

**THE BIBLE, A
MISSIONARY BOOK**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649073580

The Bible, a Missionary Book by Robert F. Horton

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

ROBERT F. HORTON

**THE BIBLE, A
MISSIONARY BOOK**

OCT
1890

THE BIBLE
A MISSIONARY BOOK

BY
✓
ROBERT F. HORTON
M.A., D.D.

NEW EDITION

Edinburgh and London
OLIPHANT, ANDERSON & FERRIER

SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES BY

The Pilgrim Press

New York

BOSTON

Chicago

PRINTED BY
TURNBULL AND SPEARS,
EDINBURGH

CONTENTS

	PAGE
PREFACE	5
CHAPTER I	
THE METHOD OF STUDY	21
CHAPTER II	
THE BURDEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT	47
CHAPTER III	
HOW THE LAW LEADS UP TO THE GOSPEL	85
CHAPTER IV	
THE MISSIONARY PROMISE IN THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL	103
CHAPTER V	
"HOLY MEN OF OLD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"	129

CONTENTS

	PAGE
CHAPTER VI	
IMAGINATIVE AND PHILOSOPHICAL WRITINGS	
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT	155
CHAPTER VII	
SUMMARY	179
INDEX	191

PREFACE

FOR the sake of any reader whose interest in missions may be greater than his interest in biblical scholarship, it may be well to define beforehand the attitude which is assumed in these pages, towards critical questions and methods of biblical interpretation. That attitude is not personal to the writer, but is that of the large majority of scholars and exegetes who have in recent years contributed most to the understanding of the Bible.

Dr Hastings' *Dictionary of the Bible* represents the conclusions up to the present moment of the vast weight of British scholarship. The mingled candour and reverence which are the peculiar note of our English theology, here find their completest expression. I may be pardoned for mentioning the

PREFACE

names of Prof. Driver and Prof. George Adam Smith in Old Testament work, and the name of Prof. Sanday in New Testament work, as the best known and the most typical representatives of the attitude assumed in this great dictionary. As the *Encyclopædia Biblica*, edited by Prof. Cheyne, presents the extremest views of present day criticism, and is an invaluable authority for the theories which are mooted and discussed in the progress of theological inquiry, so Dr Hastings' *Dictionary* is the best authority we possess for the cautious conclusions and tested results which have been achieved in the last quarter of a century. Needless to say, the changes effected in these years place a vast difference between the recent work, and the dictionaries which were the great authorities until now. But Hastings' *Dictionary* supersedes its predecessors as inevitably as the ninth edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* superseded the eighth. It would be a

PREFACE

dangerous obscurantism to ignore that great change, and it is evident that missionary students, whose task it is to present Christianity to the cultivated races of the East, must remember that educated Hindus, and Japanese, and Chinese, when they want to know the truth about the Bible, will turn, not to the dictionaries and authorities of thirty years ago, but to the latest and most approved works of to-day.

I have therefore assumed, though I know the assumption may sometimes be rash, that the reader is acquainted with the general position occupied by the enlightened and believing scholarship of our time. If any view seems startling or arbitrary, I would urge the reader to consult the article in the *Dictionary of the Bible* on the subject referred to. For example, under *Pentateuch* or *Deuteronomy*, or the *Law*, he will find explained in detail the views which in this brief survey are only assumed; and so with *Chronicles* or *Jonah* or