

Antediluvians were of a *red*, or copper complexion, we bring the well known statement of Josephus, that ADAM, the *first* of men, was a red man, made of *red* earth, called virgin earth, because of its beauty and pureness. The word *Adam*, he also says, signifies that colour which is *red*. To this account, the tradition of the Jews corresponds, who, as they are the people most concerned, should be allowed to know most about it.

Shem, therefore, must have been a red man, derived from the complexion of the first man, Adam. And his posterity, as above described, are accordingly of the same complexion; this is well known of all the Jews, unmixed with those nations that are fairer, as attested by history, and the traveller of every age, in the countries they inhabit.

The word *Ham*, which was the name of the second son of Noah, is the word which was descriptive of the colour which is *black*, or burnt. This we show from the testimony of Dr. Hales, of England, who was a celebrated natural philosopher and mathematician, of the 17th century, who is quoted by Adam Clarke, to show that the word *Ham*, in the language of Noah, which was that of the Antediluvians, was the term for that which was *black*.

It is not possible, from authority so high and respectable, that doubts can exist respecting the legitimacy of this word, and of its ancient application. Accordingly, as best suited to the *complexion* of the descendants of *Ham*, the hot regions of the equator were allotted to those nations.

To the Cushites, the southern climes of Asia, along the coast of the Persian Gulf, Susiane, or Cushistan, Arabia, Canaan, Palestine, Syria, Egypt, and Lybia, in Africa. These countries were settled by the posterity of *Ham*, who were, and now are, of a glossy black.

But the vast variety of shades and hues of the human face, are derived from amalgamations of the *three* original complexions, red, black, and white. This was the act of God, giving to the three persons, upon whom the earth's population depended, by way of perpetuity, such complexions, and animal constitutions, as should be best suited to the several climates, which he intended, in the progress of his providence, they should inhabit.

The people of these countries, inhabited respectively by these heads of nations, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, *still* retain, in full force, the ancient, pristine red, white, and black complexions, ex-