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PREFACE.

As intimated on the title-page, the present volume is an earnest attempt to solve the difficult problem of the variations between the Greek and Hebrew texts of Jeremiah. Besides discussing the condition and relation of the texts, and explaining the nature and origin of the divergences between them, I have endeavoured to deduce the fundamental principles of deviation, by the application of which the Septuagint translation reveals important matter, as well for the Hebrew grammar and the Hebrew lexicon, as for the history, the interpretation, the correction, and the reconstruction of the present Massoretic text.

Although the latter portion of the work has been prepared exclusively for scholars, the former and by far the larger portion of it has been prepared, as well for general as for special students of the Old Testament. It is intended to be used by all who have an interest in the critical condition of the Scripture text. For this reason, the entire discus-
sion has been written in such a style that any one, whether acquainted with Greek and Hebrew or not, may read it easily and intelligently. Having aimed throughout at plainness and perspicuity, I have purposely avoided, so far as practicable, the use of purely technical language, and have everywhere explained the terms and translated the words and expressions, which an ordinary English reader might not reasonably be expected to understand.

In trying to recover the original of the Septuagint by the process of retranslation, I have been encouraged by many competent judges to believe that the method I have adopted for exhibiting the deviations to the best advantage will be regarded as both convenient and important, inasmuch as it not only presents concisely a general view of the divergences in this book, but also indicates clearly how the same kind of service may be performed for the other books of Jewish Scripture. A very small amount of work has hitherto been done in this department. Without a guide, therefore, in a comparatively untrodden field, I have striven to beat out a path which other investigators may tread more confidently than I have dared, and more successfully, perhaps, than I have hoped, to tread myself.

Owing to the extent of this prophetic book, comprising, as it does, almost a twelfth part of the
whole Old Testament, the work has naturally cost a great expenditure of time and toil. After nearly three years and a half of patient and painstaking study, in connection with other absorbing and exacting duties, having been engaged at this inquiry since the summer of 1885, I am aware that it is still, in some respects, deficient as well as incomplete. Much more time might have been devoted advantageously to the investigation. A longer study would have enabled me more thoroughly to weigh difficult and doubtful words, more fully to discuss personal and proper names, and more copiously to illustrate generic and specific kinds of deviation.

Many important features of the Septuagint, moreover, have been briefly indicated in a paragraph or two that might have been abundantly exemplified by striking and convincing illustrations; but the want of time and the fear of making too large a volume have deterred me from multiplying examples. I have spared no pains, however, to make the work as thorough as its compass would permit. The results of my researches, therefore, are modestly submitted to Biblical scholars and students for careful and unprejudiced consideration, with the consciousness that, had more time and study been allowed, they might have been much more complete, but also with the conviction that,
inexhaustive as they are, they will be found to be a serviceable contribution to the science of Old Testament text-criticism.

Several distinguished scholars have desired to see the Septuagint text of Jeremiah entirely re-translated into Hebrew. Having often been advised by persons of experience to publish a complete and accurate retranslation of the book, as soon as an opportunity for investigating the Greek manuscripts may be afforded, I shall esteem it a great favour if practised critics, after an examination of the work, will have the kindness to give me any suggestions that may occur to them, particularly in the way of indicating imperfections, or of pointing out improvements.

While personally responsible for the views advanced, the positions maintained, and the conclusions reached throughout the whole discussion, I desire, in this place, to express my deep gratitude to all who have assisted me in any respect with the investigation. My grateful acknowledgments are especially due for kind advice and constant interest during the preparation of the work to Professor Franz Delitzsch, D.D., the eminent Old Testament commentator; for useful suggestions and valuable services in the process of retranslation to Dr. S. Mandelkern, the excellent Hebrew specialist; for careful and conscientious help in comparing the
Targum of Jonathan with the Septuagint translation, and in revising the manuscript of the variations for the press, to Dr. M. Chamizer, the able Literary Manager of the famous Oriental printing-house of W. Drugulin, Leipzig, where the last chapter of the work was composed and stereotyped.

Although the terms of notation or abbreviation employed throughout the last chapter are few and simple, yet it may be worth while giving, in this connection, a brief explanation of them. In the text, "Deest" indicates the absence from the Septuagint of the word or words standing opposite to it, and "Desunt," the absence from the same of the words or verses opposite to which it stands. In the footnotes, "Cf." refers to a similar reading, and "ut" to an identical reading, in the Hebrew; "Vid." refers to a similar or like rendering in the Greek; "Inc." denotes a different verse-division in the version; "Targ." stands for the Targum of Jonathan; "Alex." for the Alexandrian Codex, and "Aram." for Aramaic.

The volume is now given to the world with the hope that it may prove an interest-awakening and a science-furthering investigation. In so far as this discussion of one of the most complicated questions of Old Testament interpretation shall stimulate the spirit of Scriptural inquiry or help the progress of Biblical criticism, and thus promote the cause of
sacred truth of which the prophet Jeremiah was a powerful and uncompromising preacher, my reverent researches will be rewarded, and my earnest wishes realized.

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There is no prophetic life and no prophetic book, of which so many details are known to us, as the life of Jeremiah and the collection of his prophecies. We know that this prophet twice dictated his prophecies to his amanuensis, Baruch, as Paul the Epistle to the Romans to Tertius; that king Jehoiakim burned one roll, and that Jeremiah then prepared a new and, according to chap. xxxvi. 32, a greatly enlarged edition, which, perhaps, was left unfinished, to be gradually completed. It was possibly concluded in Egypt either by the prophet himself or by his secretary, Baruch; but that we do not know. This, however, is certain, that the collection of prophecies, as it now stands before us, has not the form which it finally received from Jeremiah, or from his faithful servant. The original arrangement must have been another and a different one, because the present order of the component parts of the book amongst
themselves gives the impression of an arbitrary and a confused disarrangement. Besides, this later redaction or revision shows itself to be such by insertions from the book of the Kings. But even the form which the later redactor gave the collection is not perfectly preserved. Chap. xxvi. 17 was evidently not written by the redactor of the collection. It betrays itself at once as a later and a very misleading insertion. In chap. xl. 1, a divine revelation to Jeremiah is announced, but no such communication follows. It seems that here chaps. xxx., xxxi. have got out of their right place. The expression ḫēḇînō (“and they shall be weary”), in chap. li. 64, is manifestly repeated from ver. 58. The historical piece, vers. 59–64, therefore, may originally have occupied another position in this prophetic book.

From what standpoint the prophet’s last edition was arranged we do not know, but the singular disarrangement, by which the later redactor has destroyed the original arrangement, nevertheless, cannot be purely arbitrary or absolutely thoughtless. The considerations by which he was governed, or the principles by which he was guided, must certainly be penetrable. But, so far as I can survey the literature of the interpretation and explanation of the book, no one, as yet, has been successful in finding out the point of view from
which the later redactor has torn to pieces things which chronologically and essentially belong to each other, and has placed them together, as they now appear. J. J. Staehelin in his discussion of the arrangement of Jeremiah's prophecies divides the book into seven parts,¹ and Anton Scholz in his monograph on the relation between the Greek and Hebrew texts of Jeremiah divides it into six decades;² but neither in Staehelin's seven nor in Scholz's six divisions is a planned unity of contents perceptible. As for me, I flatter myself with the opinion, that I may have succeeded in discovering the views which influenced the redactor.

The collection of Jeremiah's prophecies, as it now lies before us, according to my opinion, falls into nine groups or books of which each three, in a certain sense, form a trilogy, and that, indeed, in the following manner:—1. The book of the time of Josiah, or of the calling and first preaching of the prophet, chaps. i.–vi. 2. The book of the time of Jehoiakim, or the preaching at the gate of the Temple, in the cities of Judah (Anathoth), and in the streets of Jerusalem, especially concerning the idolatry of the people, chaps. vii.–xii. 3. The book of the irrevocable curse, belonging to the

¹ Zeitschrift der deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, t. iii., 1849, p. 216.
² Der masorethische Text und die LXX-Übersetzung des Buches Jeremias, 1875.
time of Jeconiah, chaps. xiii.–xx. Hereupon follow the three middle groups. 4. The book against the shepherds of the people, without chronological arrangement, chaps. xxı.–xxv. 5. The book of the conflict of Jeremiah with the false prophets, belonging partly to the time of Jehoiakim and partly to the first years of Zedekiah, chaps. xxvi.–xxix. Here along with Jeremiah, as true prophets, are mentioned the elder Micah and the contemporary Uriah; and, as false prophets, Hananiah, Ahab, Zedekiah, and Shemaiah, the warning against false prophets in chap. xxvii. constituting a keynote. 6. The book of the restoration of Israel, without chronological arrangement, chaps. xxx.–xxxiii. The remaining three groups form the conclusion of the collection. 7. The book of the accounts of the unbelief and scepticism of the kings and of the people of Israel, accounts belonging to the time of Jehoiakim, and encompassed by incidents of the time of Zedekiah, chaps. xxxiv.–xxxviii. 8. The book of the destinies of the people after the destruction of Jerusalem, chaps. xxxix.–xl.v., with the supplementary notice respecting Baruch, chap. xl.v., standing in un-chronological position. 9. The book of the prophecies concerning the nations, a decade of oracles, beginning with Egypt and ending with Babylon, chaps. xlvi.–li., belonging partly to the time of
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Jehoiakim, chaps. xl.—xlix. 33, and partly to the time of Zedekiah, chaps. xlix. 34—39; l.—li.

This is, as I think, the distribution aimed at by the redactor of our Hebrew text of Jeremiah. Such seem to me to have been the motives which impelled him to destroy the ancient order of the general contents of the book, and to substitute the present singular arrangement. I dare venture to hope that my results will bear examination. All kind of questions respecting the incorrect position, which many sections of the book appear to occupy, admit of a solution in this way. The outpouring of the intoxicating cup, chap. xxv., which is properly the exordium to book 9, stands in book 4, because the doom therein pronounced embraces all the shepherds (rulers) of the nations. The scourging of idolatry, chap. x. 1—16, stands in book 2, because in that book the prophet's preaching is preeminently directed against the idol-worship of the people, chaps. vii. 18, 31; viii. 2. The section, which relates the conspiracy to take the prophet's life, because of his preaching against the Temple and the City, in the beginning of Jehoiakim's reign, chap. xxvi., although it belongs to the history of the prophetic discourse in chaps. vii.—xii., stands in book 5, because it relates a part of Jeremiah's struggle with the priests, the prophets, and the princes. The history of the burning
of the first roll, chap. xxxvi., stands in book 7, because it furnishes a proof of the unbelieving conduct of the Court toward the word of Jehovah and toward the person of his prophet. The consolatory prophecy for Baruch, chap. xlv., belonging to the fourth year of Jehoiakim, stands in book 8, because it promises to Baruch deliverance from the fate of death after the destruction of Jerusalem; and the prophecies concerning the nations, chaps. xlvii.-l., constitute the last book, because they are appointed for the nations just as specially as chaps. i.-xliv., together with chap. xlv., are appointed for the people of Israel.

We possess, however, still another form of the collection, which differs conspicuously from that which it received from the hand of the Hebrew redactor. This is the Alexandrian form of the book, which deviates from the foregoing one not only in the arrangement, but also in the subject-matter, of the text. In the Septuagint, the prophecies concerning the nations occupy the middle of chap. xxv., vers. 1-13 forming a prologue, and vers. 15-38 forming an epilogue, to the whole group. These prophecies follow each other also in a quite divergent order. The prophecy respecting Elam, for instance, stands at the very beginning of the group in Greek, but almost at the very end of it in Hebrew. In the version, this nation, as it seems,
may have been threatened first, because of Alexander's recent military expedition. The Greek text, moreover, in all parts of the book, diverges frequently and remarkably from the Hebrew text, transmitted for ages before the time of Christ by Palestinian and Babylonian tradition, attested during the early centuries of the Christian era by the Massorites, and handed down in its present form from them to us.

In the accompanying work, my Canadian friend, Professor G. C. Workman, M.A., has undertaken the task of ascertaining, as far as practicable, the ancient Hebrew text which lay before the Greek translator, and which often seems to him to merit the preference over the present Massoretic text. The undertaking is a very interesting and important one. I fully concur with him in the opinion that the original of the Septuagint was, in many respects, a different text from that attested and established by the Massorites. I am utterly opposed to the view of Wichelhaus (1847) and others, who attribute to the Septuagint no critical value whatever. Although in places the Greek translator has made mistakes, owing to a combination of causes, as the following discussion shows, nevertheless, I consider that the Alexandrian version unquestionably presents a special textual arrangement, or represents, in short, a special text-
recension. I also regard the version as of very great importance for the history and the criticism of the Old Testament text.

The present investigation transports the question respecting the nature and origin of the variations in the prophecy of Jeremiah to an entirely new stage, inasmuch, especially, as it presents a complete and comprehensive view of the differences between the Greek and Hebrew texts in a way in which it hitherto has never been presented. The author thereby contributes to the science of Biblical criticism a work of valuable and lasting service. This production of my friend is the fruit of several years of indefatigable labour; and, if he sometimes thinks too favourably of the Septuagint translator, this is only the result of the loving devotion with which he has absorbed himself in the study of the Alexandrian text.

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PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

A CRITICAL investigation of any Old Testament writing involves particularly a fourfold inquiry. It embraces a thorough discussion of the character and condition of the present Hebrew or Massoretic text, and a careful consideration of the nature and importance of the other textual authorities. Of the latter there are principally four, namely, the Aramaic, the Syriac, the Latin, and the Greek translations. Each of these possesses some significance, and furnishes some materials for the lower or textual criticism of the Hebrew Scriptures; but the Greek translation, commonly called the Septuagint, or the Alexandrian version, is universally regarded as by far the most important of them all. Because of its age and influence, scholars in general are agreed that the Septuagint translation constitutes the principal aid for the Biblical critic in the textual work of the Old Testament. Hence the need of determining, as nearly as possible, its true nature and its real worth.

In undertaking to investigate the text of Jeremiah by the help of the Septuagint, one is con-
fronted at the outset with the character of the deviations in the version. The differences between the Greek and Hebrew are so numerous and so striking, that the question of their origin challenges immediate attention. The first thing necessary, therefore, in commencing a comparative study of the two texts, is an honest endeavour to solve the problem of the divergences between them. Not till this has been accomplished, can the Septuagint be safely or intelligently employed in the textual criticism of this prophetic book. Before attempting a solution of the problem, it will be expedient to explain the plan proposed in the present inquiry for this purpose.

In order the more completely to exhibit the character of the version, as well as the more clearly to account for its deviations, the method here adopted is that of retranslation; that is, of translating the Greek back again into Hebrew. By this means it can be shown, substantially at least, just what sort of text the original Hebrew manuscript of the Alexandrian version must have been. By this means, too, the nature and origin of the variations, it is believed, can be most readily demonstrated, the differences between the Greek and Hebrew most easily appreciated, and the importance of the Septuagint for purposes of textual criticism most accurately estimated.

In the complete Conspectus of the variations at the end of the work, the divergences are arranged in parallel columns, the divergent words, or letters
only, so far as practicable, being punctuated. In this way the differences between the two texts become manifest at once. The right-hand column contains the deviations from the Greek in the Hebrew; the left-hand column contains the deviations from the Hebrew in the Greek, retranslated into Hebrew. If the words in the latter be systematically substituted for those in the former, and carefully inserted where they logically belong in the present Massoretic text, the original of the version may be promptly and approximately obtained. This method has the advantage of giving a concise and comprehensive view of the variations without repeating subject-matter common to each text alike, except in so far as such a repetition is necessary in order to display the variations clearly and conspicuously.

An important rule observed in retranslating, it should be stated, is that of endeavouring to explain the minor variations by means of similar Hebrew letters. Wherever there seemed to be the slightest reason for believing that the original of the one text was substantially, if not identically, the same as the original of the other, an effort has been made to find a resembling substitute. The constant observance of this rule has been most advantageous in discovering the various principles of divergency deduced and illustrated in the accompanying discussion. But for its systematic application, several fundamental illustrations could scarcely have been ascertained. As the arrangement of the Greek
words follows almost slavishly the Hebrew order, even to the reproduction of the smallest particles and the most peculiar idioms, the intensely literal character of the Septuagint translation has helped materially in applying this simple but extremely essential rule.

Notwithstanding the extreme literalness of the translation, however, it is often difficult to tell whether an apparent deviation in the version represents a real deviation in the original manuscript. For this reason, many doubtful words in Greek are indicated in connection with the Conspectus of the variations. Sometimes, too, it is difficult to determine whether or not a peculiar Greek expression represents a variant Hebrew reading; and, if it does, it is practically impossible to tell how it should be retranslated. One example out of several that might be given is found in chap. xlix. 16, where the combination ἡ πανσία σου ἐνεχείρησε σου, stands for מְלֵאכַת הָעַם מַעַלְךָ ("thy terribleness hath deceived thee"). The Hebrew word translated "terribleness" does not elsewhere occur throughout the Bible, and its exact signification here is exceedingly obscure. In all such cases of obscurity, Hebrew scholars will be able to appreciate the great perplexity experienced very frequently in the work of retranslation.

As in the English, so also in the Alexandrian version, the same expression, even in a similar connection, is not uniformly translated. This want of uniformity greatly increases the difficulty of
retranslation, because the same word, or the same combination of words, is differently rendered by different translators in different books, as well as in different parts of the same book. Although in general this book is characterized by great consistency in the use of many specific terms, yet sufficient irregularity appears in certain portions of it to justify the supposition that several persons were employed in making the Greek version. For these reasons, as doubt was frequently inevitable and certainty sometimes impracticable, the retranslation of very many words and phrases must be regarded as tentative, and not in any sense as final. In all such instances of uncertainty, other investigators might give another and, perhaps, a happier rendering of the Greek.

Even in passages where a special textual arrangement in the version is unquestionable, it is by no means easy always to determine which expression should be used in retranslating from the Greek, since one must choose between two and three and sometimes four synonymous Hebrew words. As the choice requires the exercise of both taste and skill, alternatives have often been presented for the consideration of those experienced in this kind of criticism. In the case of a word of rare or single occurrence, it is practically, if not absolutely, impossible to decide with certainty. A simple example of perplexity occurs in the opening sentence of the book, which, in the Septuagint, reads, \( \text{Τὸ ὡς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Ἰερεμίαν.} \) In this superscription,
which forms a common introduction to the prophetic books, as may be seen by reference to Hosea, Joel, Micah, Zephaniah, and which reproduces an original Hebrew text, as every competent critic will perceive, it is quite uncertain whether the expression ἡ ἐπιστολή τοῦ Θεοῦ should be rendered בְּנֵי-יְهوֹוָה (the word of Jehovah) or בְּנֵי-גֵodb (the word of God). Inasmuch as the latter, so far as has been ascertained, nowhere else occurs in such a superscription, the former has been given in the Conspectus of the variations. The Alexandrian introduction, though, may be translated, "The word of God (or, the word Jehovah) which was to Jeremiah."

When quoting from the English Bible, it will be seen, the Revised Version, except in a few cases of verbal translation, has always been used; but, when translating from the Septuagint, it will be observed, a literal rendering of the Greek text has invariably been given. The Greek word κύριος, which generally represents the Hebrew word יהוה, has been regularly translated by the English word "Jehovah." The term in Hebrew is not a divine title, but a divine name, and, therefore, should be literally reproduced. Not only is "Jehovah" a tolerably accurate, though very debatable, reproduction in English of the present Hebrew word, but also it is an euphonious word which has long become naturalized in the language. This pronunciation of this name of the Deity, moreover, has been in circulation, more or less
extensively, since the sixteenth century, at least. For these reasons, it seems to be quite expedient to retain the common form of the old English word.

By way of distinguishing the Hebrew phrase נָאָסְרִיָּה ה ("says Jehovah") from נָאָסְרֵי ("a declaration of Jehovah"), which throughout this book is usually represented by the Greek λέγει κύριος or εἴπε κύριος, the latter Hebrew phrase has been regularly translated by "declares Jehovah." The word נָאָסְרִיָּה which is a passive participle in the construct state used as a substantive, is so uniformly rendered in the Septuagint as a verb that it may, perhaps, have been so considered by the Greek translators, who render it as though it was formerly pronounced נָאָסְרִיָּה, and employed as an emphatic synonym for נָאָסְרֵי. Whether probable or not, the supposition is here suggested as being possible, at least. The words in Hebrew are not identical, as the rendering of them in the English versions might seem to ordinary readers to imply, and there appears to be a great propriety in observing the true distinction between them, when giving an exact translation of them.

The Greek text used throughout the present work is that of Tischendorf, this having been esteemed the best edition of the Septuagint available at the time that the investigation was commenced. The Hebrew text employed is Hahn's edition of van der Hooght. When citing Hebrew words, the Massoretic pointing has generally been
reproduced, wherever a point of punctuation or of accentuation might be regarded as really essential; but wherever such a point might be regarded as purely euphonic, its reproduction has not always been observed. This remark, of course, applies to the use of the signs for aspirate-letters and tonesyllables. It should be noted further that in exhibiting the different kinds or classes of variation, several examples have been once or twice repeated, because the same example sometimes illustrates two and three different species of divergency.

