

◆ CONTENTS ◆

Introduction 1

PART ONE

THE TORAH 33

1. Genesis 37
2. Exodus 63
3. Leviticus 74
4. Numbers 80
5. Deuteronomy 88

PART TWO

THE PROPHETS 103

The Former Prophets 105

6. Joshua 111
7. Judges 118
8. Samuel 129
9. Kings 144

The Latter Prophets 159

10. Isaiah 166
11. Jeremiah 191
12. Ezekiel 211
13. The Book of the Twelve 230

PART THREE

THE WRITINGS 287

14. Psalms 292
15. Job 304
16. Proverbs 316
17. Ruth 333
18. Song of Songs 337
19. Ecclesiastes 342
20. Lamentations 351

- 21. Esther 355
- 22. Daniel 363
- 23. Ezra-Nehemiah 374
- 24. Chronicles 380

PART FOUR

THE DEUTEROCANONICAL
LITERATURE 387

- 25. First Esdras 390
- 26. Second Esdras 393
- 27. Tobit 397
- 28. Judith 402
- 29. Additions to the Book of Esther 406
- 30. The Wisdom of Solomon 407
- 31. Sirach 413
- 32. Baruch 421
- 33. The Letter of Jeremiah 424
- 34. Additions to Daniel 427
- 35. The Prayer of Manasseh 430
- 36. First Maccabees 431
- 37. Second Maccabees 434

From Cherished Word to Holy Scriptures 437

Selected Bibliography 446

Appendix 456

- A. Characteristics of Apocalyptic 456
- B. The Festivals at Which the "Five Scrolls" Were Read 456
- C. Major Scrolls from Qumran 456
- D. Major Deities in the Canaanite Pantheon 457
- E. Important Noncanonical Works (Pseudepigrapha) 457
- F. History of Pentateuchal Research 457
- G. The Bible in English 458
- H. Some Significant Inscriptions and Literary Texts 458
- I. Major Periods in Israelite History 459
- J. The Hasmonaean House 460

Index 461