

in character not unlike that which is imputed to Osiris. I am still in the dark as regards his wife Abihail, an ancient Ophelia, the special mention of whose name shews her to have been a person of some importance in history. After the death of her husband Abishur, by whom she had two sons, Ahban or Achban and Molid, tradition seems to say that she became the wife of Ammon the son of Lot, and, as Semele or Amalthæa, the mother or step-mother of Coz his son, who has already been identified with the Bacchus of Classical Mythology.⁶⁰ Certain geographical analogies point to Phiala, the fountain near Memphis, of which Pliny speaks, as bearing the name of this illustrious consort.⁶¹ Her son Ahban was famous in his day. From him Daphne or Tahpanes derived its name, which was transferred with the Phiala, derived from that of his mother, into the Geshurite region of Paneas in Northern Palestine, while his brother Molid left the name of Moladah to a town in the Geshurite region in the south of the same country. Of Ahban, however, we have something more definite than geographical names. He is the Uben-re or Aubn-ra, whose hieroglyphics have been found on the ivories at Nineveh; and Sir Gardner Wilkinson has indicated his connection with queen Amun-nou-het, who exercised the regency during the reigns of the second and third Thothmes, and who bears the title "Uben-t in the foreign land."⁶² A son of Ahban would seem to be Harum the father of Acharchel, and it is not improbable that his daughter was the wife of Bechen-aten or Othniel. Certain it is that Bechen-aten, whom I have identified with Othniel son of Kenaz, married a princess of the line of Onam, Ainnin or Ainia and Tuia being her parents; but I am in doubt whether Ahban or Jonathan is represented by Ainia.⁶³ Amun-nou-het, who is Athotis or Atossa, is the daughter of this Onite queen by Othniel, her Bible name being Hathath.⁶⁴ Harum, who is Armais, the father of Archles and, at the same time, as Har-em-heb, the late Egyptian Horus, occupies an important position in connection with the restoration of Egyptian supremacy to the old Solar or Horite line.⁶⁵ I have not been able

⁶⁰ In my paper on the Shepherd Kings.

⁶¹ Pliny, viii. 46.

⁶² Rawlinson's Herodotus, App. Book ii. chapter 3.

⁶³ *Id.*

⁶⁴ 1 Chron. iv. 13. See Shepherd Kings.

⁶⁵ From him descended the Ramessids. Plutarch *Is. et Os.* 56, says that Orus was called Kœmilu (Achuban) and in the list of Tatian, Daphnephosis (Daphne) precedes Orus.