The last chapter of the work, which comprises the Conspectus of the variations, is so arranged as to constitute a kind of critical apparatus, by means of which Biblical critics may examine the full results of the investigation in detail, and by the use of which they may apply the different principles of variation to the textual criticism of the other Hebrew Scriptures. The footnotes in this chapter contain references to parallel passages and analogous constructions, both in this book and in other books of the Old Testament; citations from the Targum, when it either agrees with or corresponds to the Septuagint translation; doubtful and peculiar words and phrases in the Greek, which seem to possess a special interest; a few readings from the Alexandrian manuscript, which appear to be of some importance; and an occasional Aramaic word, which suggests the possible origin of a deviation in the version.
In discussing the character and condition of the present Hebrew text, an endeavour has been made, first to ascertain the facts, and then to let these speak for themselves. Indeed, throughout the whole investigation the scientific or comparative method has been employed. This method has already been successfully applied to physical and to philological science, and it may be as properly, if not as fruitfully, applied to Biblical as to any other science. All true theories must be formed from facts, tested with facts, and established by facts. Sweeping generalizations from insufficient data, or from superficial knowledge of them, are utterly valueless. Only by collecting all the evidence available can sound principles be deduced or safe inferences drawn.

From copious internal evidence it must with disappointment be admitted that the character of the Massoretic text of Jeremiah is deplorably unsatisfactory. This text is both imperfect and defective. Its imperfections have long been recognized by most impartial critics, and its defects are now acknowledged by every competent scholar. The question of its absolute integrity or infallibility is no longer a matter of debate. Difficulties and obscurities abound all through the book. As the Hebrew stands at present, it is often hard either to give a tolerable translation of it, or to obtain an intelligible meaning from it. Of many passages more than one rendering is fairly possible; and of many other passages an
adequate rendering or interpretation is practically impossible.

From ample external evidence, moreover, the condition of the Hebrew text is also exceedingly unsatisfactory. It can be proved conclusively to have suffered not only from corruption, but also from alteration. In many ways and at different times it has unquestionably undergone considerable change. Apart from manifest alterations, transpositions, interpolations and revisions, the independent testimony of each ancient version, especially of the Septuagint translation, establishes this fact beyond a doubt. A critical comparison of the Greek and Hebrew shows clearly that the latter text has been extensively and systematically modified. Such a comparison further shows that the ancient manuscript, from which the original of the Massorethic text was taken, differed essentially from that now known to us, as well as materially from that known to the makers of the Alexandrian version.

It has been commonly supposed that the chief sources of textual divergency between the Greek and Hebrew were either the caprice and ignorance of translators, or the carelessness and indifference of copyists. For this reason, the variations have been hitherto attributed, partly to accident but principally to design. The supposition seems both unreasonable and incredible. Such surprising deviations as occur throughout the version must have had a worthy origin. If the Alexandrian translators were authoritatively employed to make
a version of the Hebrew Scriptures, as has been generally held, it is natural to suppose that they were properly qualified for their duties, as well as reasonable to believe that they honestly performed their work. Assuming in this investigation the efficiency and integrity of the Greek translators, the facts collected and the principles deduced demonstrate the hypothesis of a special text, or text-recension, as it is technically termed, from which the Septuagint translation was originally made. No other explanation of the divergences, it can be shown, is either adequate or admissible.

Since, in several other Old Testament books, the Greek text differs greatly from the Hebrew text, it may be asked, as Graf, for instance, asks, Why should the hypothesis of a special text-recension be assumed simply for this book, and not for those other books in which divergences abound? In reply, it may be stated that the variations in the present book are exceptionally numerous and significant, and that their number, as well as their nature, establishes the truth of the hypothesis respecting their origin. The same hypothesis, though, it may be added, seems to be just as probable in reference to Daniel, Esther, Job, and Proverbs, as in reference to Jeremiah. Only on this assumption can the variations in each of these books be satisfactorily explained. Indeed, the same hypothesis possibly may, and probably does, apply to each book of the Old Testament.

The theory of different text-recensions of the
ancient Jewish Scriptures is rapidly and rationally finding favour. In their Preface to the Revised Version of the Hebrew Bible, the English translators openly acknowledge its reasonableness and probability. "The Received or, as it is commonly called, the Massoretic text of the Old Testament Scriptures," they say, "has come down to us in manuscripts which are of no very great antiquity, and which all belong to the same family or recension. That other recensions were at one time in existence is probable from the variations in the Ancient Versions, the oldest of which, namely the Greek or Septuagint, was made, at least in part, some two centuries before the Christian era."

This assertion of the Revisers is exceedingly important, inasmuch as an unreasonable prejudice against such an assumption has hitherto prevailed. There has been a great reluctance, on the part of Christian scholars in the past, to acknowledge that the Septuagint translators could have used a Hebrew text different from that which the Massorites employed. The proofs, though, are so overwhelming that the conclusion is inevitable. That there were certainly two recensions of the book of Jeremiah, at the time of its translation into Greek, when all the facts are considered, and when all the evidence is weighed, cannot be reasonably doubted. That this was possibly the case respecting many, if not all, of the other books of the Old Testament may be just as reasonably believed. The ancient circumstances of the Jewish people and the early
condition of their sacred writings render the sup-
position not simply possible but probable.

During the present investigation, the thought
has often been suggested that, instead of two, there
may have once been several recensions of certain
books, at least. Just how many it is useless to
conjecture. There appear to have been Scripture
rolls for public services, for official purposes, and
for private use. Different distinguished individuals,
as well as families, may have possessed a copy.
The probability of this suggestion, which partially
explains how variations might gradually and
naturally arise, is strengthened by the statement
of a recent writer in an able article on the Revised
Version of the Old Testament. Speaking of the
ancient documents and rolls, of which the existing
Hebrew manuscripts present a later revision of the
sacred text, which has restored to it the greater
purity in which it now appears in contrast to the
versions, he asserts, “We are expressly informed
that there were standard copies kept in the Temple,
perhaps also in some synagogues. This would not
exclude, rather it seems to imply, the existence of
diverging readings in manuscripts belonging to
families or individuals.” 1

In considering the nature of the Septuagint, the
purpose has been, so far as possible, to let the
translation tell its own story. An unprejudiced
examination of the Greek text shows the ground-
lessness of the charge of arbitrariness generally

1 *Edinburgh Review*, October, 1885, p. 460.
brought against the Alexandrian translators, and the inadequacy of the opinion popularly entertained respecting the character of their work. That they sometimes made mistakes, considering the circumstances of their time, was natural. With all their practised skill, the Massorites have also made mistakes. That they sometimes translated conjecturally, considering the condition of their manuscript, was inevitable. Rather than change the sacred text, modern translators have also done the same. In rendering obscurely written parchment rolls no other course could be pursued. The very mistakes and imperfections of the version, most of which can be with almost scientific certainty explained, attest the genuine integrity of the Greek translators and the exceeding conscientiousness with which their arduous labours were performed.

When indicating the importance of the Septuagint, no undue excellence has been intentionally claimed for it. If a preference for its general textual arrangement has been emphatically expressed, this has been because it really appears to possess the preference in this respect. Only a few of its more striking features of superiority have been pointed out. Beautiful illustrations of superior reading might have been many times increased, but space forbade the multiplying of examples. A sufficient number has been given, though, to indicate that the critical value of the version can scarcely be too highly estimated. An impartial consideration of
its character proves that for the emendation of the Massoretic text, an entire reconstruction of which the English Revisers have suggested but have not attempted, the Septuagint translation claims the foremost place as the chief corrective instrument in the textual criticism of this prophetic book.

The absence of a critical edition of the Septuagint has been urged as an excuse for not attempting by its help to reconstruct the present Hebrew text. Some scholars, believing that the Greek text is in a very different state from that in which it left the hands of the Alexandrian translators, propose to postpone the use of it altogether as a critical aid till after it has been restored, so far as possible, to its original form. Just how much reason there may be for holding that the Septuagint has suffered seriously by transmission is a question that must be left for settlement to those who have the time and opportunity to investigate it. It is evident, of course, that before the full value of the version can be clearly evinced, the Greek text itself must first be thoroughly investigated. Only when this has been accomplished can perfectly satisfactory work with it be performed. Sometimes one of the other manuscripts, it has been noticed in the process of retranslation, presents a more probable reading than that presented by the Vatican manuscript used by Tischendorf. But, notwithstanding the uncritical condition of the Septuagint, this investigation shows that even in its present state it
furnishes valuable textual materials, and reveals important critical results.

Inasmuch as this book has existed in a twofold form for upwards of two thousand years, at least, and inasmuch as its ancient form has been considerably modified, it is now impossible to ascertain with certainty the exact shape which it may have received either from the prophet Jeremiah or from his secretary, Baruch. That is, its absolutely original form can never be discovered, because of the manifold textual changes that were made in it during the centuries that intervened between the period of its composition and the time of its establishment by the Massorites. In so far, however, as the present Greek text can be relied upon, as representing a trustworthy text of the date of its translation, it brings us many centuries nearer to the materials with which to work in reconstructing the sacred text. In endeavouring to recover the original of the version by the method of re-translation, the relation between the Greek and Hebrew will be made more manifest, and the relative age and purity of each text will become more clear.

The ancient Hebrew or Aramaic manuscript from which the Septuagint was translated belonged to the third century before Christ, whereas the oldest Hebrew manuscript of which the age is definitely known belongs to the tenth century after Christ. If, therefore, the original of the Greek text was a good one, as it most probably was, and, if the work
of translation was well done, as it most certainly seems to have been, then, so far as the original text of the Septuagint can be regained, we have a text of Jeremiah in a recension four or five hundred years older than the text attested and established by the Massorites, and twelve or thirteen hundred years older than the earliest Hebrew manuscript at present in existence. The original of the Septuagint unquestionably represented much more nearly the original form of the book than the existing Hebrew represents it. For this reason, its careful reproduction, so far as practicable, becomes a matter of the utmost possible importance.

Up to the present time, the Massoretic text has generally been taken by modern translators as the groundwork of Old Testament criticism, because it has been commonly supposed to furnish the best attested text of the Jewish Scriptures. In some respects, it is undoubtedly entitled to special consideration; but it possesses no such exceptional claim to authority as to entitle it to infallibility. On the contrary, it is now known and acknowledged to be fallible and imperfect in many places and in many ways. Since the publication of the Revised Version especially, the question of its absolute trustworthiness has come into prominence as never before. The judgment, though, of Christian scholars differs greatly as to how far the supremacy should be given to it. While the English Revisers have made the Massoretic text the basis of their work, they have frequently departed from it, having
quite often, in an instance of extreme difficulty, adopted a reading on the authority of the ancient versions, which is always inserted in the margin, but never incorporated with the text. The American Revisers, on the other hand, have refused even this reference to secondary sources, as they regard the versions, and have suggested the omission from the margin of all renderings from the Septuagint and other textual authorities.

Although the Hebrew has ever been the received text in the Protestant Church, yet a portion of Christendom has always adhered to the authority of the Greek; and, "for a long period, the Septuagint was the Old Testament of the far larger part of the Christian Church."¹ Hence both its age and history entitle it to the profoundest consideration. The opinion, there is a reason to believe, is gradually gaining ground that hitherto enough importance has not generally been attached to this ancient version, and that due attention has not generally been given to its testimony. Whatever may be shown to be its value in reference to the other books, its value for the textual criticism of this book is inestimable. Its critical significance for the text of Jeremiah points to the conclusion, not only that it should be constantly consulted, but also that it should be carefully compared, in investigating the text of every Old Testament writing. In comparing the Hebrew with the Greek throughout each book certain inquiries

should be made. Firstly, do the two texts agree? Secondly, if they disagree, were their originals similar or different? Thirdly, if similar, by what principle can the variations be explained? Fourthly, if different, which text exhibits the more primitive or more probable rendering? The answers to these questions, it is thought, can be most easily obtained by turning the Greek back into Hebrew again.

Because, as has been mentioned, the present Massoretic text rests upon documents of no very great antiquity, documents which are supposed to represent a single prototype of the time of the Emperor Hadrian, several distinguished scholars, like Lagarde and his disciples, find in the Alexandrian version the leading or controlling factor for the restoration of the Old Testament text to its original purity. The textual supremacy of the Septuagint is vigorously maintained and, perhaps, justly claimed by this school of critics, on the ground of the significantly greater age of its Hebrew or Aramaic original. Thus far, this principle of giving the precedence to the Septuagint has only been partially applied by Wellhausen to the books of Samuel, and thoroughly applied by Cornill to the book of Ezekiel, the latter scholar having, by this method, entirely and even radically reconstructed the Ezekiel text. If the Greek translation of Jeremiah really bears the relation which it seems to bear to the original form of this book, then it should not simply be consulted in correcting and emending the present Hebrew, but, when its text
has been restored, it should itself be made the basis of reconstruction.

Thus a critical and impartial consideration of the character and condition of the Massoretic text of Jeremiah, and also of the nature and importance of the Septuagint translation of it, will prove conclusively, it is believed, that the popular notions that prevail respecting each text are entirely incorrect. In the past, too much dependence has been placed upon Massoretic teaching and tradition. The more carefully the true relation between the Greek and Hebrew is investigated, the more clearly it will appear that most of the traditional views of this, as well as of every other, book of Jewish Scripture have been the outcome both of prejudice and of prepossession. Whether they have been more largely due to the one than to the other cause, or whether they have been equally due to each, it is useless to discuss, because it is impossible to determine. At all events, they have resulted from an exercise of criticism which only a predilection for a preconceived opinion could produce.

Earnest Christian scholars are now labouring to find a better text of the Old Testament. In their inquiries and discussions, the central and essential question is the comparative worth or excellence of the Greek and Hebrew texts. On whichever side the final verdict may fall, after the fullest and deepest researches have been made, the proved results of Biblical criticism must neither be discarded nor discredited. Both on philological and
theological grounds, Biblical science requires a prudent application to all the books of Scripture of the most improved as well as of the most approved methods of textual criticism. A perfect text of the Old Testament is unattainable at present, and may not be attainable in future; but a more perfect one than we now possess may easily be attained. Towards its attainment the interests of truth demand the employment of every aid available and the use of every means accessible. "For," as Canon Cheyne says, "the true spiritual meaning of the Scriptures can only be reached through the door of the letter; and the nearer we approach to a correct reading of the text, the more vivid will be our apprehension of the sacred truths which it conveys."\textsuperscript{1}

It is not now denied, and it should no longer be concealed, that the received text of the Old Testament is both faulty and defective. There is no use of saying respecting it, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace." It is worse than useless to make claims for Scripture, or for Scripture text, that cannot be maintained. What is needed is a sober knowledge of the true state of the case. By all efforts, we should seek to ascertain the facts; and, at all hazards, we should strive to let the facts be known. The truth must be sought at any cost, and it must not be sold at any price. The truth, moreover, has nothing to fear, but everything to hope, from critical investigation. "We can do

\textsuperscript{1} The Prophecies of Isaiah, vol. ii., third edition, p. 240.
nothing," Paul declares, "against the truth, but for the truth." Reverent textual criticism, however keen or searching, can only lead to the adoption of sounder principles, and to the employment of correcter methods, in the discovery and elucidation of the truth. Every judicious Christian teacher, therefore, should proclaim, as the venerable Delitzsch, in the Introduction to his new and valuable commentary on the book of Genesis, with weighty words of golden worth, significantly proclaims, "God is the God of truth; love of truth, yielding to the constraint of truth, giving up the traditional views, which cannot stand the test of truth, is a sacred duty, a part of the fear of God."
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

CHAPTER I.

THE RELATION OF THE VERSION.

The relation of the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament to the present Hebrew text is an interesting subject of investigation which has been too little regarded in the past. For this reason, the true value of the Alexandrian version for purposes of text-criticism has been either greatly underestimated or largely overlooked. Although, of late years, considerable discussion amongst distinguished scholars has taken place upon the nature and significance of this ancient textual authority, the question is only just beginning to receive that measure of attention which its importance properly deserves. Very divergent views have been advanced, and very opposite opinions still prevail, respecting its real critical worth for the interpretation and correction of the so-called Massoretic text of the Old Testament.
In general, the Greek and Hebrew renderings of the Jewish Scriptures pretty closely correspond. There are, however, notable exceptions to this rule. The Books of Jeremiah, Proverbs, Job, Esther, and Daniel exhibit remarkable irregularities. In the first-named book especially, the dissimilarity of the readings is prodigious. A casual comparison of the texts in question discovers singular discrepancies, such as changes in the position of the chapters, in the order of the prophecies, and in the arrangement of the general contents of the book. A closer investigation reveals divergences of a much more serious sort, such as modifications of statements and expressions, and transpositions of words and verses. A minute examination discloses the absence from the Greek of an enormous amount of matter belonging to the Hebrew, the presence in the former of very many words and phrases wanting in the latter, and the existence in both Greek and Hebrew of a great variety of minor differences of more or less significance. So numerous altogether are the variations, and so startling in many places is their character, that it has sometimes been a question in the minds of earnest critics which of these texts is the more authoritative, or which one ought to be adopted in translating this ancient book of prophecy into a modern tongue.

From authentic sources, these divergences are
proved to have existed at a very early date. Reference was made to them by Origen and Jerome, each of whom commented on the character of the Alexandrian version in his day. The former, after referring to the numerous variations in the Book of Job, describes the relation of the Greek and Hebrew to each other in the present book as follows:—“We have observed many such things also in Jeremiah, in which we found much transposition and alteration of the reading in the prophecies.”¹ The latter, in discussing the differences between the two texts, scarcely more than mentions the general character of the deviations in the Greek. Neither of these early Christian Fathers attempted seriously to explain them, although the latter was disposed to attribute them chiefly to the carelessness of copyists.

Not simply are the divergences thus proved to be very old, but their extreme age indicates that most of them quite probably belonged to the Septuagint translation at the time that it was made. Hence many Hebrew scholars have concluded that the Greek translators used a much conciser copy of this book than that now represented by the Massoretic text. As Jeremiah spent

¹ τολλά δὲ τοιάυτα καὶ ἐν τῷ Ἱερομην κατευθύνομεν, ἐν ὑμῖν τολλά μετάθεσιν καὶ ἁλλαγήν τῆς λίθου τῶν προφητευόμενων ὁμορμαν. Epistola ad Africanum, tomus xvii., p. 25; Lommatsch edition.
the evening of his life in Northern Egypt, and as he may have ended there, as well his prophecies as his career, it has been naturally suggested that an earlier and a more authentic edition of the prophet's writings was in use amongst the Jews of Alexandria than amongst the Jews of Palestine and Babylonia. The likelihood of this suggestion, which does not appear to be unreasonable, has been much disputed, and the subject still remains a matter of debate. In this investigation, the question will be carefully considered in the clear light of the only hypothesis that consistently accounts for all the variations in this prophetic book.

In modern times three general opinions have prevailed respecting the comparative excellence of the Greek and the Hebrew text of this particular book. Some scholars have thought the former quite superior to the latter; others, while giving precedence to the latter, have placed both texts, in general, upon pretty nearly the same level; others again have thought the latter not merely preferable to the former, but alone authoritative in presenting Jeremiah's words. Of those who have claimed superiority for the Greek, the principal are J. D. Michaelis, Movers and de Wette, Hitzig, Bleek and Scholz. Of those who have regarded the Hebrew as exhibiting, on the whole, the better readings, but the Greek, in spite of many supposed
errors of translation, as approaching much more nearly that which one might reasonably expect the original Hebrew to have been, Ewald, Schrader, and Kuenen are the most distinguished. Of those who have considered the Hebrew incomparably superior to the Greek, the most prominent are Eichhorn, Rosenmüller and Spohn, Kueper, Hävernick and Michelhaus, Nägelsbach and Hengstenberg, Keil, Graf and Orelli. These are particularly decided in pronouncing for the integrity of the Massoretic text. They one and all attribute only inferiority and uncertainty to the Septuagint translation. Indeed, the most interpreters in Europe and America, especially since the labours of Graf, have looked upon the Alexandrian version as totally untrustworthy, and as critically valueless.

Not only do modern opinions greatly differ as to the respective values of the texts in question, but also they widely differ as to the true origin of the manifold divergences between them. Several reasons for the variations have been assigned. They have been ascribed to carelessness, to ignorance, to haste, to design, and to different text-recensions. Some of these theories are the outcome of an almost superstitious veneration for the Massoretic text. They have arisen from a powerful and prevalent persuasion that the Hebrew text alone represented the ancient and original form of
the book, and that no other version or recension could, by any possibility, be correct. Without such a prejudice or prepossession, it is practically inconceivable either why or how the first four theories should have ever been suggested. Hitherto almost any explanation of the variations has been commonly considered more credible than the supposition that the Hebrew was not absolutely worthy of implicit confidence. In this connection these hypotheses require to be more fully stated. Each one of them does not call for an extended treatment, but each one claims, at least, a brief discussion and consideration.

The first hypothesis was proposed about the beginning of the fifth century of our era, by Jerome, and was adopted in the present century by Grabe. These have both attributed the variations to the carelessness of copyists. Divergences were, doubtless, sometimes due to such a cause; but errors by transcribers have not been restricted to the Septuagint. They belong as truly and, perhaps, as frequently to the Hebrew as to the Greek. Guilty, though, as copyists often are in this respect, it is impossible to account for many, much less for most, of the discrepancies on this hypothesis. Though some words had been overlooked, or added to the text, or even wrongly copied, by a transcriber, such mistakes, at least the great
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The majority of them, must have been discovered and corrected on revision. In such a standard copy of the Jewish Scriptures as the Septuagint was for many centuries, as it is, indeed, and always has been, in the Eastern Catholic Church, it is incredible that a prodigious number of transcriber’s errors (the divergences amount to many thousand in this book alone) should have escaped detection and correction.

