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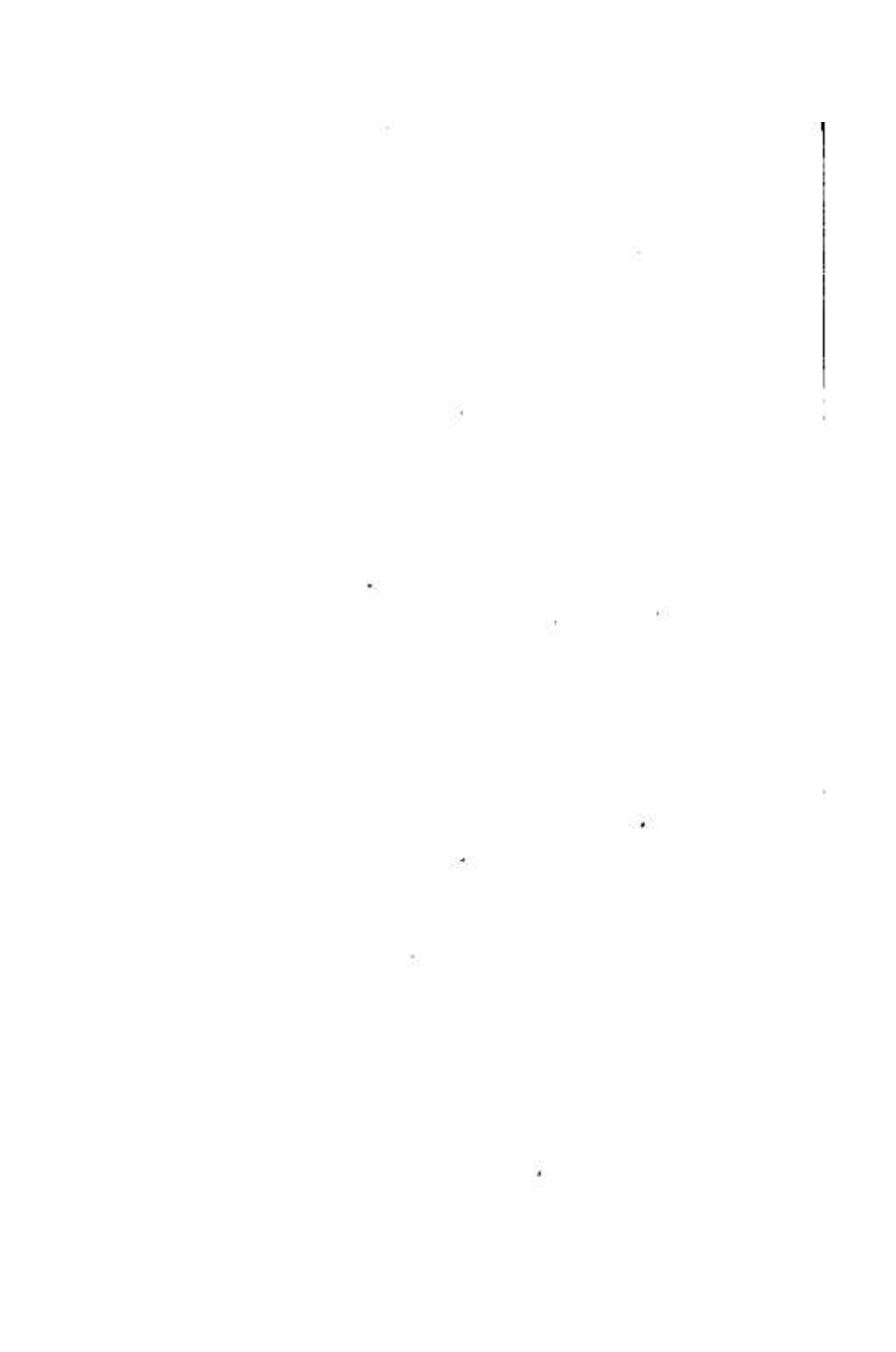
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# I

## DWELLERS IN TENTS

*Jer. xxxv. 7.*—All your days ye shall dwell in tents.

**T**HE life of the tent describes the nomadic and pastoral phase of human existence. It is that period of life when the balance between man and nature is on the side of nature. Environment is stronger than the spirit within man. He is dependent on nature and follows her about. The time comes at length when he masters nature, triumphs over her forces, asserts himself and makes nature come to him. Civilization begins when the scale tips in that direction ; when man, instead of nature, is master of the situation.

But although the nomadic life is a passing phase in the process of human history, although a wider civilization asserts itself against it and wipes it out, we can, never-