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## PREFACE.

The following pages are designed for those readers who are interested in the Old Testament, not only as a storehouse of devotion and doctrine, but also as a collection of ancient writings presenting many literary and historical problems. In the space at the writer's disposal, it will be obvious that only the more important of these problems could be discussed.

For convenience of reference, the order of books in the English Version has been followed. How little this is a guide to the origin of the books may be illustrated by the fact that the account of Creation on the first page of the Old Testament and the prophecy of 'Malachi' on the last were published at practically the same time. The chronological tables will assist the reader to fix the succession of the different writings.

The writer may be allowed to suggest here that the critical analyses of the historical books, on which so much of their interpretation depends, can be appreciated only if some means be taken to represent them to the eye. For the Hexateuch, the works mentioned in the text do this by means of variations of type, and so far as issued the parts of the Polychrome Bible by the more expensive but clearer method of colours. In the following pages, however, sufficiently detailed notes of analysis have been included to enable the student to construct a Polychrome Bible for himself, if he takes the trouble to wash in the text of the various sources by means of water-colours.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS.

OT . . . . .	Old Testament.
AV . . . . .	Authorised Version.
EV . . . . .	English Version (Authorised and Revised).
RV . . . . .	Revised Version.
RVM . . . . .	Revised Version Margin.
cp. . . . .	compare.
ct. . . . .	contrast.
fg., fg. . . . .	and following.
ib. . . . .	<i>ibidem</i> , in the same place.
c. . . . .	<i>scilicet</i> , to wit.
c. . . . .	<i>circa</i> , about.
Driver, <i>LOT</i> . . . . .	S. R. Driver, 'Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament': 7th edition.
W. R. Smith, <i>OTJC</i> . . . . .	W. Robertson Smith, 'The Old Testament in the Jewish Church': 2nd edition.
Kautzsch, <i>Outlines</i> . . . . .	E. Kautzsch, 'An Outline of the History of the Literature of the Old Testament' English Translation by Dr. John Taylor.
Hastings, <i>DB</i> . . . . .	'A Dictionary of the Bible,' edited by J. Hastings. vols. 1, 2, 3.
Cheyne, <i>Ency. Bi</i> . . . . .	'Encyclopædia Biblica,' edited by T. K. Cheyne and J. Sutherland Black: vols. 1 and 2.
CBS . . . . .	The Cambridge Bible for Schools.
ET . . . . .	English Translation.
LXX . . . . .	Septuagint.

Other abbreviations are explained in the text, or are self-explanatory. Chapters of the biblical books are referred to by arabic numerals on the line; verses by similar numerals above the line. Thus: Gen. 2<sup>1</sup> means the first verse of the second chapter of Genesis.

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Saul		
c. 1000 B.C. David	Selection of Jerusalem for the capital.	David's Elegy over Saul and Jonathan. 2 S. 1 <sup>19-27</sup> . David's Lament over Abner. 2 S. 3 <sup>33-34</sup> . [Book of Yashar.]
Solomon	Building of the Temple.	