

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The need for such a book as this was made apparent by a listener at a Bible exposition given by the author. He asked, "Where does one start in his reading of the Bible? Is it right to plough through it from Genesis onwards, or should one commence with the New Testament?".

This is a genuine difficulty and we hope that the guidance offered will be a real help to all who want a sound knowledge of the "Scripture of truth". A certain amount of repetition has been unavoidable. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians "To repeat what I have written to you before is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you" (Phi1.3: I N.E.B.). We pray that this may be true of this small volume.

Quotations have been made from the Authorized Version, the Revised Version, the Revised Standard Version and occasionally from the New English Bible. It would be well for the reader to have copies of these at hand so that he can verify what is being said. One could also add the New International Version.

May God richly bless this small effort to spread the knowledge of His Word of truth and of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the centre and circumference of it all.