered that all the waters of the earth should be gathered together in