

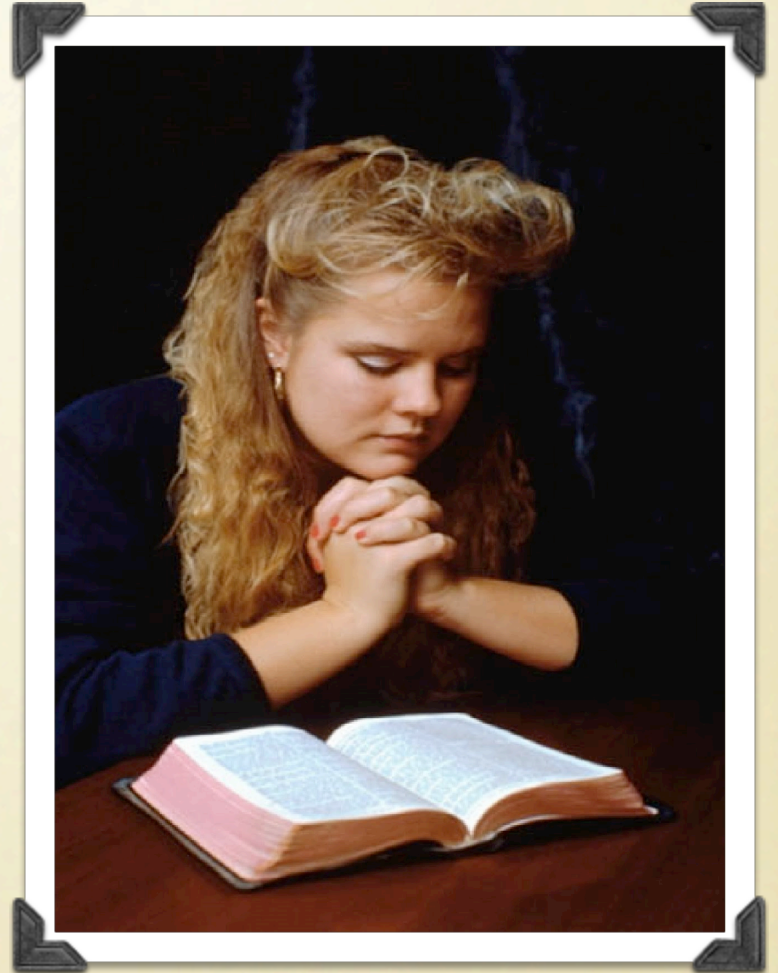
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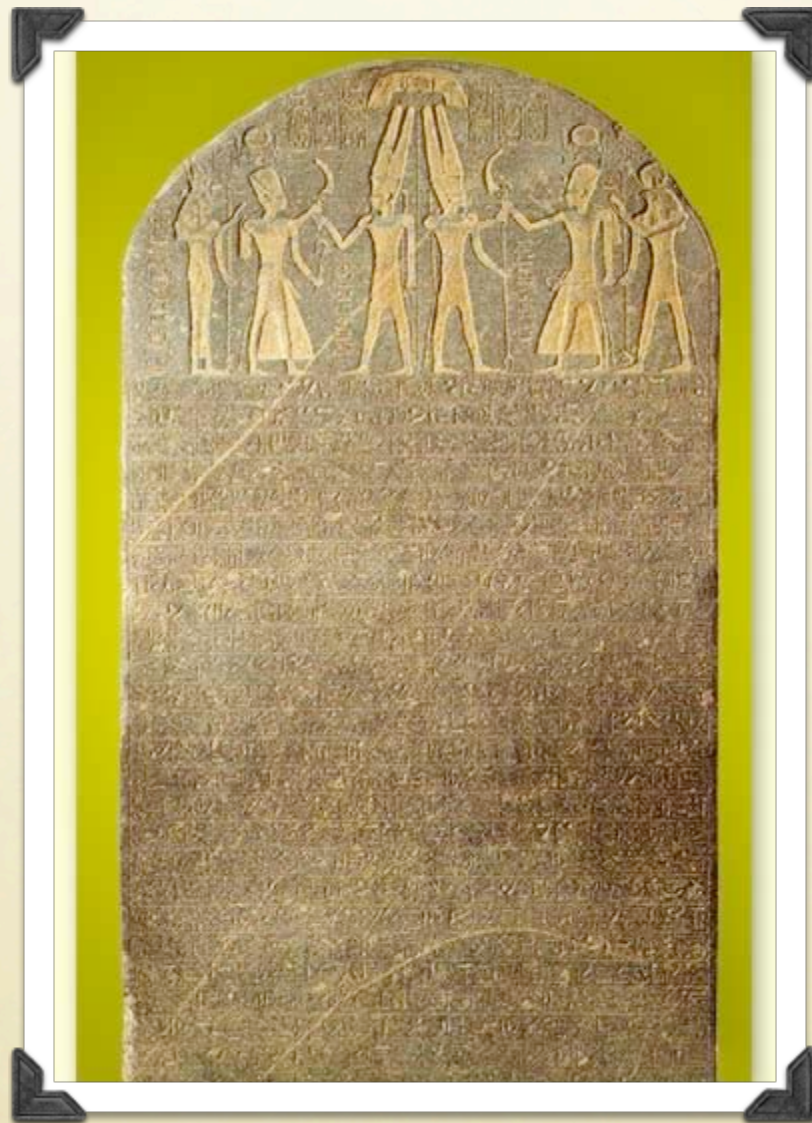
*Part VI: Confirmation  
of the Old Testament*

