

exactly the same as that in the Assyrian account, the number of talents of silver is quite a bit less than the Biblical account than in Sennacharib's account. Now there is no means ~~xxxx~~ of ~~xxx~~ comparing these two figures and of proving exactly what the situation is. <sup>whether</sup> ~~When~~ the Bible tells what Hezekiah gave at one delivery; whether the Assyrians put a number of deliveries into one; or whether the figure has been incorrectly transmitted in the Bible as to the number of talents of silver; or whether the number was simply increased by the Assyrians in their records in order to make ~~xx~~ it sound better. I was interested in the class in the University of Berlin where we read this Babylonian material, ~~the~~ when we came to that passage, to hear the professor say, "It agrees exactly with the Biblical statement of the amount of gold and the amount of silver it is greatly increased. Very clearly Sennacharib simply lied." That is not the attitude which would have been taken forty years ago when almost any student of archeology reading this statement by an Assyrian king would say, "Here is the archeological evidence. This is what happened. The Bible is wrong." But in so many cases the Bible has ~~xxx~~ proven to be accurate, and there have been cases found where the Assyrians definitely lied, (You ~~xxxx~~ find that in the official statements of all nations.) ~~That~~ the attitude of ~~scholar~~ scholars now is to assume that the Biblical statement is correct unless ~~xxxxxx~~ it is proved clear to the contrary rather than to assume that it is wrong wherever there is anything that suggests the contrary situation. This is the attitude even of men who do not have any faith ~~xxxxxx~~ toward the Bible as the Word of God.

7 (Question) Senneacharib's account. He wouldn't lie and make it smaller. If he lied, he lied in making it larger. He being the king wouldn't lie in making in smaller. If he were ~~xxx~~ a subordinate official, he might lie and keep the difference. This is the king's official statement.

There is in the Scripture the account of Hezekiah's illness and how ~~the~~