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the Assyrian kings, and certain Assyrian kings whose names are recorded in the Bible we find under the same name on the Assyrian monoliths. And so there are two things of interest about these names, the general arrangement of the names and the spelling of the names. You have your names in the Bible giving you the names of kings of Israel and Judah and then alongside of those kings of Assyria occasionally mentioned in connection with certain kings of Judah, and then occasionally you have a king of Egypt mentioned like Pharaoh

who killed Josiah at Megiddo. Now as to the matter of the relation of these kings we have a list of perhaps fifty kings, perhaps not quite as many as that, names during this period in the Bible which names can also be found on the monuments. Now if someone were without a knowledge of the history of those periods and we didn't have the same facility of access to historical data in those days that we have today, they often tried to make up and fit in these names upon them.

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the names and in the right order and in the right relationship with one another, having contemporaneous those kings that reigned at the same time. If you were simply to take a list, for instance, of presidents of the United States and prime ministers of Great Britain one hundred years ago. Suppose I give you a list of the prime ministers of Great Britain without giving you the dates or without giving you the right order, between 1800 and 1875, and a list of the premiers or presidents of France for that period and that you already know the list of the presidents of the United States during that period but that you don't go and make a special hunt in history text books, which weren't available in those days, for the exact/and length of administration, and then suppose you start out and try to write a history and making up your stories and fitting these names in. You can imagine how difficult it would be. The chances are one in ten thousand that you would get them arranged in the right order or in the right contemporaneous relation. Sir Walter Scott was a very fine student