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time of Christ. Proof is now available that he was a great mercantile expert, a scientific leader, a man whose empire was of tremendous importance. Aside from the Biblical

statements all contemporary evidence of Sennacherib's greatness ~~had~~ completely disappeared. ~~Now he is proven to have been~~ the Biblical statements about him are proven to be true, and not the least ~~exaggerated~~ <sup>but exaggerated</sup>. Again we think of I Peter. Human greatness disappears and is forgotten. Only God's Word abides forever.

Naturally we do not expect <sup>always</sup> to find material verbally reproducing the statements of the Bible. Most of our written material comes from Mesopotamia or Egypt, rather than from Palestine. Its political and geographic viewpoint is quite opposed to that of the Hebrews. This makes all the more striking the essential agreement.

~~Sennacherib~~ The Bible tells how <sup>the</sup> Sennacherib, son of Sargon, another great Ninevite conqueror, overran Palestine and threatened to seize Jerusalem. Isaiah told Hezekiah not to fear! God would protect Jerusalem and would deliver it from the beastly Assyrian. <sup>In</sup> three books of the Old Testament <sup>to</sup> ~~all~~ portray <sup>ed</sup> the deliverance ~~Sennacherib awoke~~ ~~one morning to find that the~~ The angel of the Lord attacked the host of Sennacherib in the night, and when ~~he~~ <sup>in</sup> Sennacherib awoke in the morning, he found that thousands of his men were dead, and he had no choice but to return across the desert to Nineveh without conquering Jerusalem. We would hardly expect archeological evidence from Nineveh to present these facts in quite the same way. Kings do not boast of their defeats, and least of all such a one as Sennacherib. Sennacherib's annals have come to light, and in them we read of his great campaigns and victories. City after city was conquered by him, many of them far stronger than Jerusalem. In his account of his <sup>third</sup> campaign he tells of the Jewish opposition. He mentions Hezekiah, king of Judah as