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will enable the student to fix the historical position and the theological importance of each biblical writing. Thus he will see that the brief book of Jonah is a parable written to inculcate the universal character of God's love for men, and that he is not obliged to defend the historicity of its various details. The Psalms will appear as the living prayers of the Jewish Church, composed over a period of six centuries; their vitality and their embodiment of the most varied religious aspirations will explain why they came to play such an important part in the Christian liturgy. In short, the student who reads his Old Testament with the help of this guide will shed that unhappy thought which pictures the Old Testament as a static book, given by God at some one moment in the remote centuries before Christ. He will come to realize the dynamic character of God's revelation, so clearly enunciated in the opening words of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "It was little by little and in different ways that God spoke in old times to our forefathers through the prophets. . . ."

A *Chronology, Glossary, Guide to Pronunciation*, and three maps greatly enhance the usefulness of this excellent *Foreword to the Old Testament Books*.

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