

TRANSLATION

CHAPTER XXXIX.

- 15c [With s]ongs of the lyre and stringed instrument[s],
And thus with a shout shall [ye] say :
- 16 [The works of] God—they are all good !
And supply every need in its season.
- 17 [By his word] He ordereth the [sun]shine,
And [by] the expression of his mouth its light.
- 18 ... his pleasure, He maketh to prosper,
And there is no barrier to his succour.
- 19 The works of all flesh are before him,
And there is nothin[g] concealed from his eyes.
- 20a He beholdeth from everlasting to everlasting ;
d And there is nothing too extraordinary
or difficult for him.
- 21 And no one is to say, Wherefore is this ?
For everything is chosen for its need ;
No one is to say, This is worse than that,
For everything becomes paramount in its season.
- 22 His blessing overflows as the Nile,
And as the Euphrates, it saturates the land.
- 23 For [in] his anger, He disinherits the nations,
And maketh a watered land barren.
- 24 (As) his ways are right to the upright,
So to the refractory are they obstinate.
- 25 [“ Good ”] for the go[od] hath He created,
So from the beginning, for the evil, evil.
- 26 The chief of all things for the livelihood
of man are :
Water, and fire, and iron, and salt,
[Cream of wheat], milk and honey ;
Blood of the grape, fresh oil and clothing.
- 27 All th[ese] to the [g]ood, bring good,
So for the evil, they are turned to evil.