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The difficulties which many lay people experience in reading the Bible profitably mainly concern the Old Testament, and Fr Hebert, in this present book, has concentrated on this subject. It is written for those who believe—or hope to believe—that the Old Testament has a real Word of God to say to them, but who find hindrances to their understanding of it, which it is the aim of this book to clear away. Accepting and using the legitimate results of literary criticism and historical study, it directs attention to the more important theme of Faith in God, which is often opposed to religion as actually practised. In the light of this the reader is guided through the Old Testament, from the Creation poem to the later prophets and psalms. Although the New Testament as such is not dealt with the two closing chapters look forward to the fulfilment of the Old Testament in Jesus the Messiah. The book replaces Fr Hebert's earlier one, *The Bible from Within*, concentrating on the Old Testament, and in this new form much of the material has been rewritten.

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