The second hypothesis has been adopted at different times by a few interpreters, who have held that very many of the variations were due to want of understanding on the part of the translator. Even Hitzig, Graf, and Umbreit have endeavoured to account for a considerable number of so-called abridgments and omissions by ascribing them to ignorance. This hypothesis is both unworthy and inadequate. It neither comports with the probabilities nor explains the great majority of the divergences. The translator must have had the fullest qualifications for his arduous undertaking. Without the necessary scholarship he would surely not have been selected for his sacred and important task. From the nature of his office and the character of his work, he must have been considered altogether competent by those responsible for his dignified appointment. A devout and cultured Jew, living at the height
of Alexandrian learning, trained in all the wisdom of the schools of that distinguished age, he, doubtless, was an efficient scholar, both in Hebrew and in Greek. Of his competency his translation, where his Hebrew text was not corrupt, or in some respect imperfect, affords the clearest and the most convincing proof, as will later on be fully shown, it is believed.

The third hypothesis has been suggested by Dean R. Payne Smith. He supposes that the discrepancy between the texts was chiefly due to haste in the transcription of the Hebrew original of the Septuagint. During the period of his captivity in Egypt, either before or after Jeremiah’s death, the prophet’s secretary, Baruch, it is thought, may have employed a number of persons to prepare, as speedily as possible, perhaps on separate parchment rolls, a copy of this book of prophecy, which he desired to take back with him into Palestine. Were it only probable, a number of omissions might be easily explained on this hypothesis. It does not appear, however, to possess the slightest probability. As many of Jeremiah’s prophecies had been delivered before the prophet left his native land, and had been for some time in his secretary’s possession, Baruch had no need to have a special copy of them made. Moreover, apart from a large

1 *Speaker’s Commentary*, vol. v., pp. 324, 325.
proportion of the omissions for which it absolutely fails to account, the hypothesis altogether overlooks the numerous additions to the Septuagint, as well as the other kinds of deviation which continually occur throughout the book. This conjecture, therefore, must be looked upon as worthless, so far as furnishing a solution of the problem is concerned.

The fourth hypothesis has been maintained by Kueper and Hävernick, Spohn and Nägelsbach, Wichelhaus, Keil and Graf. These scholars, together with the great majority of recent expositors, ascribe the variations almost entirely to design. By them the Alexandrian version is considered a corrupt translation of the present Hebrew text. According to their hypothesis, the differences of rendering arose, partly from the arbitrariness and fickleness of the translator, and partly from the caprice and negligence of the transcribers, especially the later copyists. An unprejudiced consideration of the phenomena presented by a careful investigation of the two texts shows this hypothesis to be untrue. The variations are of such extent and character that they cannot have proceeded from either of the causes indicated, or from both of them combined. The very nature of the Septuagint itself disproves the theory. The Greek translation of this book in general, and of large portions of it
in particular, reproduces the Hebrew text, where there is reason to believe that the original of each text was formerly the same, with such literalness and fidelity, that it is utterly incredible that a translator or transcriber should have made such arbitrary and prodigious changes, as more or less abound in nearly every section of the work. It is only reasonable to assume that the Alexandrian version must have essentially agreed with the ancient Hebrew manuscript from which it was translated.

The fifth hypothesis was first proposed by Eichhorn. He suggested that the translator of the Septuagint used a Hebrew text which differed, as the variations indicate, from the traditional Masoretic text. He also believed that Jeremiah himself authorized various versions of his prophecies during his own lifetime. As the book is extant in a twofold form, both in respect to matter and arrangement, the hypothesis of different text-recensions, two at least, has been adopted and defended by Bertholdt, Michaelis, Movers, and Bleek. A Palestinian recension is supposed to have formed the original of the present Hebrew text, and an Alexandrian recension the original of the Septuagint translation. These two recensions, it is thought, must have been in circulation, the one in Asia, the other in Egypt, from some remote
but unknown period in the past. Whether, from the time this book became incorporated with the other prophetic books by Ezra or Nehemiah, it always had in Palestine and Babylonia the form in which it now appears in Hebrew, as Movers and Bleek believe, is questionable, but that the original manuscript from which the Septuagint was translated was not the same as the existing Hebrew text is unquestionable. The truth of this assertion can be fully demonstrated.

The general character of the variations has often been discussed by modern scholars, their approximate number indicated, and their distinctive features more or less completely pointed out. They have received, perhaps, the fullest treatment from the pen of Dr. Anton Scholz. He has given a tolerably complete and systematic classification of their more important kinds. A full and sufficient explanation of them, though, has never yet been given. The problem, notwithstanding, must certainly admit of a solution. There must have been a worthy cause for such remarkable divergences. They are too numerous to have been accidental, too significant to have been intentional. Although thus far no satisfactory account of them has been put forth, the need of a new and thorough investigation

1 Der masoretische Text und die LXX-Übersetzung des Buches Jeremias, Regensburg, 1875.
of them has often been expressed, and has much more frequently been felt. In view of the importance of the problem, it appears a little singular that some of those who have maintained the existence of a twofold text-recension have not endeavoured to present a complete and scientific proof of their hypothesis. Even the conservative critic, Keil, significantly says, "None of the advocates of a special text-recension, which lay at the basis of the Alexandrian version, has given himself the trouble more accurately to investigate the nature of the translation." ¹

A fresh and full discussion is thus considered desirable, as well by some of those who commonly depreciate the value of the Septuagint, as by all of those who look upon it as a most important textual authority. The question of the variations is too momentous to remain unanswered, at least, to rest without an earnest effort being made to answer it. Its solution must affect the true interpretation of many portions of this old prophetic book. A minute examination is, moreover, necessary, in order, if possible, to determine which of these two ancient authorities

is the more correct, or which more nearly represents the original form of the book as it existed in the prophet's day. Only by close and careful investigation can the comparative excellence of each text be estimated. The inquiry has a further importance still. It concerns the critical relation of the Greek and Hebrew texts for all the ancient Jewish Scriptures. As Scholz has well observed, "The solution of the question is not alone important for the Book of Jeremiah, but decisive for the criticism of the entire Old Testament. Should the decision fall in favour of the Septuagint, then the opinion of the almost absolute trustworthiness of the Hebrew text must be not immaterially modified." ¹

After discussing briefly the chief features of the Septuagint translation of Jeremiah, in the Introduction to his critical commentary on this book, Graf emphatically asserts, "With the innumerable evidences of the arbitrariness and capriciousness of the Alexandrian translator, it is quite impossible to give his work—for one can scarcely call it a translation—any critical authority, or infer from it a different form of his Hebrew text from that which has been

¹ "Die Lösung der Frage ist nicht allein für das Buch Jeremia von Wichtigkeit, sondern entscheidend für die Beurtheilung des ganzen alten Testamentes. Fällt nämlich die Entscheidung zu Gunsten der LXX., so muss die Ansicht von der fast absoluten Zuverlässigkeit des hebräischen Textes nicht unwesentlich modifizirt werden." *Der masoret. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc.,* pp. 4, 5.
handed down to us."¹ This judgment is unjust, and can be proved to be untrue. The Alexandrian version cannot, indeed, be properly called a translation of the present Hebrew text. In this sense, and in this sense only, Graf's statement is unquestionably true. There must have been a special text from which the version has been made. On no other hypothesis can the divergences between the Greek and Hebrew be explained. That the Septuagint does not reproduce the Hebrew text as known to us is very obvious; that it does represent another and a very different text is quite demonstrable. The peculiar arrangement of many portions of the book, especially of the prophetic parts, furnishes a probable indication that it once existed in another form from that in which we have it in our Hebrew Bibles; but the nature, as well as the number, of the variations furnishes conclusive evidence that such a supposition is correct.

Before proceeding to adduce the arguments for the existence of a special text-recension, which formed the original of the Alexandrian version of Jeremiah, it may be advisable to present in brief

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an outline of the plan proposed for the proving of this hypothesis. Either the omissions from the Greek, which amount to a few thousand words, or the additions to the Greek, which number several hundred words, are sufficiently significant of themselves for such a purpose; but these two classes of variation together render the evidence cumulative. A great variety of minor differences also gives the combined arguments additional strength. Each line of proof will be developed by itself. Afterwards the sum-total of the evidence will be taken as establishing the hypothesis beyond a doubt. The chief divergent features between the two texts may be grouped conveniently in five general classes, namely, (1) Omissions of letters, words, phrases, verses, and paragraphs; (2) Additions of letters, words, phrases, and sentences; (3) Transpositions of letters, words, verses, and chapters; (4) Alterations of mood, tense, gender, person, number, and case; (5) Substitutions of parts of speech, rhetorical expressions, syntactical forms, proper names, etc. This order will be followed throughout the investigation, and the evidence afforded by each class of variation will be indicated in its proper place.

It should be noted here that these five terms have been adopted simply for convenience' sake, some of them having always been employed by
critics in discussing the character of the Septuagint translation of this particular book. Certain variations have so long been characterized as Omissions, and certain others as Additions, by those who have attributed all the divergences between the Greek and Hebrew texts exclusively to design that it is expedient to retain these terms, but only with a meaning modified to suit the present hypothesis of a special text-recension. In this discussion, the variations are not in any sense, or, indeed, in any instance, regarded as intentional. They are regarded simply as textual characteristics, or as recessional peculiarities. This theory assumes that the translator, in every case, endeavoured to reproduce the text before him, as literally and as faithfully as the genius of his language would justly allow.

With this view of the translation, the hypothesis implies that these words must be understood as being used only in an accommodated sense. Taking the Massoretic text as the accepted standard, and making it the basis of the investigation, by Omissions are meant forms and expressions in the Hebrew that are wanting in the Greek; by Additions are meant forms and expressions in the Greek that are wanting in the Hebrew; by Transpositions, Alterations and Substitutions are meant peculiarities of reading which these terms naturally
express, but peculiarities that belonged in general to the individual manuscript that formed the original of the Alexandrian version. An occasional instance of each class of variation may have arisen from oversight, on the part of the translator or transcriber, but not properly from intention. A variation, moreover, may have been due sometimes to accident, but never to design. With this explanation of the sense in which these terms are used in this investigation, it will be in order now to exhibit the proof, furnished by each species of divergence, of a special text-recension from which the Septuagint translation has been made.
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Because of their number and significance, the Omissions claim consideration first. In pointing out and dealing with their several species, an endeavour will be made to give a reasonable explanation of each kind, and also to show the folly and unfairness of ascribing them to carelessness, to ignorance, to haste, or to design. The inadequacy of the first three theories has already been evinced. The fourth hypothesis, because of its general acceptance by leading scholars, demands a special examination. By way of testing it thoroughly, it will be necessary to consider carefully the causes of omission which its chief defenders have supposed are everywhere manifest throughout this book.

It is assumed by Graf and others that the translator must have been responsible for the omissions, because of the improbability of any later writer having added such a quantity of matter to the Massoretic text. This is a most remarkable
assumption. It is not fair to suppose either that
the omissions were made capriciously by the
translator, or that they were inserted arbitrarily
by a later hand. The alternative suggested is as
unnecessary as the method of reasoning is unjust.
It is simply begging the question to assume that
all such variations arose from one or other of these
two causes, or, indeed, from both of them put

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other learned Jews. That any one of these men should have capriciously abridged his text appears to one unprejudiced incredible and inconceivable. The sacred character of his text, and the solemn nature of his task, alike forbid the supposition that many, much less most, of the omissions were due to arbitrary purpose on his part. He must have been an honest man, who did his duty conscientiously and in good faith.

The unreasonableness of the alternatives assumed by Graf appears so evident as scarcely to require to be more fully pointed out. As, however, he repeatedly refers to them, it seems important, in this connection, to quote Bleek's observations in regard to them. His judgment is deliberate and just. After speaking of the extreme literalness and fidelity of extensive portions of the Septuagint translation of this book, he says, "It is, therefore, altogether improbable that the translator elsewhere, and in so many places, should have allowed himself such arbitrary alterations, and especially omissions, as must have been the case, if all the changes which his text furnishes against the Hebrew-Massoretic text had proceeded from him. Even so little is it at all probable that these changes in general should be placed to the account of later transcribers of the Septuagint. For there would occur in the manuscripts of the Septuagint even greater deviations
from the Hebrew text, and, in part, greater coincidences with it, than is the case, or than already was the case at the time of Origen.”

Notwithstanding the evident unreasonableness of Graf’s hypothesis, he alleges further, not only that the translator deliberately omitted difficult and, to him, unknown and unnecessary expressions, but also that he, in his constant striving after brevity, systematically abridged his text. This system of abridgment, Graf believes, is very manifest. He professes to discover traces of it throughout the entire book. Believing that the translator started out with the intention of being concise, Graf accuses him of having utterly disregarded the prophet’s style, and of having left out terms at pleasure whenever he failed to understand, or happened to mistranslate, a word or phrase. Unrighteous as this accusation seems, even Hitzig, who is often favourable in his judgments of the

1 “Es ist schon deshalb durchaus unwahrscheinlich, dass der oder die Uebersetzer selbst sich anderswo und an so vielen Stellen solche willkürliche Aenderungen und besonders Auslassungen sollten erlaubt haben, als der Fall müsste gewesen sein, wenn von ihnen alle die Aenderungen herrührten, welche ihr Text gegen den hebräisch-masorethischen darbietet. Ebenso wenig ist irgend wahrscheinlich, dass dieselben im Allgemeinen auf Rechnung späterer Abschreiber der Sept. kommen sollten. Denn da würden in den Handschriften der Sept. selbst grössere Abweichungen und theilweise grösseres Zusammentreffen mit dem hebräischen Texte stattfinden, als der Fall ist und als schon zu Origenes Zeit der Fall war.” Einleitung in das Alte Testament, Fünfte Auflage, pp. 320, 321.
Septuagint, admits a frequent tendency on the part of the translator to curtail his text, and also to omit important matter from a verse or passage, if the remainder only seemed to furnish a tolerably complete sense. The admission of the one critic is as unworthy as the allegation of the other.

The constant and unimportant repetitions that characterize the writings of Jeremiah have given a certain measure of plausibility to this hypothesis, because they are so much more numerous in the Hebrew than in the Greek; but the theory is no more reasonable or satisfactory on that account. If the translator had a system of omission, he certainly did not adhere to it, for he frequently leaves in his text the very class of words he is accused of systematically leaving out of it. Quite often, too, this is the case, even when the equivalent expression is wanting in the Massoretic text. Such inconsistencies are incompatible with the supposition of a system. The omissions really indicate neither system nor design. The charge of systematic abridgment, moreover, implies stupidity, as well as dishonesty, on the part of the translator, and can be easily refuted. It is only reasonable to believe that he endeavoured in every case to give, so far as possible, an accurate rendering of the original which he used.

As Graf is the ablest and most distinguished
advocate of the theory of design, and as his defence of it is both the fullest and the strongest that exists, there appears to be a great propriety, as well as a great advantage, in making his discussion the basis, in a general sense of the term, of the present investigation of the different kinds of variation. If the falsity of his view can be demonstrated, then the truth of the hypothesis of a special text-recension, which formed the Hebrew original of the Alexandrian version, must follow as a necessary and inevitable conclusion.

It is not easy accurately to classify the great variety of divergences which Graf discusses somewhat unmethodically in the Introduction to his commentary, but at least nine species of omission may be indicated as characterizing the system of abridgment which he believes the Greek translator adopted and observed. Each class requires a special examination, and will be considered in the order most convenient for discussion. An effort will be made to answer Graf's objections respecting each and every class.

1. The translator has omitted certain set phrases and fixed forms, which are peculiar to Jeremiah, and which are repeated with exceeding frequency in the Massoretic text, because he considered them unimportant and unnecessary. For instance, for the constantly recurring formulae, "Jehovah
Sabáoth," and "Jehovah Sabáoth the God of Israel," "Jehovah" only, as a rule, occurs in the Septuagint, and the word "Sabáoth," according to Graf's estimate, is wanting fifty-six times. The phrase, "thus says Jehovah," fails equally often with this latter term, and the form, "declares Jehovah," is omitted sixty-four times in the Greek.

The continual repetition of these formulæ in the Hebrew, though a remarkable peculiarity of the prophet's style, is entirely unnecessary. In not a single case where they are absent from the Greek is their presence needed by the context. The sense is always good, and the style is generally better, without them. Sometimes one of them, perhaps, would be appropriate where it is wanting in the Septuagint, but such instances are very rare. Hitzig, for example, thinks that "declares Jehovah," in chap. xxv. 7, improves the construction of the sentence; but he cannot claim that the phrase is really essential. Its presence or absence is chiefly, if not entirely, a matter of taste. Scholz's explanation of the constant recurrence of these words in Hebrew is worth considering. He says, "Not fewer than one hundred and seventy-seven times is the phrase, N'um Adonai, repeated, and, indeed, in numerous places where it can only have the meaning that it is repeated, in order to insure that the thing said is certainly true, because it is the
word of God, somewhat as a preacher appeals to Bible passages as to the word of God.”

Had it been the purpose of the translator arbitrarily to abridge his text by omitting every unimportant or unnecessary expression, he might have much more frequently omitted such formulae. He surely would have omitted them, too, in harmony with some rule. Instead of this being the case, these forms are found in many places where, according to Graf, they should not appear, if systematic omission had been the translator's aim. This species of omission is further proved to have been unintentional on his part by the important fact, apparently overlooked by Graf, that the Greek often has some one or other of these forms where the Hebrew has them not. Without noticing the numerous instances in which a similar formula occurs in each text, it may be sufficient here to give some illustrations of the foregoing statement.

It should be mentioned, before pointing out the passages, that they are not confined to any particular part of the translation, but are widely

1 “Nicht weniger als hundertsiebenundsiebzigmal wird im masorethischen Texte die Phrase Ne’um Adunai wiederholt, und zwar in zahlreichen Stellen, wo sie fast nur den Sinn haben kann wiederholt zu versichern, dass das Gesagte gewiss wahr sei, weil Gottes Wort, etwa wie ein Prediger sich auf Bibelstellen als auf Gottes Wort beruft.” Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 101.
scattered throughout the whole work. In chap. ii. 2, "says Jehovah;" in chap. v. 1, "declares Jehovah;" in chap. xvi. 2, "says Jehovah the God of Israel;" in chap. xxxii. 28, "the God of Israel;" in chap. xlix. 18, "Sabáoth;" in chap. l. 21, "declares Jehovah," are present only in the Septuagint. In chap. xxiii. 29, "declares Jehovah" occurs twice in the Greek, but only once in the Hebrew; and in chap. xxiii. 30, for "declares Jehovah" in the Hebrew, "declares the Lord God" is given in the Greek. In vers. 37, 38 of this latter chapter, instead of "says Jehovah," the Septuagint has, in each verse, "says Jehovah our God." In chap. li. 62 the Greek also presents the two words "Lord Jehovah" for the single word "Jehovah." Even the phrase, "thus says Jehovah," which often serves to introduce a new or sudden turn of thought, is not in this sense uniformly found in either text. It, too, is wanting in Hebrew once, at least, namely, chap. ii. 31, where it appears in Greek.

2. The translator has omitted synonymous words and pleonastic expressions, which seem to have been used in Hebrew, either to strengthen a clause or to intensify a thought, because he considered all such terms superfluous. When several terms of this kind came together he is supposed to have regarded one or two of them,
at most, as quite enough, and, for this reason, to have purposely determined not to reproduce them all in his translation.

This supposition might possess some plausibility, at least, if such omissions could be regularly or systematically traced, though even then it would be most improbable. No regularity, however, can be discovered. In the Hebrew text, for instance, chap. i. 10, there are four verbs of destruction, while in the Septuagint there are only three. In each text the verbs of destruction are followed by two verbs of restoration. If the variation had been due to design, the translator would undoubtedly have omitted two words instead of one. The parallelism then would have been perfect; while, as the verse now stands, it is imperfect. It should be observed, moreover, that the combination here in Greek is identical with that in Hebrew, chap. xviii. 7. In this latter place, though, the Septuagint has only two of the foregoing verbs. It should be noted further that in chap. xxxi. 28, where five verbs of destruction appear in Hebrew, only the first and the last appear in Greek. Had these omissions been the outcome of a system, such irregularities could not have occurred.

Again, in Hebrew, chaps. vii. 4; xxii. 29, for the sake of emphasis, it is supposed, there is a
threefold occurrence of the phrase, "the temple of Jehovah," in the first passage, and also of the word "earth" in the second passage; while, in Greek, there is but a twofold occurrence of the corresponding term in each particular verse. For the reason indicated, the increased emphasis, the Hebrew is regarded as superior to the Greek. As an analogy in favour of the former, "Holy, holy, holy," Isa. vi. 3, has been cited. The cases, though, are scarcely parallel, and the analogy suggested is not by any means conclusive, either for the Hebrew or against the Greek. There is no good ground for holding that sufficient force is not expressed in each of these two passages in the Septuagint, nor is there any reason to believe that the absent words were left out by design. If desire for brevity had been the cause of these divergences, no repetition needed to have been made at all. A single use of each term would have been enough.

Another example of a similar sort is found in chap. xlvi. 20, where the verb "eome" occurs twice in the Hebrew and only once in the Greek. But, in this latter verse, as Hitzig rightly holds, the Septuagint gives a vastly better meaning than that which the Hebrew gives; and the reading, "comes upon her," which the Greek presents, is not only the one supported by many ancient
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authorities, but also is the one acknowledged by Graf to be the simpler of the two. The reading of the Septuagint is evidently correct. Although superfluous expressions are not so frequent in the Greek as in the Hebrew, yet more or less unnecessary words and phrases are sometimes found in the former when they are wanting in the latter, as, for example, "land," chap. i. 15; "from all the countries," chap. iii. 18, etc. In every instance of this species of divergence there must have been a corresponding deviation in the ancient manuscripts. At all events the Greek translator, doubtless, reproduced the reading which he found before him in his text.

3. The translator has omitted short sentences and half-verses which are not necessary to the meaning of a verse, but which are essential to the parallelism of its members, because he regarded them as redundant. In this way, by his constant striving after brevity, he not only has impaired the prophet's composition, but also has ignored a prominent peculiarity of Hebrew style, especially in poetry.

