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## THE SHEPHERD KINGS OF EGYPT.

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### III.—TRACES OF THE ASHCHURITES IN THE TRADITIONS, &c. OF SO-CALLED SEMITIC AND SEMITO-HAMITIC NATIONS.

The Ashchurites belonged first of all to Palestine. This was the first great centre of population after the dispersion from Babel. With Palestine history begins.<sup>1</sup> In that land, embracing both sides of the Jordan and the region extending beyond the borders of Arabia Petraea, I hold that the principal families of the human race were to be found, either a short time before or during the period of Abraham's sojourn there. From Palestine many families went down into Egypt, which was, as I have already stated in a previous paper, the school of the world, and the place in which we are to look for the earliest authentic history of the race. From Egypt many if not all of the historical nations migrated through Arabia or Palestine, on the one hand, to Phœnicia, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, &c., to Assyria and Babylonia, Armenia, Persia, India and China; or, on the other hand, through Northern Africa to Carthage, Spain, Italy and the islands belonging to it, with other parts of Northern Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> I believe the principal reason why Palestine has been disregarded by students of Ancient History and Ethnology, and the track of migrating peoples moved far north of it, is, that the Bible, dealing with the early events which transpired in that land, takes no notice of, or at least refers obscurely to, the important facts of Gentile history, giving almost exclusive attention to the story of the Church.