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PREFACE

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Principal Abbreviations employed.

- B.R.*... Edw. Robinson, *Biblical Researches in Palestine* (ed. 2, 1856).
D.B. (or *D.B.²*)... Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. 1, or (from A to J) ed. 2.
K.A.T.²... Eb. Schrader, *Die Keilinschriften und das A. T.*, ed. 2, 1883 (translated under the title *The Cuneiform Inscriptions and the O. T.* 1885, 1888). The references are to the pagination of the German, which is given on the margin of the English translation.
K.B.... Eb. Schrader, *Keilinschriftliche Bibliothek* (1889 ff.).
N.H.B.... H. B. Tristram, *Natural History of the Bible* (1868).
O.T.F.C.²... W. Robertson Smith, *The Old Testament in the Jewish Church*, ed. 2, 1892.
P.E.F. Qu. St.... *Palestine Exploration Fund, Quarterly Statements.*
R.P.¹ and *R.P.²*... *Records of the Past*, first and second series, respectively.
Z.A.T.W.... *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft.*
Z.D.M.G.... *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft.*
Z.D.P.V.... *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins.*

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* * * The Text adopted in this Edition is that of Dr Scrivener's *Cambridge Paragraph Bible*. A few variations from the ordinary Text, chiefly in the spelling of certain words, and in the use of italics, will be noticed. For the principles adopted by Dr Scrivener as regards the printing of the Text see his Introduction to the *Paragraph Bible*, published by the Cambridge University Press.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

ISRAEL.	Dates according to Usher's chronology.	Dates as corrected on the basis of Assyrian notices ¹ .
Jehu	884	842
Jehoahaz	856	815
Jehoash	839	802 (<i>al.</i> 798)
Jeroboam II.	825	790 (<i>al.</i> 782)
Zechariah	773	749 (<i>al.</i> 741)
Shallum	772	749 (<i>al.</i> 741)
Menahem	772	748 (<i>al.</i> 741)
Pekahiah	761	738 (<i>al.</i> 737)
Pekah	759	736 (<i>al.</i> 735)
Hoshea	730	734 (<i>al.</i> 732)
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JUDAH.	Dates according to Usher's chronology.	Dates as corrected on the basis of Assyrian notices ¹ .
Athaliah	884	842
Joash	878	837
Amaziah	839	801 (<i>al.</i> 797)
Uzziah	810	792 (<i>al.</i> 778)
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¹ See the writer's *Isaiah, his life and times*, p. 13f. with the references. In the Assyrian inscriptions, Ahab is mentioned at a date—B.C. 854, Jehu in 842, Uzziah (probably) in 740, Menahem in 738, Pekah (as dethroned and succeeded by Hoshea) in 734 (so Schrader, *K.A.T.*, p. 254 f.; but the year of Tiglath-pileser's reign is not actually given, the tablet being defective; and Root, *Die Keilschrifttexte Tiglath-pileser's III.* 1893, pp. xxix., xxxv. f., prefers 733 or 732), the capture of Samaria by Sargon in 722. The precise dates assigned to the individual kings are in some cases more or less arbitrary; but it is evident that the Biblical dates must be considerably reduced in order to harmonize with the Assyrian data.

JOEL.

INTRODUCTION.

§ 1. *Personal life of Joel.*

OF Joel nothing is known beyond what may be inferred, with greater or less probability, from the internal evidence supplied by the prophecy which bears his name. He is called in the title son of Pethuel,—or, as the LXX., Syr., and versions dependent upon them read, *Bethuel*; but this is all that we are expressly told about him: there is not even any statement, such as we possess in the case of Hosea and Amos, for instance, respecting the period at which he lived. Joel's prophecy is concerned wholly with Judah; and that his home was in this country may be inferred with confidence from the terms in which he speaks repeatedly of *Zion* (ii. 1, 15, iii. 17), *the children of Zion* (ii. 23), *Judah and Jerusalem* (ii. 32, iii. 1, 17, 18, 20), *the children of Judah* (iii. 6, 8, 19), *the children of Jerusalem* (iii. 6)¹, and from the familiarity which he displays with the Temple and the ministrations of the priests (i. 9, 13, 14, 16, ii. 14, 17, iii. 18 *b*).

¹ *Israel*, where Joel uses the term (ii. 27, iii. 2, 16), is the covenant name of God's chosen people, not the specific name of the northern kingdom: at most, the Israelites of the Ten Tribes may be alluded to, inclusively, in iii. 2 *b*.