In this, as well as in the foregoing, species of omission, Graf argues that the variations must have arisen from the arbitrariness of the translator, because of the incredibility of any reviser or any editor having supplemented them, when the
style of Jeremiah was already too diffuse. Having, in a previous section, shown the unfairness and unreasonableness of this argument, it is sufficient here to add that it is more conceivable that an editor should have inserted harmless terms occasionally for the sake of balancing a sentence, or of perfecting a parallelism, than that the translator should have mutilated the prophet's style by capriciously abridging his Hebrew text. It is not necessary, however, to assume either of these alternatives in order to explain the deviations, except in certain passages which really bear traces of revision, and which will be indicated in the proper place. By whom or when revised, of course, is quite unknown. The passages thus expanded and interpolated appear in their revised form in the Massoretic text.

In the majority of instances in Greek where variations of this kind occur, the parallelism is not at all disturbed, much less destroyed, by the omission. Even in those cases where the Hebrew parallelism is thought to be superior to the Greek, the sense in Greek is almost invariably unimpaired by the divergence. The form of chap. xii. 3 is more pregnant and, it may be, more poetical in Hebrew than in Greek, but it cannot be justly claimed that the style of the Septuagint is imperfect, or that the text is incomplete. In some of
Graf's examples, as, for instance, chaps. xx. 5; xxi. 4; xxix. 12; xlvi. 14, not only is the parallelism of the Septuagint unaffected by the various divergences, but also the symmetry of the verse-members is excellent in every case. Could it be shown that the parallelism of the Greek was frequently inferior to that of the Hebrew, it would afford no proof of arbitrary omission on the part of the translator. It would simply indicate the character of the manuscript he used.

In many places, perhaps, it may be admitted that the parallelism of the Hebrew is somewhat better than that of the Septuagint, but this is far from being universally, or even commonly, the case. Quite frequently the two texts agree; but, when they disagree, the one is often practically as symmetrical as the other. In a number of important passages, though, the parallelism is decidedly improved by the reading given in the Greek. Examples of this kind are found in chaps. ii. 20, 24; iv. 15, 19; v. 20; xviii. 7; xxv. 9; xxxix. 17. So far as this species of omission is concerned, unless it can be believed that the translator sometimes changed a reading with reference to the parallelism, and at other times without reference to it, it must be naturally assumed that he always tried to give a true translation of the text he had. This charge of over-
looking a marked peculiarity of Hebrew style cannot be sustained. In view of all the circumstances of the case, it seems surprising that it should ever have been seriously made.

4. The translator has omitted minor explanations and detailed descriptions, where he could not leave out entire verses, because he looked upon them as irrelevant. By so doing, he has destroyed the rhythm of the sentences. Omissions of this kind, it is maintained, abound throughout the Septuagint, particularly in the narrative portions of the book.

This charge implies that the translator mutilated his ancient text, because he had not a proper acquaintance with one of the most conspicuous features of the Hebrew language. Like the foregoing charge, it really carries its own refutation with it. Without being influenced by a powerful prejudice, it is impossible for a moment to suppose that the rhythm was either disregarded or overlooked. A cultured Alexandrian scholar, who was born and bred, perhaps, in Judaism, as well as taught and trained in classic literature, cannot have been deficient in linguistic feeling, or wanting in literary appreciation of the peculiar genius of the ancient Jewish tongue. The English and German translators of the Old Testament did not overlook such manifest peculiarities of style as the Hebrew
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Idiom presents, some sixteen or seventeen centuries later, when, as critics all acknowledge, the grammatical niceties of the language were most imperfectly understood. Want of rhythmical perception or appreciation would not have led the Septuagint translator to mutilate his sacred text. The charge implies the grossest ignorance, as well as the greatest inconsistency and dishonesty.

Some of Graf's examples in support of his assertion are exceedingly unfortunate, to say the least. Chap. xxii. 30 has been selected as a specimen of a mutilated sentence, but the missing member, "he shall not prosper in his days," is not really required. The rhythm of the verse in Greek is good, and the meaning given is complete. Indeed, the sense in which the additional words in Hebrew should be understood can only be determined by the latter portion of the verse, which is also differently rendered in each text. Chap. xxv. 3 has been adduced as another illustration of a dismembered verse, but the lacking clause, "the word of Jehovah was to me," was not left out by design. If the conjunction καί, as Graf asserts, shows that the absent words must have been present in the original of the Septuagint, it does not prove that the translator omitted them. They may have been overlooked by a subsequent transcriber. The translator surely would not leave out
words essential to the construction of the verse in Greek. He must, at least, have understood the genius of his mother tongue.

In discussing this species of omission, Graf again resorts to his favourite practice of maintaining that, in one passage after another, the sentences and clauses wanting must have been omitted by the translator, because there was not the least occasion for a later writer to insert them. The first sentence of chap. xxiii. 10, "For the land is full of adulterers," was left out, he says, because of its apparent inappropriateness. Its nature quite excludes the supposition of its subsequent insertion, he believes. The words appear to be most inap-
propriate, it is true, but their absence is in favour of the Septuagint, to the original of which they certainly did not belong. Several of Graf's illustrations argue nothing for or against either of the texts. They simply indicate that the original of the one was shorter than that of the other. The text of the one is generally just as good as the text of the other, though the Greek is much conciser in chaps. xxxiv. 10, 11; xxxv. 8; xxxvi. 17, 32; xxxviii. 12; xlii. 20, 21; xlv. 29. In chap. xxxvi. 6 the sentence, "which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah," is probably a gloss taken from ver. 4, as Hitzig thinks; and in chap. xl. 4 the whole second half of the verse is
possibly an interpolation, as Movers and Hitzig both believe.

That the rhythm of the Hebrew is sometimes superior to the rhythm of the Greek is, doubtless, true; but this fact furnishes no fair reason to assert that the difference was due to the caprice of the translator, or to his ignorance of style. To be convinced of the injustice of this allegation, it is only necessary to observe the accuracy and fidelity with which he everywhere has done his work, having reproduced the original Hebrew with a literalness which extends, wherever practicable, to the order of the words as they must have stood in his ancient Hebrew manuscript. Respecting this class of variations also, it is more reasonable to suppose that certain clauses, here and there, were, at some time, inserted in the Massoretic text by Jewish sticklers for style, who were too regardful of the rhythm, than that they were omitted from the Septuagint by the Greek translator, who, according to Graf's theory, was quite regardless of it. The latter both observed it and preserved it with the utmost care. If the Greek text is less rhythmical than the Hebrew, and to some extent, perhaps, it is, he cannot be held responsible for the deficiency. It is possible that an occasional word or clause may have been overlooked in the translation or in the transcription, but this, as well as
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the foregoing, species of omission can only be explained by the hypothesis of a special text-recension.

5. The translator has omitted proper names and personal or official titles, which appear with frequency, and with some degree of regularity, in the historical parts particularly of the Massoretic text, because he thought them entirely unnecessary.

Wichelhaus attaches great importance to the annexing of the father's name to the names of persons, and indicates the rule by which, in Hebrew, he supposes they occur. He says, "If, therefore, in any passage, the name receives a special stress, if, as it were, the whole personality appears on the scene, the surnames are annexed according to the same law, by which it is, at one time, uttered with a lighter, at another time, expressed with a heavier, emphasis." These titles, though, are not nearly so important as he believes, nor does their repetition in Hebrew seem to have been governed by any regular rule. Although Graf apparently adopts the extreme view of Wichelhaus, he grants that these appended names and titles are not essential to a right understanding

1 "Quare si quo loco vis quaedam inest nomini, si tota quasi persona in scenam prodit, apponuntur cognomina eadem lege, qua modo leviore pronuntiatur sono, modo altiore voce effertur." De Jeremiae Versione Alexandrina, pp. 70, 71.
of the context, and that their presence or absence is a matter of indifference, so far as they concern the subject-matter of the book.

Graf's assumption, that these admittedly unimportant appendages must have been intentionally omitted by the translator, because it is incredible that a later editor should have given himself the superfluous trouble of introducing such a number of unnecessary names and titles, had they not stood originally in the Massoretic text, is again gratuitous and unreasonable. While some of these variations possibly indicate recensional divergences, others of them very probably were made by a later hand. Hitzig admits this probability in chap. xl. 9, in reference to "the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan," which is in apposition to the name of Gedaliah. At the first mention of Gedaliah in the preceding chapter, ver. 14, and also in the present chapter, ver. 5, as well in the Greek as in the Hebrew, the full form of the name is given, and its repetition here is entirely superfluous. Whether many of these differences were due to subsequent insertion or not, some of them very likely were; and it is unreasonable to suppose that they were the outcome of purpose or caprice on the part of the translator.

Some of this species of omission appear to indicate the primitive character of the Hebrew
manuscript which formed the original of the Septuagint translation. In ancient times such formulæ seem not to have been repeated with so much frequency as they were in modern times. The name "Pashhur," in chap. xx. 6, which Graf suggests could very well be spared after the pronoun "thou," may not have stood in the earliest Hebrew texts, and surely did not stand in the original of the Greek. In chap. xl. and following chapters, the addition to the Hebrew of "the son of Nethaniah" after the name of Ishmael, of "the son of Kareah" after the name of Johanan, and of "the son of Ahikam," or "the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan," after the name of Gedaliah, is almost invariably unnecessary, wherever it is wanting in the Septuagint. Indeed, after an individual has once, in any given paragraph or chapter, been definitely indicated or described, the repetition of the full form of the name in that particular paragraph or chapter becomes practically superfluous in every case. At the beginning of an entirely new section, there is an appropriateness in expressing a person's name in full, with the surname attached. This is the rule apparently adopted in the other Hebrew books, as Movers very properly has observed.¹

¹ "Regula enim de cognominibus vel titulis cum nominibus coniunctis hæc est, ut in oratione vulgari historica nomen cum
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The frequent recurrence, moreover, of the titles, "the priest" and "the prophet," which characterizes the Massoretic text, is also a species of redundancy. These titles are altogether unnecessary wherever they are wanting in the Septuagint, and their absence is in favour of the originality of the version. In every instance, too, the meaning is just as explicit in the Greek as in the Hebrew. Although, as Graf has stated, the name "Nebuchadnezzar" is wanting twenty-three times in the Septuagint, in no case is the omission necessary to the sense. The context always makes clear who is meant. Instead of being a defect, its absence is a great improvement. For Jeremiah's time the repetition of this name was entirely superfluous. For a later time it may have seemed desirable to a teacher or transcriber. For this reason, Movers rightly regards these repetitions as later glosses. After the death of Jeremiah, he supposes, when Nebuchadnezzar had successors with whom he might possibly be confused, his name was frequently appended.

The charge of systematic omission is perfectly disproved again by the important fact that sometimes such appendages do not appear in Hebrew

cognomine vel titulo tantum initio novae narrationis coniungi soleat, narratione autem progrediente, nisi maior orationi vis concilianda est, solum nomen admittatur." *De utriusque recensionis vaticinatorum Jeremia*, etc., p. 4.
where they do appear in Greek. This fact has been observed by Scholz. He says, "That it did not lie in the purpose of the Alexandrian translator, or in his manuscript, to abridge such names or surnames follows with evidence in abundance from this, that the Septuagint itself in certain passages has such appendages where they are wanting in the Massoretic text."¹ A few examples are sufficient for the purpose; for instance, "the son of Hananiah," chap. xxxv. 4; "the son of Neriah," chap. xxxvi. 14. There are also other appositional repetitions in Greek where there are none in Hebrew, such as "king of Judah," chaps. xxi. 3; xxxvi. 2; "king," chap. xxxvi. 9; "king of Babylon," chap. xxxii. 1; and also "Jeremiah," chap. xxxvi. 18.

6. The translator has omitted sometimes one and sometimes two from the group of words, "sword and famine and pestilence," which quite frequently occurs in Hebrew, because he did not carefully regard the context in which these words were found.

In chap. xxviii. 8, where two of them are want-

¹ "Dass es nicht in der Absicht des alexandrinischen Uebersetzers und seiner Vorlage gelegen ist, solche Namen oder Beinamen abzukürzen, geht zum Ueberflusse noch daraus mit Evidenz hervor, dass LXX. selbst an einigen Stellen solche Zusätze haben, wo sie im masorethischen Texte fehlen." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 100.
ing in the Septuagint, Graf thinks that the latter text seems to be mutilated by the omission, because this portion of the verse is disproportionate in length to the preceding part; but the single term expressed in Greek is amply sufficient, both for the sense and for the rhythm, if the meaning of the passage be observed. The introductory word in this place is not "sword" but "war;" and the Greek is really superior to the Hebrew, since there is a special contrast in vers. 8, 9 between war and peace. Although the union of the three words now under consideration is common in the Hebrew, their combination is by no means uniform. They vary both in respect to number, and also in respect to order of combination, in different portions of the book. A few illustrations of this variety of number and order may be given.

In chaps. xiv. 12; xxi. 9; xxiv. 10; xxvii. 8, 13; xxix. 17, 18; xxxii. 24, 36; xxxviii. 2; xlii. 17, 22; xlv. 13, the order of the words in Hebrew is "sword, famine and pestilence." Their number and order in Greek are just the same in chaps. xiv. 12; xxxii. 36. This order is changed in both texts in chap. xxxiv. 17, where the arrangement is "sword, pestilence and famine," and also in chap. xxiv. 10, in the Greek, where the arrangement is "famine, pestilence and sword." In chap. xxi. 7 again, the Hebrew has "pestilence,
sword and famine,” while the Greek has “pestilence, famine and sword.” In the first half of xiv. 15, where only two of these terms occur, both texts are in complete agreement. In chap. xiv. 16, where two of these words also appear in each text, the general order in the Hebrew is reversed, while in the Greek it is retained. Thus the latter has the advantage of arrangement, if it were of any particular significance.

The difference between the Hebrew and the Greek respecting this group of words is thus seen to be only occasional. As examples of irregular arrangement appear in each text, and as two instead of three words also sometimes occur in each, no real importance can be attached either to their order or to their number, and no certain conclusion can be drawn as to which form is the more original or correct. When both of the texts agree, no question of superiority can be raised, and when they disagree, no argument in favour of the one or of the other can be established. In this particular, the one text is practically as good as the other. A diversity existed, doubtless, in the ancient manuscripts. In view of the foregoing facts, it is manifestly foolish and unfair to suppose that the translator sometimes omitted one of the three words because he saw that only two occurred occasionally in his Hebrew text. Everything
indicates that he tried to give a true translation of the text he had.

7. The translator has omitted names and dates and specifications of various kinds, which abound in Hebrew, because he considered them meaningless or useless.

As Graf believes it impossible to regard such variations in the Hebrew text as glosses, or as in any sense the additions of a later hand, he asserts again that all such terms, when wanting in the Septuagint, must have been capriciously left out. This alternative also is unnecessary and unfair. His illustrations, too, do not support his charge. He instances, first, the omissions, of which there are several, in chap. xxviii. 3, 4; but the Septuagint here contains all that is essential to the sense, and really presents a more concise and finished reading than the Hebrew furnishes, as Hitzig honestly admits. The latter also points out very properly that the second half of ver. 3 in Hebrew, on account of the date in ver. 1, was quite superfluous for the readers of Jeremiah’s time, and that the long repetition in ver. 4 was rendered desirable solely by reason of the additions to the Massoretic text.

In the remaining examples of this sort adduced by Graf, there is no more evidence of design in the omissions than in the passage just considered.
The reading of the Septuagint in chap. xxi. 7 is the usual one throughout this book, and closely corresponds to that of both the texts in chaps. xix. 7, 9; xxxiv. 21; xlv. 30. Had the absent words, "into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon," been present in his text, the translator would undoubtedly have reproduced it. The variation in chap. xxxvi. 9, instead of indicating wilful omission and abridgment, as Graf and Hitzig claim, rather affords a clear proof of a twofold reading of this passage in the ancient manuscripts. For the sentence, "all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem," in the Hebrew, there is only the clause, "the house of Judah," in the Greek. But the one word "Judah" is common to both the texts, so that they cannot have been originally alike. The supposition is absurd. The same may be asserted also of the supposed omissions in chaps. xlii. 9; xlv. 24. The Septuagint translation of these passages is terse and good, and must have been made from a manuscript which was different from the present Hebrew text in manifold respects.

Again, the illustrations Graf has given of design in the absence from the Septuagint of detailed information respecting individuals, as in chap. xxvi. 22, or in the absence of one from a succession of well-known names, as in chap. xxxvi. 25
26, or in the absence of definite chronological data in some of the superscriptions, as in chaps. xxv. 1; xlvii. 1, are really no more fortunate or satisfactory. In not a single example is there any apparent or probable, much less certain, evidence of intentional omission. The text of the Greek is shorter than that of the Hebrew, but in every instance it is excellent, so far as this class of variation is concerned. The Septuagint appears to represent as accurately as the process of translation and transmission rendered possible the Hebrew text which the translator used.

8. The translator has omitted difficult words, uncommon terms, and unfamiliar phrases, whose meaning was, perhaps, obscure, or possibly unknown, because he thought such terms unsuited to the context in which they stood.

The expression "plundered," in chap. iv. 30, is supposed to be an illustration of this kind; but the word is quite unnecessary, as well as difficult with certainty to construe. Some critics consider it in apposition with the preceding pronoun "thou;" but Hitzig, with whom Graf agrees, holds that it is in apposition with the subject of the succeeding verb. Although the form of the word is admittedly irregular in its present position, it cannot have been omitted through ignorance, because it frequently occurs elsewhere
in Jeremiah, or by intention, because the translator could have rendered it then as readily as we are able to render it now.

The first half of chap. i. 36, "A sword is upon the boasters, and they shall become foolish," cannot have been omitted because the words were either difficult or unknown, as Graf seems to suggest by citing it in this connection, inasmuch as they are all simple words and easy to translate. The same is also true of the phrase, "and all the kings of Zimri," in chap. xxv. 25. The proper name is a familiar one, but it is nowhere else in Scripture used of a distinct body of people, and its application here in that sense is somewhat difficult to explain. At least, it is not known what particular tribe is meant, as the race referred to cannot be certainly identified. The translator had no greater reason to omit the words than we have, on account of the uncertainty of the reference in this obscure clause.

There is nothing either inappropriate or offensive in the use of the expression for "eunuch" in chap. xxxviii. 7 that should have led to its intentional omission, as Graf seems also to suggest. On the contrary, by the first mention of a person, as in the present case, the description is exceedingly appropriate. Even though the term had seemed unsuitable, which is incredible, that would have
formed no justification for omitting it, had it stood in the original text. The term "fatness" again in chap. xxxi. 14 was not omitted for either of the reasons indicated, because it was a familiar word, and is several times translated in other parts of the Old Testament. A further proof of this assertion is afforded by the circumstance that, instead of this term, the expression, "the sons of Levi," appears in the Septuagint. The translator would not have ventured to omit one word and to insert two words in its place. The original of the Greek was evidently different from that of the Hebrew, and the reading of the former in this verse is similar to the reading of the latter in chap. xxxiii. 18.

The last word in chap. xxxvi. 18, Graf thinks, was omitted because it was unknown to the translator. Hitzig also thinks that he skipped over it on account of its obscurity. The Greek, though, had a verb, which was very similar in form and signification to the root of the noun here rendered "ink." This fact must have been generally known, as well as the fact that fluids of various colours were used for writing by the ancient Jews. Moreover, had the word appeared in the Alexandrian recension, its meaning would have been at once apparent from the connection, even though to the translator its derivation had appeared obscure,
which seems entirely improbable. Some interpreters regard the word in this place as superfluous, because the meaning of the sentence is self-evident without it. On this account, they claim, it must have been omitted; but it is much more reasonable to suppose that it was wanting in the original of the Septuagint. The word was altogether unnecessary for the people of the prophet's time; and for the princes, to whom it is addressed, the information it contains was absolutely useless. As Scholz observes, "They knew as well as Baruch that the utterances were written 'with ink,' because they had just had them read to them from the roll. Thus the author of this remark has not understood the point in question." ¹

On close investigation, there seems to be no evidence in the book that the translator ever left out words because they were either difficult or unknown. If the derivation of a word was doubtful, or if its meaning was obscure, he transcribed it literally, as, for instance, ἀφίσα in chap. viii. 7; χαψώνας in chaps. vii. 18; xlv. 19. Modern translators, it should be observed, have often done the same thing. A similar transcription of the

¹ "Dass die Aussprüche 'mit Tinte' geschrieben waren, wussten sie so gut wie Baruch, denn sie hatten sich ja aus der Rolle vorlesen lassen. Der Urheber dieser Bemerkung hat also den Fragepunkt nicht verstanden." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., pp. 103, 104.
first word, it may be pointed out, is found in the Alexandrian version of Job xxxix. 13, and of the second word, in the English version of Amos v. 26. Nothing could have justified a translator in leaving out or passing over words because they were obscure or difficult. He was bound either to translate them or to reproduce them. Scholz’s remark on this point is very reasonable. He says, “A translator cannot simply pass over unknown words. The words, as they stand, should and must be translated. In cases, therefore, where the ordinary means for finding the meaning of a word fail, there remains nothing but either to seek to divine the meaning, or to apply for advice to the kindred Semitic languages, or finally to give the Hebrew word untranslated back again with Greek letters. Our translator has pursued all these ways. This observation is of high importance for the characteristic of his work. It evidences the groundlessness of the assertion that he has left untranslated words and passages, because they seemed to him particularly difficult.”

