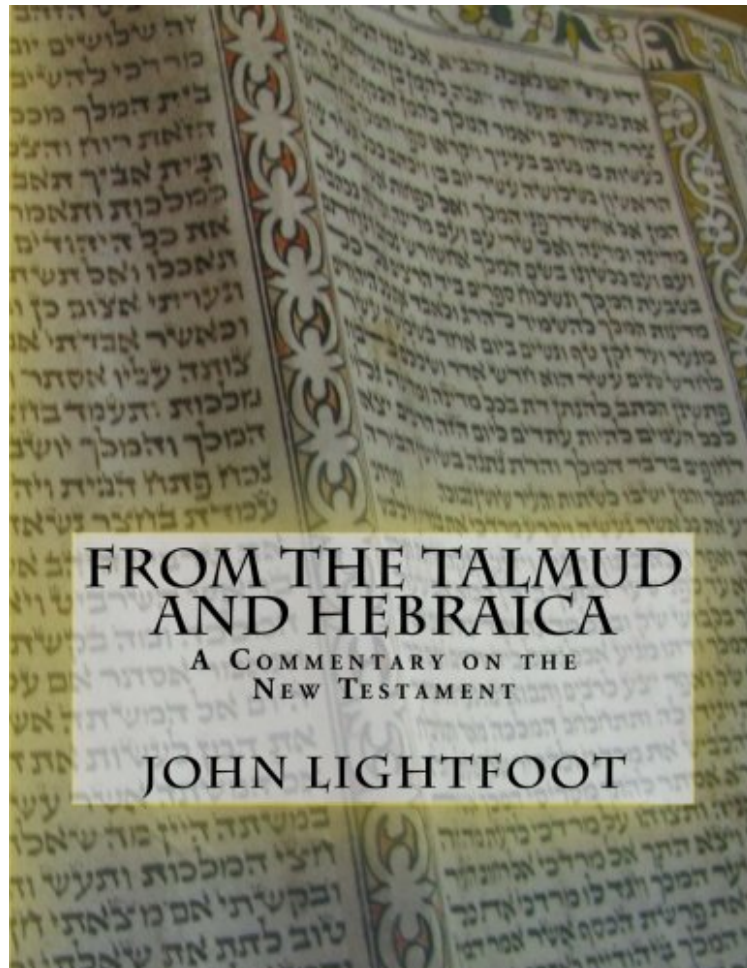


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We find no specific passage the Matthew could be referring to, and the use of the plural (prophets) means that a reference of this sort was known among the Jewish people of the first century. The author of this book undertook a noble task. Alas, after completing the Gospels and portions of Acts and the Pauline epistles to 1 Corinthians, the author went to Glory. The task was never finished. And that is the one weak point in this project. Paul was a Pharisee and a "Jew of Jews" who would have known all the teachings of the Talmud and expounded on them. Alas, in areas where I would have liked that clarification of Paul's words, the project is unfinished. But for the sections of the New Testament that are commented on, any New Testament scholar will find this set useful and valuable. The quality of the work makes the incompleteness that much more frustrating. Maybe someday the project can be finished. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Nothing else quite like it. By curdog This is a great set of books. As the title implies, it gives the Jewish background to the NT. One of the interesting things I found in it was that the "angel of the church," an expression used in Revelation, was a common expression in the synagogue. There are myriads of jewels like this in this set of books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lightfoot Commentary- good info but poor formatting. By BKI am delighted to have the information in this book and learned enough to see that Lightfoot was a Christian who was interpreting Hebraic/Talmudic beliefs without accurate understanding in some places. However the entire thing has been problematic due to episodic formatting issues that make it nearly impossible to decipher a half page at a time. I suppose a price of 99 cents means that such things happen.

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