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is extremely important in Bible history for these various reasons. In the year 732 he conquered the city of Damascus. He died in 727 and was succeeded by his son, ^{Shalmaneser V}. He reigned only five years. On account of the rebellion of Hoshea, King of Israel, Shalmaneser overran his kingdom and besieged Samaria for three years, as we see in II Kings 17: 3-7. but he died before Samaria was actually taken. He was succeeded by Sargon, another general, who seems to have been a usurper and this man Sargon who succeeded him, another general, there recently is evidence which leads us to think he may have been another son of Tiglath-Pileser, but that is entirely a recent discovery and it is not yet in a stage of certainty. Sargon, who has been considered to be a usurper up until this recent ^{somewhat uncertain} discovery took over the power before Samaria was taken and so

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27,290 people from its midst I carried captive, fifty chariots I took thereof in addition to my royal force. My officers as governors I appointed. People from lands which my hands had captured I settled in the midst. Tribute and taxes I imposed upon them after the Assyrian manner. So here is the account of the conquest of Samaria and it is dated, you see, definitely, by the accession of Sargon, who says that it was in his first year that he took it, which is 722-729 B. C. Mr.000? (Student) He didn't, as far as we know, actually besiege the city. He overran the country of Israel and the people of Israel seem to have, in the midst of the confusion and the excitement, risen up against their king and killed him as people generally do in a time like that. They blame the king if he is unsuccessful in protecting them, and in the situation Tiglath-Pileser, though he conquered Damascus and made it part of his empire, rather than go to the time and expense of a siege of Samaria and all that, he contented himself with allowing a puppet king, Hoshea, to reign, with the idea that Hoshea would be faithful to the Assyrian king, but after nine years,