9. The translator has omitted lengthy passages,

1 “Ein Uebersetzer kann nicht über unbekannte Wörter einfach hinweggehen. Die Wörter, die dastehen, sollen und müssen übersetzt werden. Es erübrigt also in Fällen, wo die gewöhnlichen Mittel, die Bedeutung eines Wortes zu finden, versagen, nichts, als entweder den Sinn zu errathen suchen, oder bei den verwandten semitischen Sprachen sich Raths zu erholen, oder endlich das hebräische Wort unübersetzt mit griechischen Buchstaben wie-
which are substantially the same as those occurring in earlier chapters of the book, because he thought their repetition undesirable, and thus endeavoured to avoid it.

Repetition, both on a large and small scale, is peculiarly characteristic of the writings of Jeremiah, particularly in the prophetic portions of his work. Quite frequently whole paragraphs, some of them significantly long, from the earlier prophecies, are nearly word for word repeated in the later ones. In many instances, they seem to suit the context in the second place almost as well as in the first. Not always, though, by any means, can this be said to be the case. Sometimes the repetition is manifestly inappropriate. Many of these repeated passages appear to be interpolations. Some of them should possibly be so regarded even when they are found in both the texts. When they occur in Hebrew only, their want of genuineness is scarcely at all questionable.

Approximately thirty-seven of these longer passages are repeated in the Hebrew Bible. Thirty of them, or thereabouts, are correspondingly re-

aller." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 24.
peated in the Alexandrian version. The seven passages that are wanting in the Septuagint are apparently, in every instance, in the Hebrew out of place. Their insertion in the latter cannot be accounted for with certainty. Whether they were incorporated in some Hebrew manuscripts, at a very ancient date, or were added to the Massoretic text, at a period later than the Septuagint, are questions to which no positive answer can be given. They probably belong, however, to more modern times. Kühl's suggestion is worthy of consideration. He supposes that these additions came into the Massoretic text at a later time, and that they did not belong to the original of the Greek translator, or, if they did, that they simply appeared in the margin of his text as glosses which he naturally did not adopt. In any case, they seem to be interpolations for reasons that will now be fully pointed out.

Taking these seven omitted passages in the order in which they are repeated in the Hebrew, it will be observed, first, that chap. viii. 10–12 is almost identical with chap. vi. 12–15. The idea in each is just the same, and the language is very slightly different. The repetition is not merely superfluous, but, as Hitzig indicates, it is disturbing to the sense. Ver. 13, which is united in thought to the

1 Das Verhältniss der Massora zur Septuaginta, p. 56.
clause, "their fields to them that shall possess them," in that part of ver. 10 which is common to both texts, begins badly and awkwardly, as it stands in Hebrew, having no natural connection with what immediately precedes. In chap. vi. 12-15, on the other hand, the passage is appropriate and in place. There no valid objection to it can be urged. Its absence from the Septuagint in this chapter is significant. Even Graf acknowledges that its presence does not suit the context in the latter so well as in the former place. Whether it be a gloss or not, it certainly lies under the suspicion, pointed out and emphasized by Hitzig, of having been sometime supplementarily interpolated in the Hebrew text.

With the exception of the last few words, "but they did them not," chap. xi. 7, 8 is wanting in the Septuagint. The omitted verses somewhat correspond to chap. vii. 24-26. The first part of ver. 8 in the former chapter is almost exactly the same as ver. 24 in the latter chapter. Since Graf refers to it in this connection, the passage claims attention for that reason. In the first place, it should be observed that the passages, though similar, are not sufficiently alike to have suggested the omission of one of them in order to avoid the repetition, even though it were probable that the translator ever left out words and verses on that ground. In the
second place, the three words expressed in the Greek do not prove, as Graf asserts, the presence in the original of the Septuagint of the omitted portions of the passage. According to the Hebrew text, these three words are to be understood as referring to the forefathers mentioned in ver. 7; but there is also a logical connection between them and ver. 6, to which they directly refer in the Greek, and to which they may also properly refer in both the Hebrew and the Greek. The repetition here is quite unnecessary, and Hitzig is in error when he says that without it vers. 9, 10 would be ungrounded and unintelligible. In the third place, the repeated passage may have been, as Movers is inclined to view it, a simple gloss taken from chap. vii. 24–26.

A similar explanation must be given of chap. xvii. 3, 4, which coincides in Hebrew pretty nearly with chap. xv. 13, 14. The modifications in the two passages are slight, or, at least, unimportant. Both Graf and Hitzig regard the passage in the former place as the original of the passage in the latter place. Both also regard the two verses as destroying all connection where they stand in chap. xvii. 3, 4. Their reasoning, though, in each respect, is altogether inconclusive. To believe with them respecting the origin of chap. xv. 13, 14, is to suppose that a portion of an earlier chapter was
taken from a later one, and was inserted where it would disturb the sense. The supposition is utterly unreasonable. It is also inconsistent with the principle of omitting parallel passages which Graf unworthily ascribes to the translator. Ver. 10 of this latter chapter is evidently connected in sense with ver. 15, but the continuation of thought does not require the leaving out of vers. 11–14, as Graf gratuitously asserts. Whether the passage in question is more appropriate in chap. xvii. than in chap. xv., as the critics mentioned claim, is open to discussion. The fact that it appears in chap. xv., both in Hebrew and in Greek, affords conclusive evidence of its great age, if not of its absolute genuineness; and the fact that it does not appear in chap. xvii. of the Septuagint renders its repetition there suspicious, to say the least. Besides, chap. xvii. 1–4 is all omitted in the Greek, and the whole paragraph may be dropped out without any detriment whatever to the context. For this reason, in addition to the reasons that have been already indicated, it is practically certain that the first part of this chapter did not belong to the translator’s manuscript.

An examination of chap. xxx. 10, 11 leads to a very similar result. The passage occurs in substance in chap. xlvi. 27, 28, and is, in the one place or the other, undoubtedly a gloss. Perhaps,
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in each place, it should be regarded as an interpolation. If so, it must be very old, since, in this latter chapter, it is found in both the texts. De Wette, Hitzig, Movers, on account of some divergences from the prophet's usual style, which seem to characterize them, consider these two verses spurious, and ascribe them to the so-called Deutero-Isaiah. With the exception of the phrase, "my servant Jacob," which is frequent in the second part of Isaiah, Graf answers their objections as to authorship with considerable success. While there is nothing in the language absolutely incompatible with Jeremiah's style, there is something peculiar in a few of the expressions used. Graf and Hitzig, however, both consider the passage more appropriate in chap. xxx. 10, 11 than in chap. xlvi. 27, 28, and they suppose it was omitted from the former chapter by the translator, because it succeeds the latter chapter in the Septuagint. Whether the passage suits the one place better than the other, or whether it is genuine in either place, where it is omitted in the Greek, it was, doubtless, wanting in the original of the Septuagint, a possible alternative which even Hitzig honestly suggests.

The long paragraph, chap. xxxiii. 14–26, is a very significant omission, the partial occasion for which, Graf believes, was the consideration that it was composed, for the most part, of literal or sub-
stantial repetitions of preceding passages. Vers. 15, 16 almost coincide with chap. xxiii. 5, 6; vers. 17, 18 sound a little like xxxv. 19; vers. 20, 22, 25, 26 somewhat resemble chap. xxxi. 35–37. The chief occasion, though, he thinks, was the non-fulfilment of the prophecy concerning David, and respecting the promised increase of the Levites and of the Davidic dynasty. He also attributes somewhat to the translator's supposed constant habit of abridgment. But the genuineness of this paragraph is held in doubt by Michaelis, Jahn, and Hitzig, the latter of whom regards the whole section as a succession of single sentences taken from various sources. Bleek, de Wette, and Movers share substantially the same doubt. From the style, as well as from the subject-matter of the prophecy, a strong argument for the spuriousness of the passage has been presented by the last four critics. The question of its genuineness, however, does not really concern this brief discussion. The special purpose of the present investigation is to show the great injustice of asserting that it was intentionally omitted by the Greek translator. It is much more easy, as Bleek has justly said, to conceive how a later writer might have added the whole prophecy than to imagine why any person should have left it out. It may possibly have belonged to the original of the Massoretic
text, but certainly did not belong to the original of the Septuagint translation.

A still more positive result is obtained by the examination of chap. xxxix. 4–13. The narrative coincides in general, though not in detail, with the historic account in chap. lli., and also in 2 Kings xxv. The genuineness of the greater portion of this chapter has long been questioned by interpreters. The absent passage, whether spurious in this place or not, can with no more propriety be ascribed to Jeremiah than can the fifty-second chapter of this book, or the corresponding passage of the Second Book of Kings. The verses wanting do not properly belong in this connection. They not only interrupt the narrative, but also they disturb the order of the thought. The account which they contain, too, does not agree with that in chap. lli. In that chapter, the ninth day of the fourth month is mentioned as that on which provisions in the city failed; in this chapter, it is mentioned as the day on which the city was taken by storm. The connection, moreover, between ver. 3 and ver. 14, as in the Septuagint, is easy and natural; whereas ver. 13, which is a repetition of ver. 3, seems to have been inserted in the Hebrew for the purpose of uniting ver. 12 to ver. 14. By omitting vers. 4–13, the narration from chap. xxxviii. 28 proceeds logically and connectedly to the end. This fact,
though, furnishes no reason to suppose with Graf that the whole passage was omitted, because it seemed unnecessary to the translator. He did not find it in his text. Its absence from the Septuagint affords important evidence of the critical value of this ancient version. Its testimony respecting this very dubious paragraph is weighty, and also worthy of the fullest consideration.

The remaining passage, chap. xlviii. 40, 41, which is substantially the same as chap. xlix. 22, admits of treatment similar to that which the foregoing passages have received. It is entirely unnecessary, where it is absent from the Greek, and any plausible reason for its repetition has never yet been given. Graf supposes that this passage was omitted from the Septuagint, because chap. xlviii. 40, 41 in the Hebrew comes after chap. xlix. 22 in the Greek. But it cannot have been omitted on that ground, as Hitzig properly contends. Both he and Movers consider it an extraneous, if not a spurious, addition. Owing to the divergences between the two passages in the Hebrew, the adding of a predicate and the changing of a preposition, the former critic holds that Jeremiah hardly would himself have used, and in the later passage, chap. xlix. 22, have corrected, his own words. No intentional omission on the ground of repetition can in fairness be supposed. The absent
verses did not belong to the original of the Septuagint translation, or else they would have been carefully reproduced.

Each of these seven passages, where wanting in the Septuagint, is, when critically and impartially considered, apparently out of place. That they were in every instance glosses by a later hand, as some interpreters suppose, seems altogether probable; but that they were not present in the translator’s manuscript seems absolutely certain. It is incredible that the translator should have found these passages in his text, and then have left them out, because he thought them spurious or inappropriate. It is also inconceivable that he should have wilfully omitted them, because he tried, as much as possible, to avoid unnecessary repetitions, inasmuch as thirty times or more he has repeated passages quite as unnecessary to the context as these appear to be. If he found the whole thirty-seven before him, why did he omit just these seven passages? Why should they, and they alone, have been left out and all the others have been left in? The only reasonable answer to this question seems to be that they did not belong to his original, and that they are, in every case, interpolations by a later hand. It is significant that each of these omitted passages, apart from its inappropriateness where it is absent from the
Greek, is of doubtful origin and of suspicious character.

If one supposes that these passages really did belong to his original, one must believe that the translator left them out because of their apparent spuriousness or inappropriateness. He cannot have omitted them without first considering whether they were genuine or not. If, after consideration, he decided not to reproduce them, as Graf supposes, then very little value can be attached to his translation. It is merely an arbitrary and untrustworthy piece of literary work without any critical worth whatever. After showing the mechanical and unreliable character of the translation, if such an unworthy opinion of the translator be entertained, Kühl pertinently says, "Why then did he do it only in these seven passages and not in every place, where—sometimes at no very great intervals—repetitions occur? and wherefore did he, in spite of his former lack of critical acumen, in his omissions which, by this supposition, would still be a product of his arbitrariness, hit upon exactly the seven passages, whose originality, indeed, is doubtful in the very highest degree? With that view, these questions ever remain unanswered, and they elicit from every impartial observer the acknowledgment that here, and if here, then, of course, in other passages as well, the Septuagint is wholly in
the right. At all events, though, too depreciative is the judgment of Graf, who will attribute to it no authority whatever.”

Graf’s theory respecting the seven passages just considered apparently rests on the assumption that they are always wanting in the Septuagint where, according to the order of the prophecies in that version, they, if repeated, would appear a second time. This supposition, though, is incorrect. One exception to this rule exists, and that is quite sufficient for the purpose of disproof. Chap. xxxix. 4–13 is absent from the Greek, while it is present in chap. lii., notwithstanding the fact that the latter chapter ends the book in both the Hebrew and the Greek. Although each of these seven repeated passages appears to be of very dubious character, and, although each one, if not entirely inappropriate where it is wanting in the Septuagint, might be, at least, omitted without at all disturb-

1 “Warum that er es denn blos an diesen sieben Stellen und nicht überall, wo (manchmal in nicht allzugrossen Zwischenräumen) Wiederholungen stattfinden? und weshalb trifft er bei seinen Auslassungen (trotz seines sonstigen Mangels an scharfsinniger Kritik), die bei dieser Annahme doch ein Produkt seiner Willkür wären, gerade die sieben Stellen, deren Ursprünglichkeit in der That im höchsten Grade zweifelhaft ist? Diese Fragen bleiben bei jener Ansicht immer unbeantwortet, und sie nöthigen jeden unparteiischen Beobachter das Zugeständniss ab, dass hier, und wenn hier, dann jedenfalls auch an anderen Stellen, die LXX. in vollem Recht ist, jedenfalls aber das Urtheil Grafs zu abschätzigen, der ihr gar keine Autorität zuschreiben will.” Das Verhältniss der Massora zur Septuaginta, p. 60.
ing the connection or injuring the sense, it is remarkable that Graf attributes the omission in each case to the self-same arbitrary practice by which he persistently endeavours to account for the various species of omission that have already been discussed. When it suits his purpose, he accuses the translator of the grossest ignorance, and, when such a supposition is clearly contradicted by the facts, he accuses him of the greatest arbitrariness. This kind of reasoning is inconsistent and confutes itself. His theory is altogether too accommodating. It maintains that the translator systematically abridged his text, and then it holds him responsible for numberless omissions which no sort of system can explain.

It should be also noted here that many other passages are repeated in the Septuagint, not where they occur the first time in the Hebrew, but where they occur the second time. This is a most significant fact, and it affords additional disproof of Graf’s unjustifiable and unjust assumption. Scholz has an important observation on this point. “If, however,” he says, “there was need of a still further proof, the supposition of intentional omission is excluded by this, that the Greek translation, in a number of passages, does not express repeating and like-meaning verses, while it has them in a second place. How would that be
conceivable with a translator who translates without consideration?" ¹ Such a supposition is both unreasonable and absurd. The translator had neither reason nor desire to abridge his text. Had the repetition of unnecessary matter been his aim, he might have left out many times as much as he has been accused of leaving out. An unprejudiced investigator, who carefully considers all the facts, must grant at once the unreasonableness of Graf's accusation. He must also admit with Kühl, not only respecting the seven long repeated passages in particular, but also respecting the numberless unnecessary omissions in general, that the ground of their omission was not a subjective but an objective one; that is, it lay not in the arbitrary procedure of the translator, but in the peculiar form of his original.²

It is still more remarkable, if possible, that in each of the other cases in which a parallel passage is repeated in the Septuagint of this book, Graf


² "Der Grund der Auslassung ist kein subjektiver, d. h. er liegt nicht in dem eigenmächtigen Verfahren des Uebersetzers, sondern ein objektiver (äußerer), d. h. er liegt in der Gestaltung seines Originals." Das Verhältniss der Massora zur Septuaginta, p. 56.
supposes that the translator had forgotten that he had once already rendered it. Otherwise, he seems to think, all such passages would have been omitted. In his opinion, the translator must have been not only incompetent and inconsistent, but also endowed with a very treacherous memory, which frequently forgot to apply the principles of his own most imperfect scheme. Such ingenuity of explanation in a Biblical scholar is exceedingly unusual, to say the least, and certainly was worthy of a better cause. How such a monstrous supposition could have been deliberately suggested seems itself almost inexplicable. The assumption that the translator had a system, and then forgot to apply it in some thirty out of thirty-seven lengthy passages, is so ridiculous that it scarcely claims a formal answer; and yet, since Graf has made the accusation, it must not be passed by without some attention, notwithstanding its absurdity.

Apart from the utter improbability that a definite rule of translation could be forgotten four times, at least, as often as it was remembered by one who is supposed to have made it specially for his personal guidance, it seems sufficient further to observe that some of the passages repeated in the Septuagint stand so near to each other as to render the idea of forgetfulness wholly inconceivable to a person who takes into account all the facts of the
case. Scholz has answered Graf's suggestion on this point aptly and completely. He says, "If it is a principle of the translator to pass over passages and expressions, which repeat themselves, as superfluous in a second place, how could he so neglect this his own principle that he applied it in only a comparatively small number of cases, whereas, in by far the great majority of places, he likewise translates the recurring passages, and, indeed, not merely in cases where an oversight was possible,—although that from the first is improbable in the highest degree, as certainly not the next best into whose hands the book fell devoted himself to the translation. We have rather, with the greatest likelihood, to suppose that it is the work of a 'Teacher in Israel,' who by frequent reading had made himself familiar with the book in all of its details."¹

¹ "Wenn es Grundsatz des Uebersetzers ist, Stellen und Aussprüche, die sich wiederholen, als überflüssig an zweiter Stelle zu übergehen, wie konnte er diesen seinen Grundsatz so ausser Acht lassen, dass er ihn nur in einer verhältnismässig kleinen Anzahl von Fällen anwandte, in den weitaus meisten Stellen dagegen die wiederkehrenden Stellen ebenfalls übersetzt, und zwar nicht bloß in Fällen, wo ein Vergessen möglich war—obgleich das von vornherein im höchsten Grade unwahrscheinlich ist, da sicherlich nicht der Nächstbeste, dem das Buch in die Hand fiel, sich an die Uebersetzung machte. Wir haben vielmehr mit höchster Wahrscheinlichkeit anzunehmen, dass es die Arbeit eines 'Lehrers in Israel' ist, der mit dem Buche in allen seinen Einzelheiten durch vielmaliges Lesen sich vertraut gemacht hat." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 26.
The examination of a great variety of minor omissions, which Graf does not attempt to classify, as well as a considerable number of longer ones, which have, as yet, not been discussed in this investigation, affords still further proof that the translator used another and a different text from that transmitted to us by the Massorites. Both their nature and their number are too significant to be overlooked. Not simply do they supply important evidence for the hypothesis of a special text-recension, but they furnish useful material for the history of the whole Old Testament Scriptures. They also shed a flood of light upon the present character and condition of the Massoretic text. On the ground of being either unnecessary, or superfluous, or inappropriate, or interpolated, some of them have been rejected by Graf himself. On the same ground many of them have been rejected by Hitzig or by Movers, or by both. On a similar ground, moreover, others of them must be regarded either as spurious or as suspicious, to say the very least.

The great majority of the omissions may be characterized generally as unnecessary; that is, neither are they requisite for the complete grammatical construction of the text, nor are they essential for a proper understanding of it. This is true especially of all or nearly all of those belonging to
each of the nine species of omission that have already been investigated. It is also just as true of all or nearly all of those remaining undiscussed. Their presence or absence is practically immaterial, although, in several instances, the reading in the Hebrew may be considered preferable to the reading in the Greek. By characterizing the omissions in general as unnecessary, it is not meant that they are generally spurious, although unquestionably they sometimes are; nor is it meant that many of them did not belong to the original of the Masoretic text, although undoubtedly some of them did not. They are thus characterized principally against Graf and others who assert that the omissions from the Septuagint indicate a mutilated text.

A considerable number of omissions may be characterized appropriately as superfluous. They are not only unnecessary, but also redundant. This redundancy, in many places, doubtless, points to textual divergences. These may have generally belonged to the Palestinian recension. Whether this can always be claimed to be the case, however, is very questionable. The question, too, is one that cannot easily be answered. Such omissions are described in this connection as superfluous, some of them on his own admission, especially again against Graf and his arbitrary theory of intentional omission on the part of the translator.
A significant number of omissions must be characterized properly as inappropriate. They are not only unnecessary and superfluous, but also out of place. In many passages, they either interrupt the progress of the narrative, or disturb the harmony of the thought. For various and manifest reasons they do not properly belong where they are wanting in the Greek. It is not always easy to account for their existence, although a possible explanation may, in some instances, be pretty safely suggested. Their origin was, doubtless, due to a variety of causes, which extended over a long period of time.

A still more significant number of omissions can only be characterized correctly as interpolated. They cannot be truthfully described by any other term. They are not only unnecessary and superfluous and inappropriate, but also spurious as well. They cannot have been uttered by the prophet, nor can they have belonged to any authorized edition of his writings. That some of them are ancient appears probable; but how old, of course, it is impossible to tell. That many, if not most, of them arose after the making of the Septuagint translation seems practically certain; but when or by whom they arose can never be determined. It may be possible, however, to account for some of them conjecturally.
The omissions of letters, of which there are several, are also worthy of some consideration here. This species of omission is of special interest, because it shows how a number of important variations may be naturally explained. Some of these divergences may have been recensional; others of them may have been transcriptional. Except in so far as the context pronounces the one form or the other to be preferable, it is difficult to decide which reading is the more primitive. By placing the examples together, their comparative excellence may the more easily be estimated. The instances are as follows:—

i. 14; יִבָּעֵרֵי—בְּכָפֵיתוֹ, ii. 34; בַּכְפַּיתוֹ—בָּכְפַּיתוֹ, iii. 2; רִיבָּם—רַבּוֹם (?) מבטש—מבטש (??), iii. 3; בָּכְלָה—וכָלָה (?) בָּכָלָה, iv. 1; חָמָשָׁה—חָמָשְׁנִיה (??) חָמָשְׁנִיהware, vi. 2; בַּשְׁבָּבְשָׁה—כַּשָּׁבְשָׁהוֹ, vi. 6; בְּשַׁבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשְׁבַּבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ, vi. 14; בְּשַׁבְשַׁבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשְׁבַּבְשַׁבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ, vi. 19; אֲשֶׁר—אֲשֶׁר, vi. 23; בְּשַׁבְשַׁבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשְׁבַּבְשַׁבְשָׁהוֹ, xi. 19; בָּכָלָה—בָּכָלָה, xv. 16; בָּכָלָה—בָּכָלָה, xviii. 12; יָנָה—יָנָה, xviii. 14; בָּרָה—בָּרָה, xxiii. 15; בַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xxxvii. 11; בַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xliii. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 12; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 12; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 2; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 22; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlvi. 22; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, xlix. 9; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, li. 38; בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, or בְּשַׁבָּבְשָׁהוֹ—כַּשָּׁבָבְשָׁהוֹ, li. 27; בָּכָל—בָּכָל, li. 59.
CHAPTER III.
THE VARIATIONS—ADDITIONS.

