

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The book which we now offer to the public is an historical romance, in which are recounted and described the principal events of the Messianic epoch in Palestine, with the religious, social and domestic conflicts which they excited there at that time.

The historical part is strictly in accordance with the narration of the Evangelists, and we have borrowed its elements as well as the French translation of its text, from the best authorized historians.

The romantic part, or the fiction, unfolds itself side by side with the historical, without either altering or defacing it, but lending a certain interest which is pleasing to most people in the world.

The aim of the book is to inspire a desire for the study of the gospels, whose interest for all Christians should be powerful.

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