

to the lines of Jerachmeel and Salma, thus completing the scheme of early Egyptian, and with it, to a great extent, of early universal history. Meanwhile I await the verdict of those scholars, whose studies and researches qualify them to weigh and adjudicate upon the evidence which it has been my task, briefly, yet, I trust, with fairness, and a certain amount of perspicuity, to lay before them concerning the primitive history of the Ionians.

remembered, however, that generations vary greatly in length, so that contemporaneousness cannot always be predicted in accordance with the same number of descents from a common ancestor. Also, it is not stated in Chronicles that Meonothai was the son of Hathath. He may have been her grandson through a daughter, and thus be a generation later. Here, however, as elsewhere, I have simply given the results of my inductive process, which embraces the genealogies of Chronicles, the Egyptian records, monumental and traditionary, with the mythological and other data furnished by the scriptures of the civilized Asiatic and European peoples, and have not sought to make them square with any system whatsoever. In view of the great obscurity of early history I have merely endeavoured, "parum claris lucem dare," and shall be well satisfied, though much be swept away by judicious criticism on the part of those who are qualified to criticise, if the residuum of truth help forward the knowledge of the world's ancient record.



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