

bounds specified were not exceeded. There is also decided evidence to the fact that, with Egyptians, Ethiopians, Libyans, Chaldæans, Arabians, Phœnicians and Syrians, whose respective countries fall within these limits, there then dwelt Persians and Indians; Lydians, Cappadocians, Phrygians and other peoples, who afterwards colonized Asia Minor; Greeks and Italians; Moors and Carthaginians; as well as the ancestors of the German and Celtic peoples.¹¹ During the long period lying between the Dispersion of Babel and the Exodus of Israel, the common literature, religion, art, language—the common civilization, in fact,—of the world had time to develop itself in Egypt and the adjacent countries. Egypt was the cradle of civilization, not the teacher, but the school of the whole world. Of humanity, as of humanity's divine representative, the saying of the Father is true, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."¹²⁰

¹¹⁹ Lenormant and Chevalier, i., 246, 249, 255, 259, 260, &c.

¹²⁰ Hosea, xi., 1. Matthew, ii., 15.