

Arioch were all creatures of their own brains. It was triumphantly demonstrated and repeated in various journals that the name Kudur-Laghamar had a wholly different pronunciation. This statement was soon met by Dr. Schiel, a French Assyriologist, who found in the Museum at Constantinople letters written by Amraphel himself, in which he refers to Kudur-Laghamar and the Elamite supremacy in Chaldea. In this the name of the Elamite monarch is represented in a way that admits of no dispute. Literary criticism then took a new tack. The reading of the names was admitted, but it was held that the cuneiform documents contain no account of Abraham, and that a fragment of Babylonian history had been introduced by the Biblical writer into a mass of fiction. It is held by many of the Higher Critics that Abram is a myth, a mere idea around which tradition has entwined certain legends during the lapse of time. But the names of Abram, Jacob, Joseph, Ishmael and Sarah appear in the contract tablets. Mr. Gore says in "Lux Mundi" that the first three chapters of Genesis are mythical. But we cannot forget that 30,000 tablets have been exhumed at Nineveh, many of them copies of still older inscriptions, dating back, according to G. Smith, 2,500 years B.C. These older tablets are of Accadian origin, (Accad is mentioned in Gen. 10:10), and in many important points corroborate the Mosaic account of the Creation and the Fall of man. Everyone may see the Deluge tablets in the British Museum. Trans-