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Notes While most of the letter deals with Swedish commerce in Smyrna and Alexandria, Hesselquist begins by stating that observations in natural science are the primary purpose of his travel, and that ample material is available. He is concerned with identifying the plants mentioned in the Bible, which he believes to have been erroneously translated from the original texts. He suggests that the plant mentioned in Esaias 44 as beech actually is more likely an Ilex, "a tree which covers most heights in the Levant".