

This, by that prophet-mouth, Ezekiel's, God  
 Taught, with expostulation and appeal  
 Pathetically eloquent of love  
 With longing in our Heavenly Father's heart  
 That not one human creature of His hand  
 Be lost, but all, turn and be saved.  
 Nay, even from Sinai's touched and smoking top  
 Was the same sense of grace to men revealed.  
 For what said that commandment threatening wrath  
 Divine, in sequel of ancestral sin,  
 To light on generations yet to be?  
 Said it not, 'On the children?' Yea, but heed,  
 It hastened to supply, in pregnant words,  
*Description of the children thus accursed.*  
 'On the third generation and the fourth  
 Of them that hate Jehovah'—wicked seed  
 Of wicked sires, and therefore with them well  
 Deserving to partake one punishment.  
 And now consider what stands written next.  
 Deterrent menace done, to fend from sin,  
 Allurement then, how large! to righteousness.  
 If first the warning filled a mighty bound,  
 All bound the grace succeeding overflowed.  
 Oh, limitless outpouring from a full,  
 An overfull, an aching, heart of love  
 In God our Father! Mercy to be shown,  
 Not to two generations or to three,  
 But to a thousand generations drawn,  
 A bright succession, to unending date,  
 Of them—that 'fear and worship'? Nay, that *love*  
 God for their Father and His will observe.  
  
 But, Stephen, enough for now of such discourse."

## V.—LIGHT ON SCRIPTURAL TEXTS FROM RECENT DISCOVERIES.

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### WHO WERE THE HITTITES?

THE question here asked is the chief puzzle of Oriental archeology. It is a question, perhaps, to be avoided until further decisive light has been secured; and yet, from every side of kindred investigation, this question is constantly arising, to tantalize the student until he is really compelled, against his will and in despite of lacking evidence, to meet it and settle how near an answer it is possible to come. In this short article we may indicate some of the conclusions to which adventurous scholars are inclining.

For us who approach the East by way of the Bible, and no less for the un-devout historian, the Hebrew Scriptures are a chief source of information about the Hittites, to be supplemented and explained by Egyptian, Assyrian, Armenian (Vannic), and Hittite monuments. All these sources are constantly receiving fresh study, and new Hittite monuments are being constantly discovered.

The Bible account distinguishes two groups of population to which it gives the designation Hittite. The first of these are the Hittites of the South. The genealogy of nations found in Genesis x. makes them a branch of the