# Confirmation of the Old Testament

- Demonstrates the *historical accuracy* of Scripture
  - It is unconcerned with spiritual/doctrinal matters
- Demonstrates the *historical authenticity* of names, positions, locations, and events



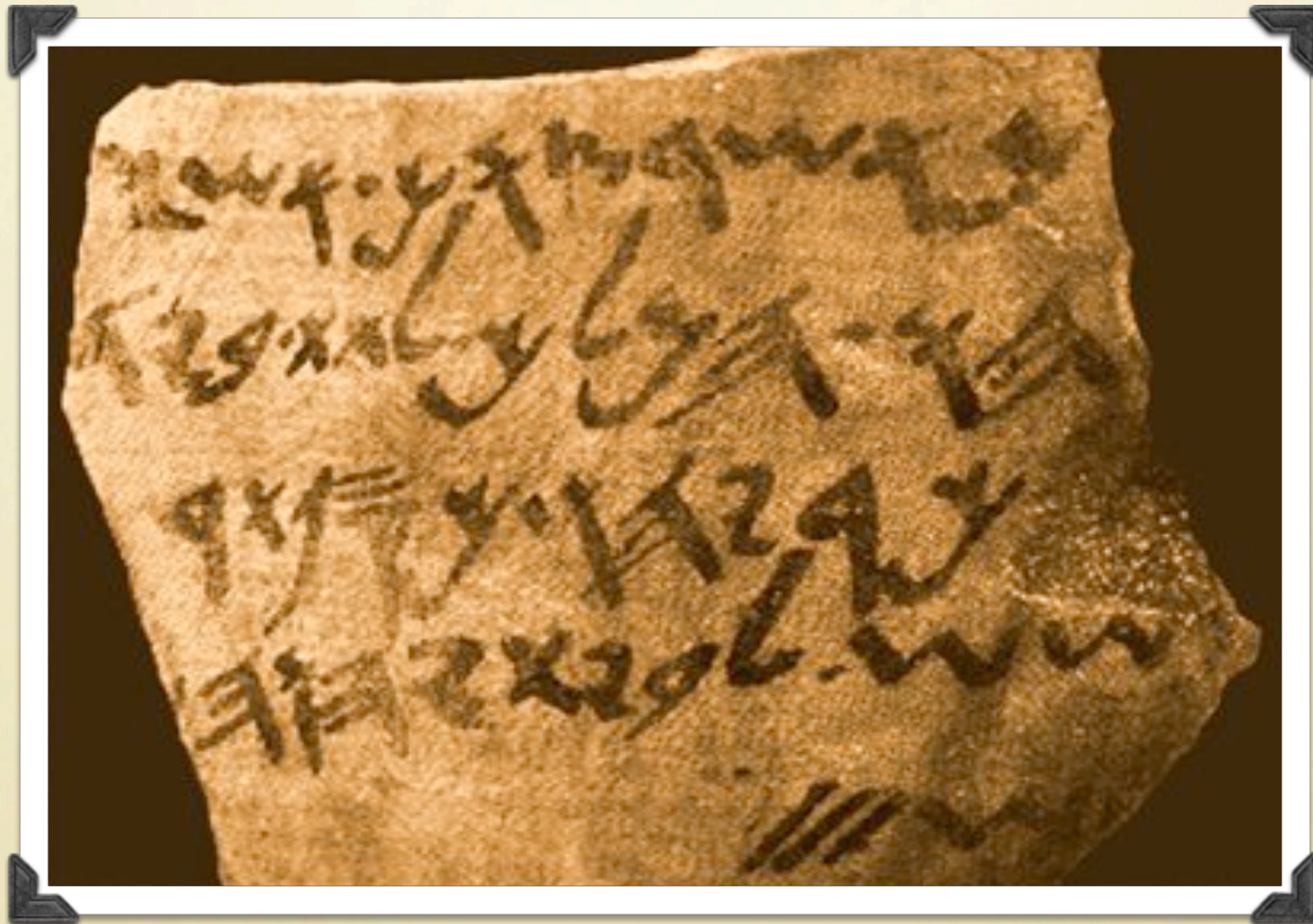
# Merneptah Stele



# Tel Dan Stele



# “House of Yahweh” Ostrakon



# The Moabite Stone



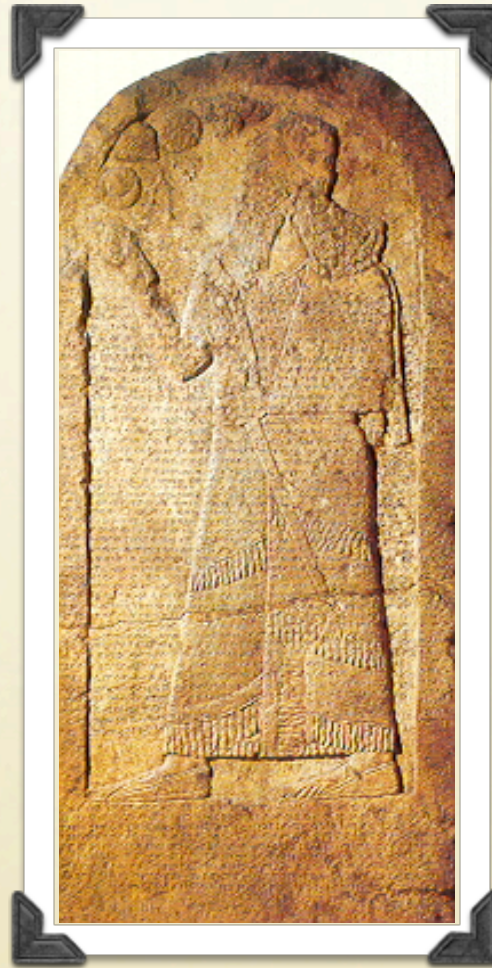
# The Black Obelisk



# Black Obelisk Close-up



# Kurkh Monolith



# Lachish



# Lachish Reliefs



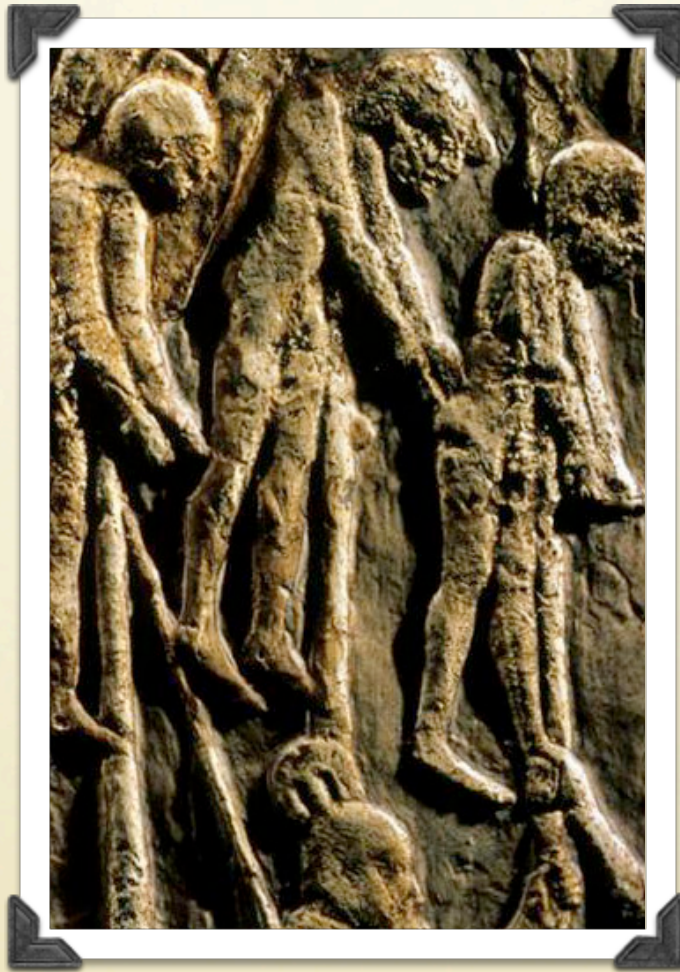
# Assyrian Slingers



# Assyrian Archers

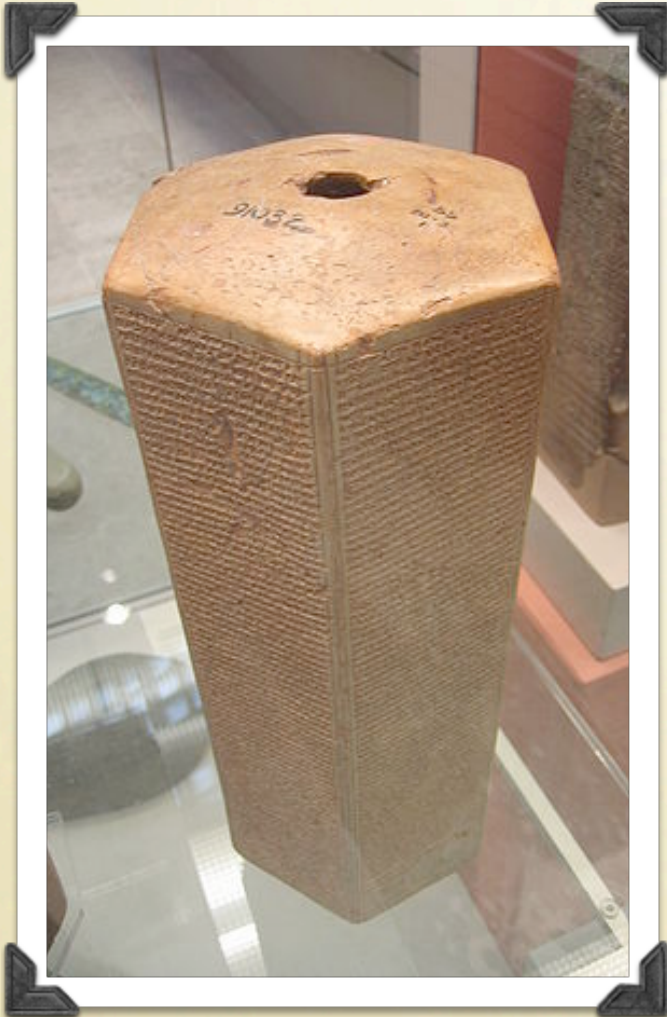


# Impaled Jews



# Sennacherib Cylinders

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# Herodotus on Sennacherib's Loss

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Sennacherib's loss II. 141

Herodotus

fifty years upon an island which he had made by heaping up ashes and earth. Whenever any of the Egyptians visited him bringing food, as it was assigned without the knowledge of the Ethiopian, he bade them bring also some ashes for their tribute. This island none could find before Amyrtaios; that is, for more than seven hundred years the kings before Amyrtaios were not able to find it. Now the name of this island is Elbo, and its size is a little over a mile each way.

