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THE forty-eight chapters of the prophecy of Ezekiel constitute one of the most considerable portions of the Old Testament, yet it is safe to say that they are also among the least understood. Yet their striking imagery and evident deep spiritual import have attracted thoughtful Bible readers in all ages since they were first penned. Consequently any work which opens the meaning and teaching of this important prophecy to the ordinary reader meets a very real need.

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*"It was Ezekiel who saw the vision of glory,
Which God shewed him upon the chariot of the cherubim."*

(Ben Sira 49: 8.)



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To
THE DESIRE OF MY EYES
who is yet with me
(24: 16)

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

This work uses standard abbreviations for the names of the books of the Bible as well as many in common use. Only the following need mention.

- a (b, c, d) refers to the first (second, third or fourth) part of the verse mentioned.
- ad loc.* at the appropriate place.
- AJV The American Jewish Version of 1917.
- Aquila A 2nd cent. A.D. translation of O.T. into Greek.
- Cam.B. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges; the volume on Ezekiel is by Davidson and Streane.
- f. and the following verse, or chapter.
- ff. and the following two verses, or chapters.
- ICC International Critical Commentary; the volume on Ezekiel is by G. A. Cooke.
- Knox Translation by Monsignor Knox; O.T. in 1949.
- LXX Septuagint, the standard Greek translation of O.T.; Ezekiel about 150 B.C.
- mg. margin.
- Moffatt Translation by James Moffatt; O.T. in 1924.
- NBC *The New Bible Commentary* (1953).
- RSV Revised Standard Version; O.T. in 1952.
- RV Revised Version; O.T. in 1885.
- Syriac or Peshitta, an East Aramaic translation going back to the 2nd cent. A.D.
- Targum The official Aramaic translation (sometimes paraphrases) of the O.T.; the Targum on Ezekiel may in essence be as old as 1st cent. A.D.
- Theodotion A 2nd cent. A.D. translation of O.T. into Greek, somewhat later than Aquila.
- tx. Text.
- Vulgate The Latin translation of the Bible made by Jerome between A.D. 382 and 405.