

PREFACE

RECENT archaeological discoveries bearing on the age and authenticity of the Old Testament Scriptures have been so numerous and so unexpected that a brief comparison of them with the results of the so-called 'Higher Criticism' is desirable, especially in view of the controversies which Professor Friedrich Delitzsch's *Babel und Bibel* has excited in Germany. It will be seen that they are not favourable to the 'critical' position. In dealing with them repetitions have sometimes been necessary for the sake of the argument. The words 'criticism,' 'critical' and 'critic' have been printed between inverted commas whenever they refer to the school of sceptical theorists who have arrogated the title of 'critics' to themselves. It is needless to add that I, for one, do not admit their right to do so.

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