

Peoples of the Steppe

Historical Sources on the Pastoral Nomads of Eurasia

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And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Genesis 4:2

Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: It is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. Their quiver is as an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men. And they shall eat up shine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

Jeremiah 5: 15-17