

In a temporal sense, first, as follows. His posterity spread themselves over the finest regions of upper and middle Asia—Armenia, Mesopotamia, Assyria, Media, Persia, and the Indus, Ganges, and possibly to China, still more eastward.

The word *Japheth*, which was the name of Noah's third son, has also its meaning, and signifies, according to the same author, that which may be exceedingly enlarged, and capable of spreading to a vast extent.

His posterity diverged eastward and westward from Ararat, throughout the whole extent of Asia, north of the great range of the Taurus and Ararat mountains, as far as the Eastern Ocean; whence, as he supposes, they crossed over to America, at the Straits of Bhering, and in the opposite direction from those mountains, throughout Europe, to the Mediterranean Sea, south from Ararat; and to the Atlantic Ocean west, from the same region; whence also they might have passed over to America, by the way of Iceland, Greenland, and so on to the continent, along the coast of Labrador, where traces of early settlements remain, in parts now desert. Thus did Japheth enlarge himself, till his posterity literally encompassed the earth, from latitude 35 deg. north, and upward, toward the pole.

The word *HAM*, signified that which was burnt, or *black*. The posterity of this son of Noah, peopled the hot regions of the earth, on either side the equator.

But as it respects the complexions of these *heads* of the nations of the earth, we remark as follows: *SHEM* was undoubtedly a red or copper coloured man, which was the complexion of *all* the Antediluvians.

This conclusion is drawn from the fact, that the nations inhabiting the countries named as being settled or peopled by the descendants of *Shem*, have always been, and now are, of that cast. We deem this fact as conclusive, that such was also their progenitor, *Shem*, as that the great and distinguishing features and complexion of nations change not, so as to disappear. *Shem* was the Father of the Jewish race, who are of the same hue, varying it is true, some being of a darker, and some of a lighter shade, arising from secret and undefinable principles, placed beyond the research of man, an also from amalgamations by marriage with white, and with the darker nations, as the African. But to corroborate our opinion, that the