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TO  
MY WIFE



## Preface

I WAS trained in the school which taught that apocalypse is the product of late Judaism and of a time when men were conscious of the distance between God and the world and were also conscious of their utter inability to do anything to set a sorely hurt world right. As such, apocalypse was born of despair and pessimism and an enfeebled sense of the divine grace. But here a question insistently pressed for an answer. Jesus, who not only believed in the fatherhood of God toward sinful men, but was even able to teach that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without the Father, made a constant and liberal use of apocalyptic language and ideas. The extent of His use of such language may have been exaggerated—this remains a question for New Testament scholars—but of the fact there can be no doubt. And the fact suggested the need for a revision of the commonly received estimate of apocalypse.

This book contains a modest effort to explain why Jesus, who struck back behind legal Judaism to the thought of Hosea and Jeremiah, could also use the language of apocalypse. He could use it, because apocalypse was the continuation of prophecy. I call the book a modest effort, not from any false humility, but because the limits of this series have made it impossible to supply the detailed proofs which are needed, and in particular have ruled out any reference to the extra-canonical apocalypses. Perhaps, however, the popular form in which the subject is treated may help some who have felt it difficult to understand certain features in their Lord's teaching. If it helps even a few to understand Him better, the labour it has cost will not have been wasted.