

the writing lies in a mistake of the original scribe, something that would occur very rarely in the case of a royal scribe. While when writing is copied and recopied as was necessary in the days before the invention of printing, the difficulty of avoiding mistakes creeping in is very great.

I shall not take the time now to describe in any detail the subsequent excavations that have been made or are now being made in Babylonia and Assyria, but shall refer to them in connection with our observation of the material which has come from the relation to the Bible.