

But here are the facts then. He says he conquered cities in the northern and in the southern kingdoms. All right, take up a Bible history thirty or forty years ago. What do we find? Or a history of Egypt for that matter thirty or forty years ago. What do you find? You find it tells you there how just a little distance away from this there is another monument put up by Tochemes III ²⁶⁻¹ who nearly a thousand years before conquered the northern and southern kingdoms. That was before there were any kingdoms, long before the times of the Israelite nation. He conquered Palestine and listed the cities he conquered. Some of our histories of Egypt written forty years ago tell you how the ^{26-1/2} ~~cried~~ that this late Egyptian king, Shishak, just went over a little distance there to a big inscription there that Tochemes had put up and copied names from it at random and stuck them in here. Consequently while Shishak conquered the southern kingdom and this is a wonderful coroboration of the Bible his scribe put in names of cities he hadn't conquered in order to magnify the greatness of the king and that is how you get the impression that he conquered the northern kingdom which, of course, he hadn't done because he was Jeroboam's friend. Well, these kings did sometimes lie in their descriptions. Even modern ones sometimes lie in the descriptions they send out. So ~~there is no~~ it might not have happened. Before you state it dogmatically that that did happen you should have something that doesn't fit with your theory, ~~it doesn't fit with the~~ ^{of a} reconstruction of the Biblical statements. Scholars a few years ago were too ready, having built theories on the bases of Biblical ~~statements~~ statements and theories, which had little evidence for them to twist archeological statements around to make them fit their theories of the Bible. Scholars today are too ready to take the few remote statements in archeological discoveries and build a beautiful theory on them and then try to show that the Bible is wrong because it doesn't fit with these theories they constructed on archeological material. It is exactly the same thing as we have in science. A few centuries ago people would take a few brief statements in the Bible and build up a ~~fine~~ beautiful scientific theory on it which there was not evidence in the Bible for a theory of the manner of

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