FOREWORD

I first became acquainted with the work of Hendrikus Berkhof through the revised edition of his Geschiedenis der Kerk with Otto J. de Jong as co-author. My interest in his theology was further stimulated, when I discovered that in many theological monographs reference was continually made to his work on the subjects at hand. I was intrigued. I realized that this contemporary, well-known, and influential Dutch theologian’s thought offered a profitable field for research, especially since it has thus far remained relatively unexplored.


My intention with this dissertation is not in the first place to realize Meijering’s hope, that too, but rather to contribute to the legacy of Berkhof and thus to the ongoing research in the field of theology. May it inspire others to explore Berkhof’s theology even further.

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