141. After him the priest of Hephaistos came to the throne, whose name was Sethōs. This man, they said, neglected and held in no regard the warrior class of the Egyptians, considering that he would have no need of them; and besides other slights upon them, he also took from them the acres of choice grain-land which had been given to them as a special gift in the reigns of the former kings, 9 acres to each man. After this, Sennacherib king of the Arabians and of the Assyrians marched a great host against Egypt. Then the warriors of the Egyptians refused to come to the rescue, and the priest in his predicament entered the sanctuary of the temple and complained to the image of the god about the danger impending over him. As he was thus lamenting, sleep came upon him, and it seemed to him in his vision that the god came and stood by him and encouraged him, saying that he should suffer no evil if he went forth to meet the army of the Arabians, for he would himself send helpers. Trusting in these things seen in sleep, he took with him, they said, those of the Egyptians who were willing to follow him, and encamped in Pelusion, for by this way the invasion came. Not one of the warrior class followed him, but shop-keepers and artisans and men of the market. Then after they came, there swarmed by night upon their enemies mice of the fields, and ate up their quivers and their bows, and moreover the handles of their shields, so that on the next day they fled, and being defenceless great numbers fell. And at the present time this king stands in the temple of Hephaistos in stone, holding upon his hand a mouse, and by inscribed letters he says: "Let him who looks upon me reverence the gods."

142. So far in the history the Egyptians and the priests made the report, declaring that from the first king down to this priest of Hephaistos who reigned last, there had been three hundred and forty-one generations of men, and that in them there had been the same number of chief-priests and of kings.<sup>1</sup> But three hundred generations of men are equal to ten thousand years, for a hundred years is three generations of men; and in the one-and-forty generations which remain, those I mean which were added to the three hundred, there are one thousand three hundred and forty years. Thus in the period of eleven thousand three hundred and forty years they said that there had been born no god in human form, nor even before that time or afterwards among the remaining kings who arose in Egypt.

<sup>1</sup>The invasion of Sennacherib the Assyrian (with Arab guides) occurred c.700 B.C.  
<sup>2</sup>In 2.142-146 Herodotus interrupts the narrative to consider chronology and emphasize Egyptian antiquity.

G.C. Macaulay, trans.

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# Nabonidus Cylinder



# Silver Scroll



# Cyrus Cylinder



# Cyrus Cylinder Close-up



# Cyrus Cylinder Text



*The End*