

the special incidents of contemporary history to which so many of them relate. Eichhorn, alone, has to some extent followed this course, but in his case, each discourse has been treated in a distinct and isolated chapter. The light thrown on writings often so difficult as they stand in our Bibles, by introducing them in their historical connection, must be evident. They become again, what they originally were—the pulpit literature of the day in which they were spoken, and, as such, at once reflect light on the sacred narrative and are illustrated by it.

In the translations I have offered, great care has been taken to keep closely to the Hebrew text, but such expansion has been made throughout as seemed necessary to explain allusions, connect the argument, or make clear the meaning.

And now may the blessing of the All-loving One go forth with my book.

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