Convincing as is the evidence obtainable from the Omissions of a twofold text-recension of this book, the evidence derivable from the Additions is, if possible, more conclusive still. Their number, as well as their importance, has not as yet been properly appreciated. Even Bleek, who is a great admirer of the Alexandrian version and a vigorous advocate of different text-recensions, has failed to point out their significance. He says, "The Septuagint only seldom has additions, and these consisting simply of single words or members." ¹

This statement, however, is scarcely accurate. Though small compared with that of the omissions, it is true, their number, notwithstanding, is considerable. They really amount to several hundred words. Significant as their number is, their nature is much more significant. Instead of being confined exclusively to "single words

or members," as he says, they are composed occasionally of sentences, and frequently of groups of words, which sometimes modify the meaning of a passage, at other times explain a difficulty in the Massoreetic text, at other times again exhibit a reading, not only different from but also superior to the one which the Hebrew gives.

Respecting the additions, Graf is almost as unreasonable and inconsistent in his allegations as he is in reference to the omissions. He says, for instance, "Of the additions to the Massoreetic text, which, on the other side, occur in the Septuagint, only a few are to be found which can prompt the supposition that they exhibit genuine text, that might have been omitted from the present Hebrew through the fault of copyists." 1 This bare assertion, of course, is true; but the implication is false. There is no ground whatever to suppose that variations of this kind were often due to oversight or omission on the part of those who anciently transcribed the Massoreetic text, although it may not be improbable that here and there a word or two may have been overlooked. The additions are too numerous and significant to be explained on any rational

1 "Unter den Zusätzen zu dem massoreischen Texte, die andererseits in LXX. vorkommen, finden sich nur wenige, die zu der Annahme veranlassen können, dass sie ächten Text darstellen, der in dem jetzigen hebräischen durch Schuld der Abschreiber weggefallen wäre." Der Prophet Jeremia, Einleitung, p. xlix.
hypothesis other than the one suggested and illustrated by the examples of omission that have already been discussed. They afford conclusive evidence of a special text-recension. They represent, undoubtedly, a very ancient text, and bear invaluable testimony to its general excellence throughout.

The theories of explanation held by Graf are not merely incorrect but contradictory. He claims that the translator systematically abridged his text, and contends that the omissions from the Septuagint were due to his persistent striving after brevity, because of the impossibility of believing that they were left out by a later writer or transcriber from the Hebrew text. He then suggests that everywhere a later hand is recognizable in the additions as well as in the omissions of the Septuagint. If it is incredible, when discussing the omissions, to suppose that such variations were due to a later hand, it is certainly just as incredible when discussing the additions. According to this hypothesis, to be consistent, he should attribute all the variations to the Greek translator. When it suits his convenience, though, he ascribes them to the translator, and when it does not, he ascribes them to a later editor or reviser. Graf seems to be driven to this desperate alternative respecting the origin of the additions by perceiving that, although he
believes that the translator systematically abridged his text, no one could believe that he abridged it and enlarged it at the same time.

As the omissions prove the improbability of Graf's hypothesis, so also the additions prove its impossibility. They demonstrate not only the unfairness of asserting that the translator was always striving after brevity, but also the unreasonableness of supposing that he either added to or took away from the ancient Hebrew text which he employed. It is useless to suppose that he neglected his own principle of systematic omission, or that he forgot in all such cases to apply it. Even Graf himself sees the preposterousness of such a supposition. Hence he regards the additions, in almost every case, as spurious, and endeavours to account for them by alleging that they belong to a later time. Having given a brief discussion of their character, he says, "After the explanation, there can be no longer a doubt that the text-form presented by the Greek translator is a mutilated and corrupted one, that arose, in a much later time, out of the Hebrew text which has been preserved to us."¹ How far this state-

ment is from harmonizing with the facts will be evinced by carefully examining the additions. That they were not taken from the air, to render literally a German phrase, is very evident; and that they were due neither to translator nor transcriber can be very clearly shown. As a rule, they bear the marks of age and genuineness upon them, and thus proclaim their own originality or primitive character. As Graf ascribes them now to one cause and then to another, it is by no means easy to arrange his objections to their genuineness systematically. It seems better, though, so far as practicable, to attempt to classify them. For convenience' sake, they may be generally grouped in five distinct classes.

1. Many additions prove themselves to be spurious, because they violate the sense of the verses or the parallelism of the verse-members. This is a somewhat serious accusation. Graf indicates only a few instances of this kind, and none of those are really to the point.

In chap. iv. 29, for example, where the Hebrew has "they go into the thickets," the Greek has "they go into the caves and hide themselves in the thickets." It is unfair to say that the parallelism of the verse in Greek is violated. There may just as properly be three predicates as two. If one supposes with Schleusner that the Hebrew
word translated "thicket" was repeated in the Septuagint, one has still to account for the additional verb "to hide." The latter clearly indicates an ancient reading, a similar form of which occurs in other parts of the Old Testament, as, for instance, in 1 Kings xviii. 13. The two texts in the present verse seem never to have been the same. Besides the additions in the Greek the minor variations are important, and in favour of the Septuagint. Instead of going up "into the rocks," the Greek has going up "upon the rocks;" instead of "the whole city," it has "the whole country." This latter reading is superior to the one in Hebrew, inasmuch as "country" forms a natural contrast to "city" in the following member of the verse, as Hitzig freely admits. In this same member the absence of the article from the word for "city" is also favourable to the Septuagint. The people would naturally flee from every city in the whole land, and not merely from the whole city of Jerusalem.

The added words, "and your olive-yards," in chap. v. 17, cannot be fairly said to violate the parallelism. There may as well be three as two particulars. The fact that a similar addition is found in the Septuagint translation of Ps. iv. 8 affords a further proof that the text employed by the translator presented in each passage a
reading different from the Massoretic text. If the parallelism of the Greek were inferior to that of the Hebrew, which is not really the case, it would not disprove the genuineness of the Septuagint, nor would it prove that the words were added either by the translator or by a later hand. It would rather indicate their originality, because, to an impartial mind, it is incredible that any person should have intentionally injured the Hebrew style by adding to the text of Scripture. The words in Greek are surely genuine.

In chap. xxxii. 19, the peculiar clause, "the great God Sabáoth, and Jehovah of great name," was neither added by a later hand, as Graf assumes, nor arbitrarily inserted in its present place, as Hitzig says. The variation seems to have been due, partly to an accidental repetition, and partly to an imperfect condition of the original Hebrew text. The words, "the great God," were apparently repeated by mistake, either in transcribing the Hebrew original or the Greek translation. The remaining words evidently arose from imperfection in the ancient manuscript, as they contain exactly the letters, but in a different order, of the last three words of the 18th and the first word of the 19th verse. In the Massoretic text, we have יְהוָ֣ה צְבָאֹ֣ות שָׁמַ֔ם; in
the Septuagint, we have שֶׁהָיָה יְהוָה or שֶׁהָיָה יִהוָה. Thus, by means of the Hebrew letters, the variation may be explained. The explanation is rendered the more probable, inasmuch as the last three words of ver. 18 are wanting in the Septuagint, but are found, as indicated, in the 19th verse. The case affords an illustration either of textual imperfection, or of transcriptional carelessness, or, perhaps, of both.

In chap. xiv. 15, for the words, “by the sword,” in Hebrew, the Greek has “of grievous death they shall die.” This cannot have been an arbitrary variation, as Graf suggests. The translator would not, and a later writer could not, consistently with reason, so have changed the sacred text. The words in the Hebrew are very simple, and evidently belonged to the Palestinian recension. The sentence in the Septuagint is most unusual, and must have belonged to the Alexandrian recension. It occurs but once in the Hebrew Bible, and that is in chap. xvi. 4 of this book; whereas it occurs twice in the Greek translation, once in this latter chapter, and once in the passage under consideration. The expression, therefore, is peculiar to the prophet Jeremiah. In each passage of the Septuagint the words in Greek are identical; and they are just as appropriate in the one as in the other. The very peculiarity of the language is a
proof of its genuineness, or, at least, of recensional differences in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts.

There may be, now and then, a passage in the Greek where, owing to the presence of an additional word or clause, the parallelism is less perfect than in the Hebrew, but such instances, if such there be, are really very rare. In the great majority of cases the additions either affect the parallelism favourably, or they affect it not at all. In none of these places, though, is there the slightest reason to suppose that the improvement is due either to translator or reviser. Examples of superior parallelism due to the additions in the Septuagint may be found by comparing the Hebrew with the Greek in chap. i. 17, where the latter has "fear not before them and be not dismayed before them" instead of "be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them;" v. 20, where it has "the house of Judah" instead of "Judah;" ix. 25, where it has "the sons of Moab" instead of "Moab."

2. Many additions, inconsistently with the former system of abridgment, are taken from other passages, and inserted where they do not properly belong, or where they are altogether out of place. This assertion can be shown to be entirely incorrect by carefully examining the passages which Graf has cited by way of illustration.
The added phrase, "because they shall not profit you at all," chap. vii. 4, Graf says, is taken from ver. 8. But the form of the expression in the latter verse is not the same as that which is given here. The one is not a repetition of the other, nor can the one be fairly claimed to have been taken from the other. The language in each verse is different, and the number of words used also varies. Even had the phrases been identical, no reason for supposing that the one was repeated from the other would have been apparent. At all events, as they are now found, each one is most appropriate in the form, as well as in the place, in which it stands.

In like manner, the added clause, "to your own hurt," chap. vii. 9, Graf considers, is taken from ver. 6. His supposition here again is just as incorrect as in the preceding case. The Septuagint renders the clause in ver. 6 literally, and, moreover, exactly as it also stands in Hebrew, chap. xxv. 7. In this latter passage, on the other hand, the words are wanting in the Septuagint. Why should a translator be accused, for no conceivable reason whatever, of omitting words because they were unnecessary in one place, and of inserting them in another place where they were quite as unnecessary? Only a foolish theory would admit such an absurdity. The words were neither
arbitrarily added in chap. vii. 9 nor arbitrarily omitted in chap. xxv. 7. The first two verses of this present chapter are wanting in the Greek; there are also several other omissions, of more or less importance, in other parts of the chapter. The significant additions which likewise characterize it, as well as the omissions, point to a special text-recension.

The addition, "and those who are going in at these gates," chap. xix. 3, Graf regards as a repetition from chap. xvii. 20. The suggestion, though, is quite gratuitous. The words are just as appropriate in the one place as in the other. The combination is a somewhat common one. It occurs in chaps. xvii. 20; xxii. 2, of both the Hebrew and the Greek, and also in chap. vii. 2, of the Hebrew. In this latter verse, however, it is wanting in the Greek. It is unreasonable to suppose that the words were purposely omitted in chap. vii. 2 and purposely added in chap. xix. 3. The long additional expression, "and I wrote the deed and scaled it and called witnesses," chap. xxxii. 25, Graf says, is taken from ver. 10. As the transaction was important, and as its bearing on the future of the nation was likely to be permanent, it is natural that the prophet should have spoken as the passage reads in the Septuagint. The translator surely had no reason to repeat the sentence in the present
verse, if he did not find it in his manuscript. A further proof that the original of each text was different is furnished by the important fact that, while the two sentences in question are added to the Greek in this member, the sentence, "and call witnesses," is omitted from it in the preceding member, of the verse.

Graf also supposes that the addition, "more than their fathers," chap. xvii. 23, is taken from chap. vii. 26, to which it bears a close resemblance. Hitzig considers the whole verse wanting in originality, as well as in appropriateness. Whether right or not, his supposition is much more plausible than that of Graf. It is far more likely that the whole verse was interpolated at some time, than that the additional clause in Greek was inserted by the translator. If chap. xvii. 23 be an interpolation, it must have been added prior to the existence of the Alexandrian version. In any case, the rendering of the verse in Greek points to recensional differences, and indicates that the translator reproduced the text he had before him.

3. Other additions are inserted in a manner that is altogether improper and inappropriate. An examination of the instances cited by Graf will show this allegation also to be false.

The sentence, "great is the distress upon thee," chap. xi. 16, cannot have been intentionally added
by any one at any time. Even if the hypothesis
of arbitrary insertion on the part of the translator
were probable, which is not the case, he would not
have ventured to insert words inappropriately, or
in a way to render the construction difficult. The
presence of the sentence here is certainly not easy
to explain. Either it was found in the translator’s
manuscript, as the Greek text is very plain, and
gives a tolerable sense; or it was accidentally
added by an ancient copyist, as the variation may
be partially explained by means of the Hebrew
letters. This latter alternative seems not unreason-
able or improbable, inasmuch as the word for
“great” occurs in one part of the verse in Hebrew
and in another part of it in Greek. Possibly,
therefore, it was overlooked at first, and afterwards
inserted with the other words which may have
been repeated by mistake. The words in Greek
might easily have been derived from the words in
Hebrew, especially if the original text were indis-
tinct, in the following manner: גיהלמ התייה אמשו — גיהלמ התייה אמש יליח (יש) יליח. There is a
similarity in the sound, as well as in the form, of
the Hebrew words in each case.

The added words, “to their meeting,” chap.
xxvii. 3, did not arise from arbitrary insertion,
as Graf assumes; nor did they arise from careless
repetition of similar consonants, as Hitzig asserts.
There is no real resemblance between דְּתִין and לְרָאתָה, as the latter critic claims. The words make excellent sense in the connection in which they stand. There is nothing improper or inappropriate about them. The phrase is quite uncommon in Jeremiah, but the idea expressed is good. It unquestionably belonged to the Alexandrian recension at the time that the Septuagint translation was made. The addition of the word, "waters," at the beginning of chap. xlvi. 8, was also not due to intention. As the same word ends the preceding verse in Greek, it may have been repeated by accident. It is, perhaps, more probable, however, that it belonged to the translator's text. The reference here is to the troops of soldiers sweeping over the country like the rushing billows of an overflowing river. The repetition of the word, moreover, makes the reading correspond exactly to the figure used for an army in Isa. viii. 7. The waters symbolize the advancing host of the Egyptians, whose mighty army is likened to the annual inundation of the Nile, just as in this latter chapter the Assyrian army is likened to the periodical floods of the Euphrates. The added word is not unfavourable to the Septuagint.

The clause, "and of all the land," chap. li. 28, was also not added to the Septuagint, as Graf suggests. It simply occupies another place in the
same sentence. In Greek it stands in the first half, in Hebrew it stands in the second half, of the verse. Although the order of the words in the former is different from the order in the latter, the rhythm of the verse-members in the Septuagint is excellent. The rendering of the verse in Greek is, in several respects, superior to that of the verse in Hebrew, it also should be pointed out. The singular "king" is better than the plural "kings," which appears to be incorrect. All the pronouns in the Septuagint, moreover, refer consistently and properly to the monarch, "the king," whereas in the Hebrew two of them refer to the people, "the Medes," and only one refers to the ruler of the country. It is significant that this one has the same form that each one has in Greek. This fact indicates that the reading, "king of the Medes," is more accurate than "kings of the Medes." It also seems to show that the words, "of his dominion," which are wanting in the Septuagint, may have been added by a later hand to the Massoretic text.

The ejaculation, "so may it be, O Jehovah," chap. iii. 19, is not inappropriate where it stands in Greek, nor can one fairly claim that it did not belong to the translator's text. The words were naturally interjected by the prophet, and they correspond with a similar form of expression in
chap. xi. 5. As the appended words, "falsehoods falsely," chap. xxvii. 15, are simply regarded by Graf as "very useless at least," it may be quite sufficient to reply that this objection does not prove them to be spurious, nor does it prove them to have been intentionally inserted by any one. The same objection merely is urged against the reading, "the sword of Jehovah," instead of "sword," chap. xlvi. 10. In neither of these two cases is the addition absolutely useless. On the contrary, it increases the significance of the statement in each verse. In the latter example, moreover, the definite form in Greek is a classical one, as may be seen at once by a reference to 1 Chron. xxi. 12.

4. Other additions again are explanatory glosses or circumlocutions, which are frequently incorrect. This charge can be as easily refuted as the foregoing ones by studying the examples which Graf adduces in support of his assertion.

The exclamation, "O Jerusalem!" chap. xiii. 20, cannot be shown to be a gloss. It probably represents the only true reading in this place. It belongs as naturally and as properly here as in ver. 27, where it appears in both the Hebrew and the Greek. Even the form of the verse in the Massoretic text indicates that some such word was understood, and possibly, at some time, was expressed. The Hebrew verb is feminine and
singular, while the possessive pronoun which qualifies its subject is plural. "This shows," as Streane has observed, "that the subject is a noun of multitude, viz., Jerusalem personified as the daughter of Zion. This thought harmonizes with the words, 'the flock that was given thee,' the inhabitants of the land in general."  

Neither can the additional clause, "a letter to the settlement (captivity) at Babylon," chap. xxix. 1, be proved to be a gloss. The addition does not really interrupt the connection of thought in the sentence, as Hitzig asserts. It rather properly explains exactly what seems to have taken place. Consistently with the rest of the verse, the relative pronoun "which," in the Septuagint, is plural, and refers to "the words of the writing" that was sent by Jeremiah as a letter from Jerusalem to Babylon. The whole verse, which is quite as complete in the Greek as in the Hebrew, indicates the existence of a special text-recension. In the first member of the verse in Greek there are two short omissions, "the prophet" and "the residue;" and in the second member there is the important addition just discussed, and there is also a long omission, "whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon."  

admits that this latter sentence is rightly wanting in the Septuagint, inasmuch as it is rendered superfluous by the succeeding verse.

The added clause, “upon him,” chap. xvii. 5, is not an explanatory note. The sentence is an exceedingly easy one. No explanation whatever was needed to make its meaning plain. Instead of simplifying the verse, the addition renders it, if anything, somewhat more difficult. Neither a translator nor a later writer would have attempted after this fashion to explain the sacred text. In Hebrew the verse reads, “Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm;” in Greek the latter sentence reads, “and places the flesh of his arm upon him.” The language in the original of each text was just the same, with the exception of the two additional words, “upon him.” The pronoun evidently refers to the second word for man, in the first of the two sentences, as its antecedent. The reading in the Septuagint, though peculiar, is perfectly intelligible, and appears to reproduce an ancient form of the Hebrew text which the translator used.

The added sentence, “and they have concealed their cause of stumbling (punishment) from me,” chap. xviii. 20, is neither a paraphrase nor a gloss. It is rather a genuine piece of ancient text. It affords a most convincing proof of the hypothesis of
a special text-recension which formed the original of the Alexandrian version. There is no reason whatever to regard it as a gloss with Graf, nor to consider it with Hitzig an excess or a redundancy in one verse. Instead of appearing to be an interpolation, it rather bears the appearance of genuineness; and instead of injuring the parallelism of the verse-members, it rather gives them a rhythmical balance. Thus both objections to it are unjust, and the latter, that the words should be rejected because they overload the verse, is really absurd. Hitzig also foolishly supposes that the translator wrongly inserted the sentence after the analogy of ver. 22, because of having incorrectly interpreted it. The sentence is most appropriate where it stands, and gives an increased significance to the verse. There seems to be a happy contrast in the Septuagint between ver. 20 and ver. 23. In the former, addressing Jehovah, the prophet says, "they have concealed their cause of stumbling from me;" in the latter, he says, "let their cause of stumbling be before thee."

The addition in chap. xxii. 17 is also neither a paraphrase nor a gloss. It is another certain proof of a twofold reading in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts. Moreover, the rendering of the Septuagint is capital. In the Hebrew, the first half of the verse reads, "But thine eyes and thine heart are
not but for thy covetousness;” in the Greek it reads, “Behold, neither are thine eyes nor is thy heart good, but for thy covetousness.” Instead of “But,” the Septuagint has “Behold;” instead of one copula with a negative, it has two negatives of the verb to be; and, instead of no adjective qualifying either noun, it has the adjective, “good,” qualifying each of the substantives, the very term the verse requires to make the sense complete. The differences between the two texts in this verse are so peculiar and important that they must have been recensional. They cannot have been the outcome of intention on the part of the translator, or on the part of any writer of a later time. There is no unfitness in any of the added words. The variations in the Greek are all appropriate, and represent a classic form of Hebrew text.

5. Some additions are due to ignorance, or to want of understanding, in translating the original Hebrew text. The charge that the translator omitted portions of his manuscript through ignorance appears entirely improbable, but the charge that he or a transcriber added to the text through ignorance seems utterly unreasonable. In not a single instance does Graf establish the probability of this charge.

