

from Isa. This edition of Encyclopedia Britannica said that since Sargon is mentioned only this once in the Bible and since he is not mentioned in any ancient writings known to us, we can safely conclude that there never was any such king as this Sargon king of Assyria and there must be a mistake for some other name. That was in that edition of Encyclopedia Britannica. The next edition which came out a few years later did not repeat the statement. Because in the meantime there had been excavated a mound just a few miles from Ninevah which covered the great palace King Sargon had built. So ~~in~~ instead of such a statement there was an account of the events in the reign of that grt. conqueror who had built that tremendous palace a few miles from Ninevah but whose name and very existence was forgotten for 2000 yrs. or more except for the fact of this one mention in the Book of Isaiah.

Now Prof. Omstead of the U. of Chicago wrote an article on Hebrew Historiography an article in which he referred to this and gave a very interesting destruction of the situation. He said we read here in the Bible that Tartan came to Ashdod when Sargon King of Assyria sent him. Now he said, the Higher Criticism undertakes to correct the Bible. The H.C. says No there was no such king as Sargon. But then he says, Archaeology corrects the H.C because archaeology finds the remains of the palace of Sargon, pictures of events in his reign, quite an account year by year of his great conquests, and proves the HC is wrong - Sargpn did exist. Now, he says, We can ~~SEE~~ GO A STEP FURTHER AND use the Bible to correct the archaeologist. Because he said, In Sargon's inscription he says that he in a certain yr. conducted a great expedition over in Elam ~~and~~ to the East and he describes what he did over there and describes how about in the same month he conquered Ashdod and how could he get from one place to another so quickly in order to do these two things in the same month. He did not have planes at his disposal or any of the means of transportation we have today. So the answer is given by Isaiah's statement: In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod in the year that Sargon King of Assyria sent him and fought against Ashdod and took it. So in other words Tartan is the Hebrew way of expressing the Assyrian word Tourtenneu which is his chief general. His chief of staff came to this region way in the west there next to the Med. Sea and