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THE BOOK OF EXODUS.

INTRODUCTION.

CHAPTER I.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK.

EGYPT, from which Jehovah called His Son, affords, even in the physical geography of the land, illustration of this history of that wondrous calling. The revelation, through which the calling was made effectual, is pictured for us in the great River, which is the life of Egypt land. In the time of Herodotus it was a saying, that the Delta land "is a gift of the Nile." In truth all Egypt is a gift of the Nile. The land is an oasis of the African desert, very strangely formed in that, while more than 600 miles long, between Ethiopia and the Mediterranean, it has above the Delta an average breadth of scarcely a hundredth part of that number of miles. It thus is like a very long narrow strip of green ribbon, stretching across that desert of sand, and shingle, and broken ground which in places is like mountains; in all which extent the River is as a silver thread, wrought into that variegated green by the Creator of Aboliah and his embroiderers.

The land, if not in all places beautiful, is very rich. It has in all ages been proverbially "a granary of the world." "There is corn in Egypt," was the cry of famine-stricken Shemites beyond its border long before the beginning of the Greek heroic ages, a millennium before Homer sang "the song of Troy divine." And all through the ages of its being and wealth, Egypt has been "a gift of the Nile." The Egyptians honoured the River as a god, so that proud Pharaoh