

in ink, and the words are divided from one another by means of points and lines. As in the Assyrian transcripts of Hebrew names, the name of Yahweh in proper names always appears as י, *Yau*.

These earliest dateable specimens of Hebrew script, however, are not the only inscribed objects that have been disinterred. A fragment of a cuneiform tablet has turned up, on which almost the only legible word appears to be the name of Ahab, so that it may be part of a letter to him from the Assyrian king. Some of the presents sent to Ahab by Osorkon II., the Pharaoh of Egypt, have also been found; among them is a broken alabaster vase with the cartouche of the Egyptian monarch.

Ahab was one of the most powerful of the Syrian kings: at the battle of Qarqar he was able to put into the field no less than 2000 chariots, while Damascus and Hamath could supply only 1200 and 700 respectively, and he furnished the confederacy which opposed the Assyrian invaders at Qarqar with as many as 10,000 foot-soldiers. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Phœnician king wished to ally himself in marriage with so formidable a neighbour, or that his friendship should have been sought by the king of Egypt. He represented, in fact, a revival of the military power of David and Solomon.

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The Great Text Commentary.

The best illustration this month has been found by the Rev. W. Hope Davison, M.A., Bolton, Lancs.

Illustrations for the Great Text for September must be received by the 1st of August. The text is Ps 103^{1, 2}.

The Great Text for October is Ps 118²⁴:

'This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.'

A copy of Emmet's *The Eschatological Question in the Gospels*, or of Scott's *The Kingdom and the Messiah*, or of any volume of the 'Scholar as Preacher' series, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for November is Ps 119¹⁰⁵:

'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.'

A copy of Emmet's *The Eschatological Question in the Gospels*, or Wheeler Robinson's *Christian Doctrine of Man*, or any volume of the Great Texts, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for December is Ps 126⁶:

'Though he goeth on his way weeping,
bearing forth the seed;
He shall come again with joy, bringing
his sheaves with him.'

A copy of Dean's *Visions and Revelations*, or of Wheeler Robinson's *Christian Doctrine of Man*, will be given for the best illustration.

The Great Text for January is Ps 139⁷:

'Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?'

A copy of Scott's *The Kingdom and the Messiah*, or Kennett's *Early Ideals of Righteousness* together with any volume of the 'Epoch Makers' series, will be given for the best illustration sent.

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