

everything if he was attacking an island! But the proof that they give doesn't fit an island. It fits a town on the mainland that they can come right up against with their horses and with their battering rams. The proof that they give in almost any book that goes into the subject today is that the cuneiform inscriptions speak of Tyre in the midst of the sea; and how they attacked Tyre in the midst of the sea. There's your proof; it never was on the mainland! That is accepted, I believe, in practically any book or encyclopedia that speaks about it today. That, of course, reduces the Biblical evidence to nothing is that is so.

So I said I had better look at the cuneiform statements and check on them and sure enough I found they say: Tyre, that city in the midst of the sea, it will attack. Does that mean it was on an island then and not on the mainland like the Greek using the name Pale-Tyrus and the old tradition presented as being and Ezekiel describing the town that would be attacked with battering rams and where the great number of horses coming would raise so much dust and all that. Does that prove it?

Well, in order to find out I ~~looked~~ looked in Babylonian inscriptions in the place where it referred to Sidon. And they speak of Sidon as the city in the midst of the sea. Therefore it is perfectly clear because everybody knows Sidon is on the land that when these inscriptions say "in the midst of the sea" they mean a city which is a center of commerce through the sea, and people come from this place and bring stuff there and get other and go to another place, and that must be what they mean because they say it just as many times about Sidon as they do about Tyre. So the old tradition and the Greek use of the name are not disputed by the only evidence that is against this. That is an instance of the fact that the devil wants to destroy every bit of evidence he can.

With these prophecies it's interesting to look in different versions and see how some translations try to twist them; some that don't want to try to twist them have been affected by the teachings they have received from modernists where they have taken their advanced work.

But where you find that the RSV opposes the translation, the NEB perhaps will stand right by it. Where the NEB opposes it like in this case you find that the RSV gives it exactly. It is interesting to see that if you take the Scripture as it stands and I do not know of a great many cases of this type but there are a few which very clearly were fulfilled long after they were given, which if they had referred to some other place they definitely would not be fulfilled, but which are definite evidences that there was an intelligence back of the writers far beyond that of any human being could have had. As Isaiah said how easy it is for us to say it's just accident, it just happened, or it was written later, or the history we have must be wrong, but we look at the evidences and we find that God spoke as no man ever has been able to. His predictions of Jesus Christ, of course, are the most important of all, the One whom He sent to give His life that we might be saved. Let us pray.

Our Father we thank you for the evidence you've placed in your Word. We thank you you did not desire simply to satisfy curiosity but you desire to give us truth that we can trust your Word. Some of these statements are about matters no man could understand until they were actually fulfilled. Therefore it's easy to see how there should be difficulties in the translation. We thank you when we examine the trans. carefully we find it fits and there's proof there of an intelligence far beyond any human intelligence. Help us to trust Jesus Christ and to know all earthly things may perish but He will remain and those who put their trust in Him. Help us to make our lives count for Him. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.