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σύντομον δὲ προβῆναι τοῖς βουλομένοις τὴν ἀφέλειαν.

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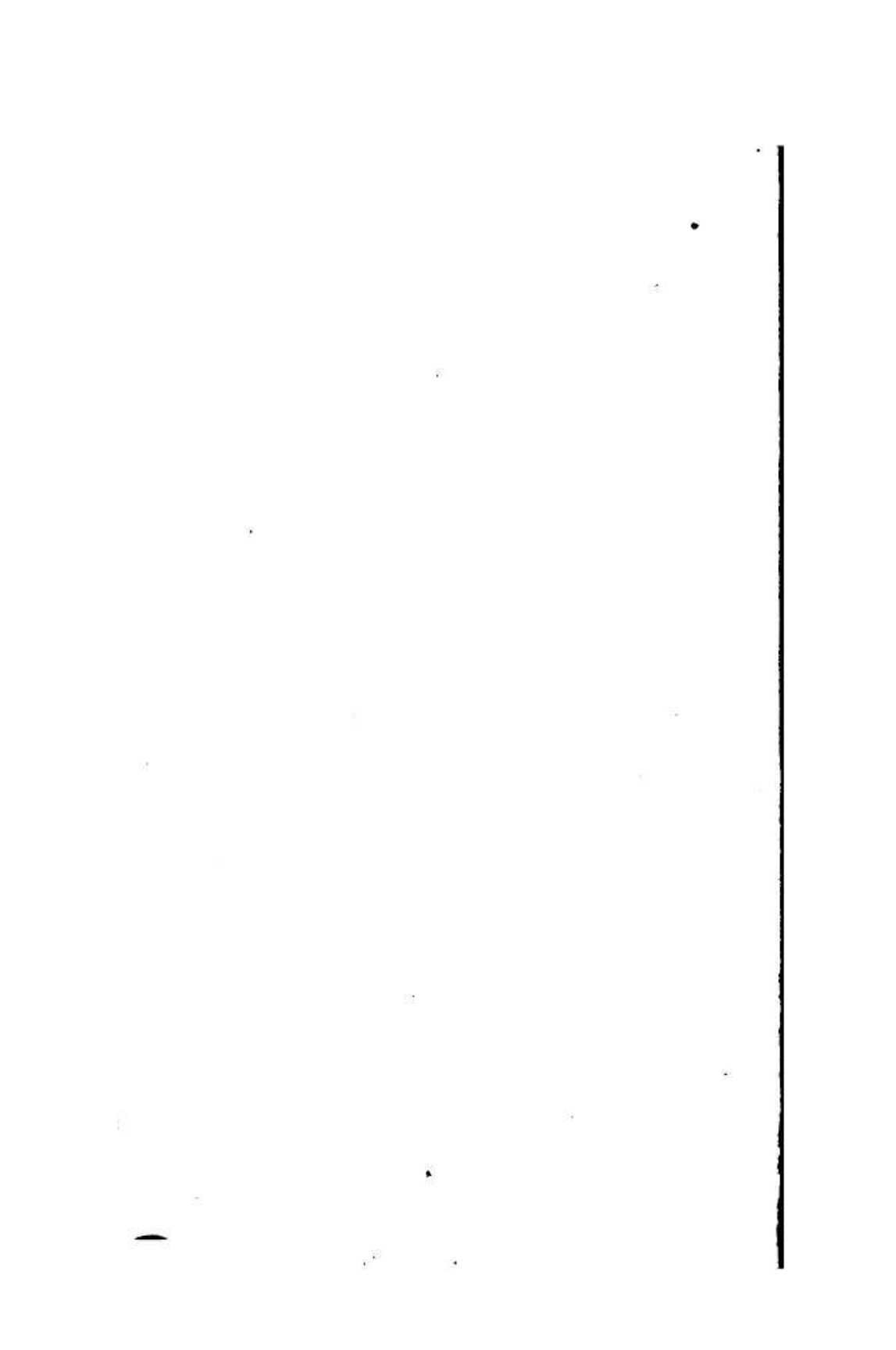
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CRITICAL WORKS

THE AUTHOR IS MAINLY INDEBTED FOR ANY VALUE THAT
MAY BELONG TO THIS BOOK,

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED.



Preface.

THIS book has been written with the view of furnishing the student of the Bible, in a concise form, with the arguments for the truth of the Christian religion, drawn from the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecies.

These prophecies, being the groundwork of our Christian faith—the rudiments of our theology, it is all the more necessary that biblical students should be initiated into a thorough scientific knowledge of them. Unless this be done, though the upper stories are built, the foundation is certainly neglected.

One reason why so many misconceptions prevail upon this subject is to be found in the mystical method of interpretation, and although it be repudiated at present by every intelligent expositor, yet it is to be regretted that we are still—to some extent—oppressed with the haze which it has spread over the field of exegesis.

So long as commentators are able—after the example of Origen and Cocceius—to find Christ directly and per-

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sonally in every passage of the Old Testament, and to twist with Rabbinical dexterity the sacred oracles, they feel that they have no need to come down to gather their edification and arguments from a grammatical analysis of the words which the Almighty has been pleased to employ.

The necessity that Christians should attend to this foundation of their faith and hope becomes the more urgent, since the advocates of neology and infidelity are busily at work to undermine it.

As regards the Messianic prophecies interpreted and vindicated in this volume, we build our arguments upon the solid basis of historical-critical interpretation, always endeavouring to keep the middle path between narrow dogmatism on the one hand, and wild conjectures on the other.

We have endeavoured fairly to represent and take cognizance of everything valuable in the voluminous and bewildering treatises of both Rabbinic commentators and German critics, at the same time keeping strictly to our motto, viz., "To make it our study to avoid, as much as possible, prolixity of expression, and to exhibit the useful in a compendious form;" it being our conviction that, diffuseness in works treating of such subjects has the disadvantage at once of wearying the reader, defeating the object in view, and encumbering the combatant in his own armour.

Care has been taken to translate every quotation from the Rabbinical writings which has been given, in order

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to induce some to the study of native Hebrew commentary. It is thus hoped that these excerpts may be interesting to those who understand the language, whilst they will not be in the way of others who are not addicted to such pursuits.

A list of the books consulted and referred to, will be found at the end of the work.

We have also to add, that our original intention was to publish an exposition of all the Messianic oracles in the present volume, but having found that the printing of such a book would be too high a venture, we have therefore restricted ourselves at present to the predictions contained in the Pentateuch and Psalms.

It is, in fine, our sincere hope and prayer that this humble contribution to the defence of sacred truth may be the means of strengthening the faith of some, and instructing others who are still strangers to these precious promises.

J. R. W.

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