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## PREFACE.

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MY chief object in this work has been to satisfy my own mind, and, of course, that of others, whether or not this book is really a portion of Holy Scripture, or what grounds rationalists have for their attacks upon it. For this purpose I have carefully examined the text, and many commentators, and I here give the results.

I claim the credit of rejecting the notion that the first six chapters are historical, for the simple reason that it is not true. They are not the history of any person, certainly not of Daniel, who occupies only a secondary place in them.

I suppose also I am the first to refute Porphyry and modern rationalism; the refutation is so simple and conclusive that if it had ever been observed it could hardly have been lost.

I am indebted to Sir Isaac Newton and Faber for the correct interpretation of the eighth chapter and much of the eleventh, but I suppose I am original in regard to the Crusades and the great trouble of the Reformation.

I have to thank those who have kindly lent me books, but my special thanks are due to my subscribers, without whose aid I should not have thought of

printing, perhaps not of writing. They are not so numerous as I expected, but they have induced me to accomplish what I reckon a great work, in showing rationalism is not infallible, but a mere delusion so far as Daniel is concerned.

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