

civilization of Syria and the now extinct native civilization of Mexico, Japan affords the most satisfactory starting point for the investigation of problems of world-wide interest that find their centre in the Khitan name. In its name Yamato it shows a closer connection with Hamath than with the land of the Nahri in Mesopotamia. As the home, therefore, of the scribes, whom the Peruvians called Amautas and the Aztecs Amoxoaquis, literature naturally flourished in its islands; and the believer in Holy Writ will see in Japanese culture and prosperity the result of the blessing of Him who is governor among the nations upon the Kenite "scribes that came of Hamath, the father of Betl-Rehob," Hittites indeed, but nobler than their fellows.

