

of the Greek Olympus, in the Ionic dialect *Ὀλύμπος*, a word for which no derivation can be found, and all the associations of which agree admirably with the meaning of the Hebrew term "tent of the high place." The very word *bamah*, *the high place*, survives in the Greek *bema*. I shall yet have occasion to show the force of the following Homeric gloss upon the words of Moses. Speaking of the children of Zibeon the sacred writer says, "This was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon, his father." The words of the Greek poet are :⁴

"Παφλαγόνων δ' ἠγείτο Πυλαιμένεος λάσιον κῆρ,
'Εξ Ἐνετων, ὅθεν ἡμιόνων γένος ἀγροτεραων."

"The rough heart of Pylaemenes led the Paphlagonian
Eneti, whence is the stock of wild mules."

II.—THE HORITES HAVE LEFT DISTINCT GEOGRAPHICAL TRACES IN AND ABOUT PALESTINE, WHICH FIND THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER LANDS.

In the neighbourhood of the Dead Sea I might mention the district long known as Syria Sobal, which commemorates the second of the Horite dukes.^{4*} Among his sons, Manahath gives name to a place spoken of in the 6th verse of the 8th chapter of first Chronicles, the site of which is unknown. It may have been Minois, near Gaza in Philistia, or, as probably, the Mendesian nome of Lower Egypt. As for Ebal, the third son of Shobal, a mountain in Central Palestine bears his name; and the region of Gebalitis in the vicinity of, or included in, Syria Sobal, shows the simple conversion of an initial Ayin, represented falsely in our English version as an unaspirated letter, into a corresponding Gimel. The root Shepho is so common a one that I hardly dare trust myself to point out its geographical connections. Onam will be seen by any one capable of consulting a Hebrew lexicon to be of the same root as that which occurs in Ono, a town of Benjamin, and On, the celebrated city of the Sun, in Egypt. Bethana is the house of the god Anah, also called Anammelech or Anah the king. Among the sons of Dishon, I need only select Eshban, a word which Gesenius identifies with

⁴ Homeri Iliad. ii. 851-2. The same Eneti introduced mules into Spain. They are the Anites descended from the son of Zibeon.

^{4*} Ritter's Comparative Geography of Palestine, Edin., ii. 134. Keil and Delitsch (in Gen. xxxvi.), good men but typical commentators of the unhistorical class, sneer at the idea of a connection between Syria Sobal and Shobal the Horite. The name appears indeed in an apocryphal book, but is no more an apocryphal name than Gebalitis:

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