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A quarter-shekel of Gaza Minoa from a unique specimen in the British Museum (much magnified). It was a silver coin struck on the Phoenician standard and dates from the latter part of the fifth century B.C. The obverse shows a bearded head wearing a crested Corinthian helmet with a bay-wreath upon it and is probably meant for Minos, the reputed founder of Gaza. The reverse—here represented—has the Hebrew Godhead figured as a bearded deity sitting on a winged and wheeled throne with a hawk on his outstretched hand. In the field beside him are the Aramaic letters *Y H W*, that is *Yahu*, the trilateral form of the name Jehovah. Confronting him is a mask-like face, probably that of the Egyptian god Bes (see p. 142 of text, iii (b)).

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PREFACE

These Studies were to have been ushered into the world by a Foreword from Professor Burkitt, but owing to a grievous mischance that Foreword can now never be written. The University of Cambridge has been bereft of one of its brightest ornaments by his death and innumerable friends all over the world will lament his sudden passing. He was the kindest and most generous-hearted of friends, ever ready out of his great stores of learning to give help and encouragement to all who asked. He was good enough to refer to the present work as the only introduction to the modern critiques of Ezekiel, and it is as such an introduction that I have written the main part of this Exercise. It will, I trust, be found serviceable to all classes of Bible students. The two Excursuses, while addressed primarily to professional Bible critics, will, I hope, be found intelligible to all thoughtful readers. I must express my indebtedness to all the writers, whose words are commented on in these Studies, and to the friend at Marburg, who guided my early studies in German. I am also indebted to Dr A. B. Cook for showing me a replica of the coin which forms the Frontispiece, and for writing the inscription beneath it. Early versions of the Introduction and of Excursus II were delivered to the Easter Vacation School of the Bangor University College Faculty of Theology in March 1931 and to the Society for Old Testament Study in January 1933, and I venture to present this final result to the members of these two Bodies with respectful salutations.

J. BATTERSBY HARFORD

Ripon
30 May 1935

NOTE. The References are given as in the Hebrew Bible. Where the English version differs as to chapter and verse, the English reference is given in brackets.