

that the last and most perfect of his works were our first parents, Adam and Eve; that He created them in a state of innocence and happiness which they lost by eating the forbidden fruit; that they were driven out of the *Garden of Paradise* and condemned to misery and death with all their posterity, but were consoled by the promise of a Redeemer; that Cain, the first son of Adam, killed his brother, the innocent Abel, and built Henochia, the first of all cities; that Cain's descendants began to cultivate husbandry, music and the mechanic arts, whilst the children of Seth, Adam's third son, led a pastoral life, and were distinguished for their piety; that the "*days of man*" extended to nearly a thousand years; finally, that the whole earth having become corrupt and wicked, the Lord in his wrath destroyed by a universal deluge all its inhabitants, except the just Noah and his family.

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Q. By whom is it supposed that the four quarters of the globe began to be inhabited after the flood?

A. After the separation of the children of Noah at the foot of the tower of Babel, in the plains of Chaldea, the sons of Sem extended towards the East and peopled the Asiatic continent, whence they probably passed into America; the sons of Japhet, towards the West and North, into Asia-Minor, the Caucasian mountains and Europe (*); the sons of Cham, Southward, into the African peninsula.

Q. What countries appear to have been the most anciently inhabited?

A. Chaldea, Egypt, Greece and the Chinese empire.

Q. Which are reputed the most ancient cities since the flood?

A. Babylon, on the Euphrates, where the tower of Babel stood; Ninive, on the Tigris, and Thebes in Upper Egypt: the ruins of these once magnificent cities are still to be seen.

Q. Who are the first kings mentioned in Ancient History?

A. Mesraim, a son of Cham, founded the Egyptian monarchy. Nemrod, a grandson of Cham, built Babylon

[*] The original inhabitants of Europe were the Celtes, or Gomerians, so called from Gomer, the eldest son of Japhet.