

from drawing. On the contrary, its own processes lead up to it and necessitate it. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the application of the historical method to the study of the Old Testament has put into our hands a new apology for the Bible, as superior to the old as our modern weapons of warfare are superior to those of a century ago. On this matter I am content to quote the judgment of Dr. James Orr : criticism, he declares, ' has brought out, as never before, the absolutely unique and marvellous character of the religion of Israel. . . . The efforts of the critics have resulted in a magnificent demonstration of the immense, and, on natural principles, the inexplicable difference between the religion of this obscure people and every other.'¹

IV

But one word remains to be spoken. It may be thought by some that the foregoing argument, however valid and valuable it may be, is too intricate and detailed for the average

¹ *The Problems of the Old Testament*, p. 10.