

and he said, "Yes, it will be delivered by that time". 2:00 o'clock came, and no suit; 3:00 o'clock and no suit; 3:30, and finally there was a rap at the door - "Does Mr. Ral live here?" "Mr. Ral?" Well, I was watching for somebody and I began to wonder if it has for me, and I said, "What makes you come up here?" " Oh, I have been here an hour and a half, hunting all through this building". There were a great many apartments in the building, and he had been hunting all over the building, asking for Mr. Ral. Finally someone had said, "Oh, there is a foreigner lives up there on the third floor, go see if it is he". They had written ^{my} name "Max Ral", and so they asked for Mr. Ral. Well, that is the way it seemed to scribes as they copied these names in the Scripture.

There is a work called the pseudo-Calisthenes, an account of Alexander the Great and his conquests. In the story there were twelve companions of Alexander the Great, and the list is given. But the story was written in Greek and in Syriac and the Greek had been copied and copied and re-copied, and the Syriac copied and copied and re-copied, and when you get the form we have today there is not a single name in the Greek list that can be proven to be identical with any single name in the Syriac list, so completely have the names changed their form in the course of copying and re-copying. And yet there are at least 25 or 30 proper names, foreign to the Israelites, that are preserved in the mention of foreign kings in the Old Testament that have been discovered on the monuments of Babylon or of Egypt, exactly as written at that time, and rarely do you find that as much as one consonant has changed in process of transcription. It is a wonderful proof from archaeology of the remarkable accuracy of the preservation of the Word of God. Not entirely, - there are little errors that have crept in occasionally in copying, but we come far nearer the original manuscripts of the Bible than of any other work which has come down to us from Antiquity. Well, these proper names are very interesting, and these evidences of great conquerors who disappeared except for mentions in the Bible.