

the Israelites, which extended on the south as far as Heliopolis, on the east to the Red Sea, and on the north perhaps as far as Tanis, the capital of the Hyksos. It was very near the province *Sharkieh* of the present day. Later again, we do not know exactly when, the administrative organization was completed, and nomes were formed with what had been before a space without fixed limits; then Goshen, instead of referring to a region more or less vague, became a district of the nome of Arabia, the nome of Phacusa. Such was the meaning of this name at the time when the Septuagint made their translation.

From the Septuagint also we can fix the place where Jacob and Joseph met together after their long separation. While the Hebrew text says simply,<sup>1</sup> "Jacob sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to shew the way before him unto Goshen," the Septuagint evidently desire to record the ancient tradition of their time, and they mention that the place where father and son saw each other was Heroopolis in the land of Raamses. We know now exactly from the excavations made in 1883 that Heroopolis was on the site of the present Tel-el-Maskhutah, about twelve miles east of Ismaïlieh, near the canal.

II. The Scripture is absolutely silent on the events which took place shortly after Joseph's death, and which resulted in a total change in the state of the Israelites and the disposition of the Egyptians towards them. "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." These are the only words alluding to the great revolution, after which the royal power passed into other hands. Apepi, as we know from a papyrus, quarrelled with the native prince who reigned at Thebes. A war broke out, and lasted probably for years; but it ended in the defeat of the Hyksos, although the Egyptian king Raskenen was killed in battle. His mummy was found a few years ago with a great many other royal mummies in the hiding-place of Deir-el-Bahari. It is now deposited at the Boolak Museum, where it has been unrolled. It is easy to see that the king

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. xlv. 28.