The addition at the end of chap. i. 17, “because I am with thee to deliver thee, declares Jehovah,” does not rest upon an erroneous understanding of
the text, as Graf asserts, nor did it arise from a false interpretation of the preceding clause, as Hitzig says. It affords another striking evidence of a special text-recension. It, moreover, harmonizes perfectly with the context in the Septuagint, which contains encouragement and comfort for the prophet. Neither is the addition taken from ver. 8, as Graf believes. This assurance of the divine presence and deliverance occurs in the Hebrew of this chapter twice, namely, vers. 8, 19; whereas, in the Greek, it occurs thrice, namely, vers. 8, 17, 19. It belongs as naturally and as appropriately in the present place in Greek as in either of the other places in both the Hebrew and the Greek. The Septuagint rendering of the latter half of the verse is almost wholly different from the Massoretic rendering, but it is entirely consistent with itself, as well as with the context.

The added clause, "and concerning this man," chap. xxii. 18, was not inserted, because the translator misunderstood the meaning of vers. 14-17 of this chapter. Between the two texts, throughout these latter five verses, there are minor variations of different kinds and of considerable significance in every verse. The discrepancies, indeed, point clearly to a special manuscript in each case. The present addition is another example of recensional divergences. In Tischendorf's edition of the
Septuagint, the clause is printed as if it were in apposition to “Jehoiakim” in the preceding clause. This construction seems not to be correct. The added words appear more properly to refer to “Shallum the son of Josiah,” whose fate the prophet has described in vers. 11, 12. In perfect consistency with this supposition, as Hitzig grants, a plural verb, “they shall be buried,” follows in ver. 19 of the Septuagint. The plural verbs in Greek, moreover, in ver. 15 and also in ver. 16, fully confirm this supposition.

The added word “earth,” chap. xxxiii. 2, does not seem to have arisen either from intentional insertion or from imperfect understanding. Neither does it necessarily appear so incorrect as Graf assumes. It rather appears exceedingly appropriate where it stands, and seems unquestionably to have belonged to the translator’s text. It also gives a necessary completeness to the verse. Properly speaking, it is really another word, and not an additional word in the sentence, inasmuch as it simply takes the place of the second word, “Jehovah,” which is wanting in the Septuagint. The repetition of this latter term in Hebrew is somewhat peculiar, if not, indeed, altogether superfluous; whereas, the rendering of the verse in Greek is admirable, Graf’s objection to the contrary notwithstanding. To an unprejudiced critic
it seems to be superior, for the reason that it makes much more natural sense, and corresponds much more nearly with the parallel passage, Isa. xliv. 18, which it very closely resembles. The order of the words is slightly different, but the language is almost identical.

The addition of "Jehovah" at the end of chap. xxxviii. 27, Graf characterizes as "quite thoughtless" or unmeaning, but it is by no means certain that his criticism is correct. The verse has a very significant meaning in the Septuagint, and the closing words are quite consistent with the context in the Greek. In ver. 20 of this latter text, instead of urging Zedekiah to obey "the voice of Jehovah," Jeremiah is described as urging him to obey "the word of Jehovah." In the three succeeding verses in the Hebrew, with some slight verbal variations, the prophet is represented as declaring to the king "the word" which Jehovah had shown him. In the next two verses, the king is represented as requesting the prophet to "let no man know of these words," and to mention but one of the subjects of their conversation, if "the princes" should hear of their private meeting, and should inquire of him the nature of their conference. Shortly afterwards, as seems to have been expected, "the princes" came to Jeremiah, and interviewed him, when he answered them accord-
ing to the commandment of the king. "Then," continues the record in the Septuagint, "they (the princes) left off speaking, because the word of Jehovah was not reported." Instead of being meaningless, the reading in the Greek seems to be the ancient and correct one, and it seems also to explain how the reading in the Hebrew should be understood, inasmuch as in its present form it is somewhat incomplete.

Thus a close examination of the various species of addition, as classified for this investigation, shows how unfounded and unfair are Graf's objections to their genuineness. In not a single instance is his allegation strictly true. In some cases, it is difficult to account with certainty for the additional word or words, but these are very few indeed. They probably were due in part, if not in whole, to the imperfect condition of the ancient manuscripts. The great majority of them, however, were due to recensional divergences. Instead of belonging to a later date than the time of the Septuagint translation, they belong to a much earlier date. Instead of having arisen out of the received Hebrew text, they arose out of a widely different text. Instead of being generally spurious, they are generally, if not always, genuine. If they do not, in every case, exhibit the original text, they do, at least, exhibit a very ancient form of it—a much more
ancient form, perhaps, than that exhibited by the Massoretic text. In numerous passages Graf, as well as Hitzig and Movers, recognizes the superiority of the Septuagint reading, and also the probable primitive character of the additions. In the remaining passages, as a rule, if the Greek does not represent a more primitive reading than the Hebrew, it represents, at all events, the reading of a different recension—the Alexandrian recension.

The additions of letters, of which there are a few, are interesting, inasmuch as they explain the origin of a number of variations. Like the omissions of letters, it is difficult to determine which of them were recensional and which transcriptional, as some of them were evidently due to one cause and some of them to another. The following are the chief examples:—

vii. 10; הָשָׁם (?) vii. 16; xi. 14; קָרְטָם—חַשִּׁמוֹת, iii. 21; vii. 29; קָרְטָם—חַשִּׁמוֹת, viii. 2; ix. 21; xvi. 4; קָרְטָם—חַשִּׁמוֹת, xviii. 21; נָטֵים—נָטִים, viii. 17; נָטֵים (?) xix. 7; נָטֵים—נָטִים, xxii. 23; נָטֵים—נָטִים (?) xxx. 16; נָטֵים—נָטִים, xxxi. 21; נָטֵים—נָטִים, xxxii. 12; נָטֵים, xxxvii. 25; נָטֵים, xli. 17; נָטֵים, xliv. 6; נָטֵים, xlix. 1; נָטֵים, l. 39; נָטֵים (?) li. 3.
CHAPTER IV.

THE VARIATIONS—TRANSPOSITIONS.

The character of the Transpositions in the Septuagint is remarkable, and the evidence they furnish of recensional divergences is significant. They comprise letters, words, verses and chapters. Of these four species, some one or other kind occurs in nearly every chapter of the book. The transposition of chapters, being the most manifest and striking, has always attracted much attention. On account of its interest and importance, this species of transposition should be considered first.

From about the middle of chap. xxv. to the beginning of chap. lii. the numbering of the chapters is entirely different. This difference is chiefly due to the position occupied by the nine prophecies against foreign nations. In each text, this group of prophecies stands together; but, in the Greek, it is found near the middle, in the Hebrew, near the end, of the book. In the former, it follows immediately after chap. xxv. 13; in the latter, it begins with chap. xlvi. Not only does
the general arrangement of these prophecies differ widely, but also their particular order of sequence amongst themselves differs considerably. Their order in the Greek is Elam, Egypt, Babylon, Philistia, Edom, Ammon, Kedar, Damascus, Moab; their order in the Hebrew is Egypt, Philistia, Moab, Ammon, Edom, Damascus, Kedar, Elam, Babylon.

Although it is not the special purpose of this investigation to discuss exhaustively either the arrangement or the order of these prophecies, being chiefly concerned with the arguments for a different text-recension, yet the subject is too interesting in itself to be entirely left alone, and too important for the present hypothesis to be very slightly touched. It, therefore, claims a fair and full consideration. The discussion involves two questions—the position and the grouping of these nine prophecies. Respecting each it can be shown that the Alexandrian version exhibits the more ancient as well as the more natural form of this prophetic book.

The first question is of particularly great importance, because of the logical relation between the different parts of the book. It admits, moreover, of a thoroughly critical treatment and of a tolerably certain settlement. The second question is of comparatively small importance, because the
grouping of the individual prophecies is practically immaterial, so long as the subject-matter in each case is substantially the same. This question, further, does not admit of a decisive answer. At least, while the one may seem more original than the other, it, perhaps, can never be determined with absolute certainty which grouping is the more correct. Much may be said, as much already has been said, in favour of the combination in each text. It may, however, be pretty positively settled which one the translator had before him in the manuscript he used.

Taking these questions in the order of their importance, it is necessary to consider, first, the correctness, and, secondly, the originality, of the position of the prophecies in each case. Their position, it should be observed, must be considered independently of the position of similar prophecies in any other book of Scripture. In some of the other books, the prophecies against the heathen do not stand at the end of the work, but occupy a position analogous to that here occupied by the present group in Greek. The analogy, though interesting and significant, is in no way conclusive. The indirect evidence it furnishes, while favourable to the Septuagint, is not sufficient of itself to decide the matter with perfect certainty. The position of this group has nothing whatever to do
with that of either of the other groups. The question, therefore, must be considered simply on its own merits; and it must be determined, if at all, by the relation of these nine prophecies to the general contents of the book. In endeavouring to determine it, reference must be made particularly to the relation between the two parts into which chap. xxv. is divided by their insertion immediately after ver. 13 in the Septuagint, or rather by their removal to the beginning of chap. xlvi. in the Massoretic text.

A careful reading of chap. xxv. in the Hebrew will show that there is really something wanting after ver. 13 to connect it logically with the section which begins with ver. 15. In this latter section there is an enumeration of the nations to which the prophet is said to have been directed by Jehovah to offer, figuratively, of course, the wine-cup of the divine fury; or, in other words, to foreshadow the ruin of those nations whose overthrow should be involved in the general destruction which is described in ver. 11. In the main, the names of these nations correspond with the names of those against whom the nine prophecies in question were proclaimed. For this reason, one would naturally expect them to appear in close connection with the enumeration mentioned. This expectation is realized in the Septuagint.
Here the group of prophecies begins directly after ver. 13, and the section commencing with ver. 15 follows at once as chap. xxxii. In this position, the prophecies stand connected with kindred matter; whereas, in the position which they occupy in the Hebrew, they stand unconnected with anything whatever of a kindred character. Having, therefore, in this latter text no logical connection with the preceding chapters, they are manifestly out of place.

Moreover, as chap. xxv. 13 in the Hebrew reads, it has no legitimate connection either with that which goes before or with that which follows. In its present form it is altogether inappropriate, "because," as Bleek observes, "in the foregoing part of the book there are no threatening discourses whatever against heathen nations."¹ In the Septuagint, on the other hand, ver. 13 ends with the clause, "in this book." This term here, as elsewhere in Jeremiah, seems to be equivalent to a volume, or a collection of prophetic writings, of which the prophet wrote, or rather dictated, several; and it refers both to what immediately precedes and to what immediately succeeds. It is to be understood of the "book," or roll, which

¹ "Da im vorhergehenden Theile des Buches sich noch gar keine Drohreden wider fremde Völker finden." Einleitung in das Alte Testament, p. 326.
contained the prophecies against the "nations" mentioned in the section already discussed. In the Massoretic text, these prophecies are not included in this "book," but in another "book," or, perhaps, in what might have been a separate roll or volume.

Again, the section beginning with ver. 15 indicates that the prophecies properly belong where they stand in Greek. They form the natural connection between the two parts of this chapter, vers. 8–13 constituting a suitable introduction, and vers. 15–30 a suitable supplement. Their presence, too, is required here, not only by the general enumeration given in this latter section, but also by the special description it contains, that is, of the wine-cup of the divine fury. In the prophecy respecting Edom, chap. xlix. 12, where this same term occurs, the words are not an "echo" from ver. 28 of this section, as Hitzig suggests; but, with the prophecies in their right position, they form a faint outline in the former verse of a picture which in the latter verse appears in full. In the one case the figure is partially, in the other case completely, developed. From these considerations, it is evident that, in the Septuagint, these prophecies occupy their proper place.

Not only is this earlier position the one which, from their relation to the context, they would
naturally occupy, but also it is the one which they must have originally occupied in each text. That is, this is where they evidently stood in the originals of both the Hebrew and the Greek. That their position in the former was once the same as their position in the latter, is rendered practically certain by a critical comparison of the two texts. These prophecies at one time must have stood in the middle of the book, following immediately after chap. xxv. 13, because the sentence, “which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations,” occupies the same place in each text. In the Hebrew, though, it stands as the conclusion of ver. 13, while, in the Greek, it stands as the introduction to these nine prophecies. The sentence is not an appositional expression, as the Hebrew implies, but an introductory title, and has no direct relation to ver. 13. It simply connects the two parts of this “book,” or roll. It should, moreover, be translated, “What (the things which) Jeremiah prophesied against the nations,” and should be placed as a superscription to the prophecies, as it is found in the Septuagint translation. It, of course, as critics all agree, was not inserted here by Jeremiah, but by his secretary Baruch, or by an early editor, just as many, if not all, of the other superscriptions to chapters and paragraphs and prophecies were inserted.
This opinion receives the strongest possible support from Bleek, who regards the sentence in question as undoubtedly intended for a superscription in each text, and considers it appropriate where it stands only when, as in the Septuagint, it is followed by a series of utterances concerning foreign nations. After showing its unsuitableness as a title to the list of nations given in vers. 15–38, he says, "The maker of the Massoretic recension, however, who transplanted those other oracles against individual nations from here to the end of the book, has, as Movers also properly observes, misunderstandingly drawn the doubtful words to the context of the prophecy, together with the insertion of יב, and then also, for the purpose of connecting it with the foregoing, has placed at the beginning of ver. 14 a יב, which likewise did not originally stand there, and which the Septuagint does not express."¹ This explanation, though good so far as it goes, does not go far enough. As the whole of ver. 14 is wanting in the Septuagint, it, too, may have been inserted by

¹ "Der Urheber der masorethischen Recension aber, der jene anderen Orakel wider einzelne Völker von hier an den Schluss des Buches verpflanzte, hat (wie richtig auch Movers bemerkt) die fraglichen Worte missverständlich mit zum Contexte der Weissagung gezogen—mit Einschaltung von יב und dann auch v. 14 (am Anfange) zur Anknüpfung an das Vorhergehende ein יב gesetzt, was ursprünglich ebenfalls nicht dastand, und was die Septuaginta auch nicht ausdrückt." Einleitung in das Alte Testament, p. 326.
an ancient copyist or editor, in order to connect ver. 13 with ver. 15, after the prophecies, which the words in question originally introduced, had been removed. At any rate, the fact that the introductory sentence occupies exactly the same place in each text seems to prove that it is an ancient title, and not a "gloss," as Orelli 1 surprisingly asserts; and the additions mentioned by Bleek appear to indicate that ver. 13 in Hebrew was changed, and ver. 14 inserted, not through misunderstanding, but through intelligent design.

A further comparison of the two texts corroborates the probability of this conjecture. The omissions from the Septuagint in vers. 8–14 indicate that this section was once substantially the same in each text. The absence of "all," in the first member of ver. 9, Hitzig admits to be a better reading because of the singular, "that nation," in ver. 12, and "that land," in ver. 13. The clause, "and unto Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant," in ver. 9, Graf himself regards as the addition of a later hand, as well as the clauses, "the king of Babylon . . . and the land of the Chaldeans," in ver. 12. The absence of the whole of ver. 14, which is unsuited to the context, is also in favour of the reading in the Septuagint. It appears unquestionably to have been either a gloss

1 Kurzgefasster Kommentar, etc., Vierte Abteilung, p. 217.
or a marginal note. A literal rendering of vers. 11-13, as they now stand in the Greek, and as they once seem to have stood in the Hebrew, will illustrate the superiority of the Septuagint translation of the section under consideration. It will also show how appropriately this passage introduces the prophecies in question, and how admirably the reading of the version corresponds with the probabilities, so far as they can be estimated, and also with the facts, so far as they can be ascertained. The verses read, "And all the land (Judah) shall be a desolation, and they (the Jews) shall serve amongst the nations seventy years; and when the seventy years are accomplished (compare chap. xxix. 10), I will punish that nation (Babylonia), and I will make them (the Babylonians) a perpetual desolation; and I will bring upon that land (Babylonia) all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book."

Having shown that the position of these prophecies in the Septuagint is not only the proper one, but also the original one, even in the Masoretic text itself, it is worth observing that this position corresponds to that of similar prophecies in other Old Testament books. The analogy, as has already been admitted, possesses no special argumentative importance, but it is interesting, to
say the least. Concerning the different positions and the respective claims of each to originality, Kühl significantly says, "In the other great prophets, Ezekiel and Isaiah, the prophecies against the heathen stand in the middle, between penal and expostulatory discourses to the particular people and Messianic predictions of the future. In like manner, we could, with perfect right, expect them here also in the middle. Now we even actually find in chap. xxv. an enumeration of the nations, to whom the prophet, at the command of Jehovah, should reach forth the wine-cup of the divine fury; and the number and names of these nations substantially correspond with the nations against which the prophecies in chaps. xlvi.-xlix. (li.) are directed. If one reads chap. xxv., there really remains something missing; one seeks even here the presentation of the prophecies, such as chaps. xlvi.-xlix. (li.)." 1

As this collection of prophecies forms in each text a connected whole, it is evident that the entire group has been, at some time, we know not when, by some one, we know not who, for some reason, we know not why, bodily transferred from one part to another part of the book. Their removal, moreover, was clearly intentional, and not accidental. The reason may have been to give precedence to the prophecies respecting the Jews, and thus to keep them separate, deeming "the end of the book the fitting place for them," as Streane suggests, "and by this position leaving the prophecies which had to do with the Jews themselves distinct and preceding them." At all events, their arbitrary transposition was not the work of the Alexandrian translator, inasmuch as both the Hebrew and the Greek prove that, in the Septuagint, these prophecies occupy their proper and original place. The change was evidently made by a later editor or copyist in the Massoretic recension or text itself.

On this point, Scholz, in discussing the difference of arrangement which he with Bleek attributes to a subsequent reviser, forcefully observes, "That the alterations do not proceed from the translator appears from the character of his translation incon-

1 The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Jeremiah and Lamentations, Introduction, p. xxxvi.
testable. It is unthinkable that he should have made such great changes, while he not merely, with tolerable accuracy, translates from word to word, but even renders sentences in which he can find no sense, writes Hebrew words, whose meaning he does not know, with Greek letters, without translating them, and so forth. The words, 'And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book;' ver. 13, also speak decidedly for this, that the prophecies against the nations formerly stood here, and, indeed, so much the more, as the words, 'and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them,' etc., ver. 26, are certainly spurious; so that, thus, in the prophecy, xxv. 14–38, respecting the land concerning which, according to ver. 13, the discourse must chiefly be, not a syllable stood in 'this book.' Hence it follows that the arrangement of the book in six great divisions (Dekaden) is in the Septuagint alone correct." 1

1 "Dass die Aenderungen nicht vom Uebersetzer herruhren, geht aus dem Charakter seiner Uebersetzung umwidersprechlich hervor. Es ist undenkbar, dass derselbe, während er nicht nur mit ziemlicher Genauigkeit von Wort zu Wort übersetzt, selbst Sätze, in denen er keinen Sinn finden kann, widergibt, hebräische Wörter, deren Bedeutung er nicht kennt, mit griechischen Buchstaben, ohne sie zu übersetzen, schreibt u. s. w., so grosse Aenderungen sollte gemacht haben. Auch sprechen die Worte, v. 13, 'Et adducam super terram illam omnia verba mea, quae locutus sum contra eam, omne, quod scriptum est in libro isto,' entschieden dafür, dass die Weissagungen gegen die Völker ehemals hier standen, und zwar um so
Notwithstanding the convincing character of the evidence respecting the ancient position of these prophecies, it is remarkable that in the latest commentary on this book of any critical importance, Orelli asserts, not only that the place they occupy in the Septuagint is not the more correct, but also that it is not their primitive position. He considers that their insertion after chap. xxv. 13 awkwardly cuts this chapter into two pieces. He admits, though, that their position in the Masoretic text is not the original one. "In the earliest editions of the book," he says, "most of the declarations respecting foreigners, which now stand at the end of it, must have stood in the immediate neighbourhood of chap. xxv." He is disposed to believe that they formerly followed immediately after this chapter. Kuenen, who has long advocated this latter position, also admits that "with chap. xxv., particularly with vers. 15–26, the first group of prophecies against the heathen is certainly

mehr, als die Worte, v. 26, 'et rex Sesach bibet post eos,' u. s. w. sicher unächt sind, so dass also in der Weissagung, xxv. 14–38, von dem Lande, von dem nach v. 13 hauptsächlich die Rede sein müsste, in dem libro isto keine Sylbe stünde. Hierzu kommt, dass die Einrichtung des Buches in 6 Dekaden nur bei LXX. richtig ist." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 156.

1 "In den frühesten Ausgaben des Buches die meisten jetzt an seinem Schluss befindlichen Sprüche über die Auswärtigen sich in unmittelbarer Nähe von c. 25 befunden haben müssen." Kurzgefasster Kommentar, etc., Vierte Abteilung, p. 217.
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connected.” Ewald and Kühl, it is worth noting further in this connection, both make the same admission respecting their position in the Hebrew, but the former supposes that they stood originally just before chap. xxv., because he thinks the words, “these nations,” ver. 9, indicate this place, while the latter supposes that they once stood just after ver. 29, because he thinks the rest of the chapter constitutes a kind of recapitulation of the entire group.

In answer to Kühl, it should be pointed out that vers. 30–38 form a natural conclusion to chap. xxv., as it now stands, but that they would not follow naturally after the group of prophecies, as he suggests. It would be neither natural nor appropriate to say, “Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words,” etc., just after the prophecies had already been delivered. In answer to Ewald, it should be remarked that the two words, “these nations,” imply no such position of these prophecies as he proposes, even though they both were genuine. The pronoun, “these,” however, is not only superfluous, as Hitizig says, but is also wanting in the Septuagint, in which the reading, “all the nations round about it,” is, as Hitizig likewise says, indisputably preferable.

