

of the Word of God. One hundred years ago there were those who said, "There never was a king named Sargon. We have no evidence of such a king, no reference in Greek literature, no other reference in the Bible. It is clearly a mistake in the Bible. It must stand for some other name". That was the attitude a little over one hundred years ago, and then Sargon's palace was discovered about a dozen miles from Nineveh, and there at              abad there was found a great palace which Sargon had built, with beautiful bas-relief, pictures and inscriptions on walls, and the annals of King Sargon,- the account of the great events of his reign. And the proof was found that Sargon had been a great conqueror, one of the great kings of Nineveh, one of the great rulers of the world's history,- completely forgotten for 2500 years except that his name was used to date a passage in the Word of God.

Now in connection with Sargon there was an interesting circular process that occurred. It is pointed out by Prof. Omstead (?) of the University of Chicago, that here we have a statement in the Bible, then a higher criticism came and tried to correct the Bible, the higher critic saying the Bible is wrong and there never was such a king as Sargon. Then the next step is when archaeology comes and corrects the higher criticism, saying, "Yes, there was a king named Sargon, a great king, one of the great kings of Nineveh, who lived just at this time to which the Bible refers. Now Dr. Omstead says you can go one more step in the process of this circle: higher criticism has tried to correct the Bible, archaeology has corrected the higher criticism,- what is the next step? Well, you look in the records of King Sargon, and he tells you how he conquered Ashdod. The Bible here says "In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him), Tartan fought against Ashdod and took it". Sargon says, "I have conquered Ashdod",- a great conqueror and he claims to have done many things, and he did. But unfortunately at the very same time he tells us how he conquered a great city over in