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## PREFACE

**T**HIS book does not claim to be a history of Biblical interpretation. It is an attempt to illustrate certain ways in which the Old Testament part of our Bible has been treated in the course of the Christian centuries. Since almost every theologian, Jewish or Christian, has directly or indirectly commented on the Scriptures, a complete history of this branch of science would seem to be beyond the powers of any one man. The index to Diestel's work, a work to which I have often referred, shows that he consulted nearly fourteen hundred different authors. The result is to bewilder rather than to help the inquirer. Some account of the main currents of thought in this department can be gathered, I venture to hope, from the following pages.





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