1 “Met H. xxv., behaaldelijk met vs. 15–26, hauft de eerste groep der profetien tegen de heidenen stellig zamen.” Historisch-Kritisch Onderzoek, etc., Tweede Deel, 1863, p. 218.
In reply to all of these four critics, each of whom suggests for these nine prophecies a position other than that which they now occupy in either of the texts, it is sufficient to observe that, whereas the prophecies might stand tolerably well, perhaps, just after chap. xxv., as Ewald and Orelli both believe, there are only two positions legitimately under consideration in the discussion of this subject. We are concerned at present with two, and only two, textual authorities. The question is, Which one of these preserves the original position in the ancient text-recensions by means of which they have been individually handed down to us? From this investigation, it is manifest that the position in the Septuagint is the earlier and the more original of the two; that is, it is the most original of which there is at present any record. There is not a vestige of evidence to show that the prophecies ever occupied other than one of two positions in either the Palestinian or the Alexandrian recension; and the form of chap. xxv., and of ver. 13 especially, clearly indicates that they now should stand in the middle of that chapter, and that they once did stand there in each recension. If the position in the Septuagint, therefore, does not represent the prophet's own arrangement, it certainly indicates the form in which his writings were originally arranged.
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Coming now to the discussion of the second question, it is also necessary to consider the correctness and the originality of the order of sequence of these prophecies amongst themselves. Judging the matter from circumstantial considerations, Graf maintains that the order in the Hebrew text is the more natural. He says, "The succession in which these nations are mentioned is such as most naturally follows from the situation and the circumstances. Egypt appears first, because from the defeat of her forces, described in chap. xlvi. 3–12, the disaster, indeed, proceeded to the other nations; then comes Philistia, which bordered alike on Egypt and on Judah; and the three countries which lay immediately on the other side, Moab and Ammon, the ever-united kindred nations, and Edom, the kindred nation of Judah; then Syria, which bordered on Israel, and which once stood in such manifold relations to it; finally, the Arabian tribes which dwelt away as far as the Euphrates." 1

1 "Die Reihenfolge, in welcher diese Völker aufgeführt werden, ist so wie sie sich aus Lage und Umständen am natürlichsten ergab: Aegypten erscheint zuerst, denn von der xlvi. 3–12 geschilderten Niederlage seiner Kriegsmacht ging ja das Unglück über die andern Völker aus, dann kommt Philistia, welches zugleich an Aegypten und an Juda grenzte, und die drei Länder, welche auf der andern Seite zunächst lagen, Moab und Ammon, die stets verbundenen Brudervölker, und Edom, das Brudervolk Juda's, dann das an Israel grenzende und mit diesem einst in so vielfachen Beziehungen stehende Syrien, endlich die bis nach dem Euphrat hin wohnenden arabischen Stämme." Der Prophet Jeremia, p. 506.
There is something interesting, it must be admitted, in the order of these prophecies in the Hebrew, proceeding, as it does, to some extent, from the countries near to Palestine to those which are more distant from it; but this principle is not, by any means, consistently observed. A certain geographical arrangement, too, is traceable, though it is not very definite or distinct. In general, its course is from the south toward the north and east, but this direction is not followed with sufficient accuracy to possess any very great significance. Indeed, the principle which underlies the grouping in either text is far from obvious, and cannot be with certainty determined. When Graf asserts, however, that the order in the Hebrew follows most naturally from all the circumstances, his assertion is too sweeping by a good deal. After the prophecies had been fulfilled, the order might be regarded as more natural, perhaps; but, from chap. xxv. 13, one might most naturally expect the prophecy against Babylon to come first. It does not occupy this position, though, in either of the texts. In the Greek, it stands in the third place of the group, coming immediately after the prophecy against Egypt; in the Hebrew, it stands at the very end of the group. Streane considers that it is more natural to begin with Egypt, because this was "the nation whose overthrow by Nebu-
chadnezzar would be the signal to the rest of a similar fate.”¹ This prophecy, however, would not necessarily be so understood until after the events predicted had transpired.

Graf also considers that the order of these prophecies in Hebrew is suited both to their subject-matter and to their time of composition.² The first assertion is possibly correct; the second assertion is probably incorrect. While the order in chaps. xlvi.–li. agrees in general with the enumeration which is given in chap. xxv. 15–26, the succession of the prophecies against Moab, Ammon and Edom in this latter chapter is inverted. This enumeration of nations, however, does not in each text exactly correspond. The Septuagint, besides omitting “and all the kings of the land of Uz,” ver. 20; “the isle,” ver. 22; “and all the kings of Arabia,” ver. 24; “and all the kings of Zimri,” ver. 25; “and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them,” ver. 26, reads “Roz” for “Buz,” ver. 23; “Persians” for “Medes,” and “all the kings of the East” for “all the kings of the North,” ver. 26. Thus, while the Hebrew order fairly suits the subject-matter in the Massoretic text, it does not specially suit the subject-matter in

¹ The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Jeremiah and Lamentations, p. 284.
² Der Prophet Jeremia, Einleitung, p. li.
the Alexandrian text. That this order agrees with the time of the composition of these prophecies is neither certain nor probable. It is not certain, inasmuch as there are no historic data available for purposes of proof; it is not probable, inasmuch as the prophecy against Babylon can hardly have been spoken at a later period than any of the rest. Instead of having been composed last, one would naturally expect from chap. xxv. 8–12 that it would have been composed first. The exact time, however, of the composition of the respective prophecies cannot be absolutely shown.

The prophecies in the Greek, Graf further says, have been quite arbitrarily transposed by an application to them of later circumstances. This assertion is even more groundless than either of the two preceding ones. There is not the slightest reason for supposing that the ancient order in the Greek was ever intentionally changed. That a prophecy may have been accidentally misplaced is possible, perhaps, although there is no conclusive evidence that this is really the case. In the Hebrew, on the other hand, not only is there considerable reason for supposing that the order has been changed, but also there is substantial evidence of such a change. The Hebrew order has the appearance of having been altered, partly with reference to the enumeration of nations in chap. xxv.
15-26, and partly with reference to the supposed order of fulfilment of the prophecies. The position of the prophecy against Babylon is an indication that it must have been inserted purposely in this place by some one after the events predicted had already taken place. Further evidence of this assertion is furnished by the fact that the statement, “and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them,” chap. xxv. 26, is unquestionably spurious. It is plainly an interpolation having no legitimate connection where it stands. It seems, as Bleek believes, and as Graf himself admits, to have been added by a later hand with reference to the position of the prophecy respecting Babylon, which appears in Hebrew as chaps. 1., li. The whole sentence is wanting in the Septuagint, as well as the word “Sheshach” also in chap. li. 41. This latter term, moreover, cannot have proceeded from Jeremiah, as Hitzig says, because, as he justly adds, the prophet had no reason whatever to employ such a form of cabalistic writing.

While there is no probability that the order in the Greek has been “arbitrarily transposed,” as Graf asserts, and while there is great probability that the order in the Hebrew has been purposely arranged according to a principle, partly geographical, partly chronological, the absolute correctness of the one or of the other is difficult, if not impos-
sible, to determine. Inasmuch as the Hebrew has been evidently altered, there is good reason to regard the order in the Greek as the more correct. What the principle underlying the order in the Septuagint may have been, however, is by no means clear. Scholz, though, offers a suggestion which, if not convincing, is at least ingenious. He says, "Why does the short utterance respecting Elam, which certainly had long since ceased to play an important part, stand at the very beginning? Possibly, because the first exploit of the ancestor of Israel was performed against an Elamite (Gen. xiv.). The second World-wide Power with which Israel came into hostile relations is Egypt, and the third is Babylon—the last as the inheritress of Nineveh. Thus were the utterances respecting the three great nations first brought into chronological order."  

The question of the priority of the order of sequence in each text is also difficult to decide with certainty. As the succession in the Septua-

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gint appears to be the more correct, so also, with greater reason, it appears to be the more primitive. Whether this arrangement indicates the order of the composition of each particular prophecy or not, it seems to indicate the original order of its publication in manuscript form. The exact period of the composition of each, however, is not definitely known and cannot be definitely determined. The small amount of accurate historical information which we possess respecting these ancient times renders the determination of the date of many, if not most, of them absolutely impossible. According to the list of nations, chap. xxv. 15–26, one would naturally expect, if the order in this section had any real significance, that the prophecy against Egypt should stand first in the collection, and that against Elam last. Instead of this being the case, Elam begins the group. Hence it is evident that the arrangement in the Greek was not determined with reference to this enumeration. It is reasonable, therefore, to believe that this was its original place in the collection. The translator gave, one must assume, the order which obtained in the ancient manuscript which he used. Had he found the succession in chap. xxv. 15–26 reproduced, he surely would have followed it. The great age of the Septuagint, and the circumstances under which the translation was made, all point to the
conclusion that it presents, as nearly as can be known, the primitive order of sequence of these prophecies amongst themselves.

It is significant, though, that at the end of the prophecy against Elam and at the commencement of chap. xxvi. in the Septuagint, it is stated that this prophecy was composed in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah. This statement shows that the order of the prophecies in the Alexandrian version was not made to harmonize with the time of their respective composition, inasmuch as one of them, at least, must have been composed earlier than the reign of Zedekiah, if the date of the prophecy against Egypt be correct. As both the Hebrew and the Greek agree in reference to this date, there is reason to regard it as authentic. This latter prophecy was probably read to king Jehoiakim, and was certainly delivered before the time of Pharaoh-Necho's disastrous overthrow at Carchemish. Disregarding this date, Scholz, who defends the Alexandrian order, supposes that the prophecy against Elam was "composed earlier than any other;" and Kühl, who defends the Massoretic order, asserts that it was "written later than the rest." The record of the first date seems to be an explanatory note which formerly stood in the margin of the ancient manuscripts. In that case it was probably, at a time prior to
the translation of the Septuagint, inserted in the text as a chronological subscription, because of the unexpected place which this prophecy occupied in the ancient collection.

If this supposition be correct, the marginal note, or the chronological subscription, whichever it may be, affords important evidence of the originality of the order in the Septuagint. However the historic statement may be explained, it apparently indicates the primitive position of this particular prophecy. Scholz's discussion of this question is worthy of consideration. "That the prophecy against Elam stands in the original place appears, in the highest degree, probable," he says, "through this, that the Greek text here displays an indubitably primitive peculiarity. The prophecy against Elam has in connection with it, and, indeed, *alone in the whole book, a subscription*: 'In the beginning of the reigning of king Zedekiah was this word concerning Elam.' It is quite incredible that a reviser of the present Massoretic text, for instance, should have hit upon the thought of converting here for the only time, against the usage of the entire book, as well as against his own custom, a superscription into a subscription; while, on the contrary, it is perfectly explicable how a reviser may have held it in order to remove this peculiarity by
placing the subscription at the beginning of a section."\(^1\)

Moreover, as the name of Babylon does not appear in the list of nations given in chap. xxv. 15–26, being rightly wanting, as has been pointed out, the transposition of three of the prophecies, namely, those respecting Elam, Moab and Damascus, leaving the prophecy respecting Babylon where it stands in Greek, would make the order of sequence of the prophecies amongst themselves harmonize in general with the above-mentioned enumeration. The change might have been made easily and with very little trouble, if the translator had been disposed to tamper with his text. For the reason that he did not make this change, it is quite improbable that the divergent order of the prophecies was due, in any sense, to intention on his part. The originality of the arrangement in the Septuagint is further indicated by the fact

that it is entirely independent of any principle either of geographical position or of prophetical fulfilment. On this point Scholz again significantly observes, "Finally, there speaks directly for the Septuagint the circumstance, that the regulating principle in the Massoretic text, which is plainly conformable to chap. xxv. 14 seq., is manifest, while in the Septuagint it is, at least, obscure. But now how could it happen that any one should set aside what was clear and also, on superficial reading, easy to understand, and put in its place what even to himself was unintelligible?! So much the more, as to put the separate pieces in another place, instead of following the simple copy, could not be done without trouble. Whereas, how easily, especially if the translator had been 'inconsiderate and superficial,' could, in some way, a short prophecy, for instance, against Damascus have fallen out! Likewise, moreover, do preponderating reasons also speak for the originality of the order of the prophecies in the Septuagint." ¹

Thus the investigation of the position, and also

¹ "Endlich spricht für LXX. gerade der Umstand, dass das ordnende Princip bei dem masorthischen Texte sichtlich dem cap. xxv. 14 ff. conform, klar, bei LXX. aber mindestens unklar ist. Wie käme nun aber Jemand dazu, Klares und auch bei oberflächlichem Lesen leicht Erkennbares bei Seite zu legen, und ihm selbst Unverständliches an die Stelle zu setzen?! Um so mehr, als es nicht müheless sein konnte, statt der einfachen Abschrift die einzelnen Stücke an anderer Stelle unterzubringen. Wie leicht konnte da,
of the order of the prophecies, leads to a similar conclusion. In each respect the Septuagint translation possesses the superiority. Of the correctness and originality of the position in the version, there can be no reasonable doubt; and, if the order in the latter be not the absolutely correct and original one, it is apparently and with great probability, the earlier one of the two. The order, moreover, is most likely the one which the Greek translator found before him in the manuscript he used. The justice of this conclusion appears to be unquestionable. Its reasonableness, it is believed, will be admitted by every unprejudiced investigator. Kuenen even, though he is generally against the Septuagint, honestly acknowledges the probability that the position in the Hebrew has been intentionally changed, as well as the improbability that either the position or the order in the Greek was changed by the translator. While believing that neither text exhibits the primitive form of the book in respect to these nine prophecies, he frankly says, "It does not follow from this that they have always stood, as in the Massoretic text, at the end of the entire collection;"

zumal wenn der Uebersetzer 'leichtfertig und oberflächlich' gewesen wäre, etwa eine kleine Weissagung z. B. gegen Damaskus ausfallen! So sprechen also auch überwiegende Gründe für die Ursprünglichkeit der Reihenfolge der Weissagungen bei LXX." *Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung*, etc., p. 158.
and he justly adds, "neither has it been proved that the Greek translator took the liberty of transposing and transplanting these prophecies."¹

There is the clearest evidence that both the ancient position and the ancient order in the Massoretic text have been, at some time, arbitrarily changed. The transposition in each case was evidently made by a later editor or reviser after the events predicted had transpired. An impartial consideration of all the circumstances renders this conclusion practically certain. The reason for the change in each respect has been so clearly and forcibly stated by Bleek, that it is important in concluding this discussion to quote in full his very reasonable explanation. "Were the Massoretic recension," he says, "the more original, then it would be absolutely impossible to conceive how a later Alexandrian redactor, even if he gave the oracles in the book in general a position other than that in which he found them, should have happened also so to transpose the individual ones against each other, as they present themselves in the Septuagint, that he placed as the very first the oracle respecting Elam (which in the Massoretic text is the last but

¹ "Daaruit volgt echter nog niet, dat zij altijd, gelijk in de Masora, aan het einde der gansche verzameling hebben gestaan; . . . ook is het onbewezen, dat de Grieksche vertaler zich veroorloofd heeft, die godspraken om te zetten en te verplaatsen." Historisch-Kritisch Onderzoek, etc., Tweede Deel, p. 240.
one), and as the third the one respecting Babylon (which in the Massoretic text is the last of all), and so forth. Much sooner, on the contrary, can one imagine, if these oracles formerly had the position and the order which they have in the Septuagint, how the later redactor, who transferred them from that place to the end of the whole collection, could happen also to change their order of sequence amongst themselves. For as, a little while before, the immigration of the Jews with the prophet into Egypt was related, together with the prophecies respecting the destruction which would meet them there, such as those referring to the conquest of the country by Nebuchadnezzar and the fall of Pharaoh-Hophra, he (the redactor) might easily feel occasioned to place at the head of the group of prophecies respecting the individual heathen nations the two respecting Egypt, which at first stood after the one respecting Elam; and likewise he might find it suitable to place quite at the end the great oracle concerning the chief adversary of the covenant-people, namely, the Chaldeans, which followed immediately after those concerning Egypt. By this means, though, no doubt, the displacement of the position of the whole of these prophecies was naturally and easily brought about.”

1 “Wäre die masorethische Recension die ursprünglichere, so würde sich durchaus nicht begreifen lassen, wie ein späterer Alexan-
The transposition of chapters, which was owing to the bodily removal of the prophecies against the heathen nations from the middle to the end of the book, as shown by the foregoing investigation, furnishes no real evidence of different text-recensions. The transposition of verses, owing to the arbitrary rearrangement of these prophecies amongst themselves, also affords no certain evidence of a special text-recension. The two texts, so far as the general position and arrangement of these prophecies are concerned, were probably at one time substantially, if not identically, the same. There are, how-

Einleitung in das Alte Testament, p. 325.
ever, a few instances of verse-transposition, namely, chaps. x. 5-9; xxiii. 7, 8; xxxi. 35-37, which apparently indicate recensional divergences. In the latter example, the order of the verses is 37, 35, 36. The transposition, though unimportant in itself, appears to be recensional, because of a number of minor but significant variations in these verses. In each of the former examples, the transposition is so important that it requires a more complete discussion.

In the Alexandrian version, chap. x., ver. 5 follows ver. 9, which, vers. 6, 7, 8 being omitted from the Greek, comes immediately after ver. 4. Ver. 9 has really no legitimate connection with ver. 8, but is grammatically connected with ver. 4, being manifestly the continuation from this latter verse of the detailed description of an idol, begun in ver. 3 and completed in ver. 5. A close comparison of the two texts shows that, in this passage, the construction of the Greek is much more natural than that of the Hebrew, which seems to have been considerably glossed, vers. 6, 7, 8 being probably interpolations. A careful study of the section also shows that the description in vers. 3, 4 is violently interrupted by the insertion of the interpolated verses; that ver. 9 should stand directly after ver. 4, and that ver. 5 should follow ver. 9, because it forms a logical conclusion to the whole account.
Its position in the Septuagint is not simply the preferable one, it is the only proper one. The transposition of this verse, if not actually due to textual divergency, was likely due either to interpolation or to displacement in the Massoretic text.

In chap. xxiii. again, vers. 7, 8 stand in the Septuagint at the very end of it, immediately after ver. 40. These verses are a substantial repetition of chap. xvi. 14, 15; and it will be observed that in this latter place in each text they follow words of threatening or warning, just as they follow such words in the present place in Greek. It was customary with the prophet, in delivering his solemn messages, to mingle encouragement with reproof, as may be seen by referring to chaps. iv. 27; v. 10, 18; xxvii. 22. For this reason, their later position here in Greek is perfectly appropriate. Their earlier position here in Hebrew may have been due to their arbitrary insertion by some one in order to connect the promise of a national restoration with that of a national deliverer, and thereby to foster Messianic hopes and expectations. Either these verses were removed *from the end of the chapter, and inserted after ver. 6, as suggested, or the difference of arrangement was recensonal. In any case, as Graf and Hitzig both admit, because of the peculiar connection between ver. 6 and ver. 9 in Greek, their changed position was not due to
the translator. He did not find them where they now appear in Hebrew in his manuscript.

The transposition of words, on the other hand, of which there are examples scattered throughout the entire book, evidently indicates a twofold text-recension. Transpositions of this kind occur in nearly every chapter, from one to four and five examples in a single chapter being sometimes found. Their nature, as well as their number, shows that they belonged to the translator's text. The most, if not the whole, of them must have been recensional. They cannot have been either accidental or intentional. In some cases, the frequency, in other cases, the nature, of the transpositions is a proof of their recensional character. Such instances are, "saith the Lord," chaps. i. 19; iii. 16; v. 11; xiii. 14; xix. 12; xxxi. 37; xlviii. 38; "from the Lord," chaps. xi. 1; xviii. 1; xxi. 1; xxxii. 1; xl. 1; "the priest" and "the prophet," chaps. vi. 13; xiv. 18; xxiii. 11, 33; "sword," chaps. xiv. 16; xxi. 7; xxiv. 10; "the priests," chaps. xxvii. 16; xxviii. 5; "evil," chaps. vi. 19; xix. 3; "behold," chaps. vii. 11; xxiii. 30; "the beasts of the earth," chaps. xv. 3; xvi. 4; "gladness" and "mirth," chaps. xvi. 9; xxv. 10; "the Lord," chap. li. 12, 56; "to a stock," chap. ii. 27; "I have purposed it," chap. iv. 28; "murder,"
"commit adultery" and "steal," chap. vii. 9; "the herbs," chap. xii. 4; "I will cause them to know," chap. xvi. 21; "far" and "near," chap. xxv. 26.

There are many cases in which it is impossible to tell which order of the words transposed is the earlier or the more original. The one is practically as good as the other, and the one is just as likely as the other to be correct: as, for instance, "backsliding" and "wickedness," chap. ii. 19; "seed," chap. ii. 21; "saying," chap. ii. 27; "if," chap. ii. 28; "no more," chap. ii. 31; "bride" and "maid," chap. ii. 32; "stocks" and "stones," chap. iii. 9; "the prophets," chap. iv. 9; "not at all," chap. vi. 15; "bride" and "bridegroom," chap. vii. 34; "they shall be," chap. viii. 2; "summer" and "harvest," chap. viii. 20; "hammers," chap. x. 4; "any more," chap. x. 20; "day," chap. xiv. 17; "O Lord," chap. xiv. 22; "this people," chap. xv. 1; "brazen," chap. xv. 20; "out of the womb," chap. xx. 18; "unto them," chap. xxi. 3; "great," chap. xxi. 8; "well with thee," chap. xxii. 15; "the smiths," chap. xxix. 2; "peace," chap. xxix. 7; "words," chap. xxix. 23; "that maketh himself a prophet" and "is mad," chap. xxix. 26; "the Lord," chap. xxxi. 3; "flock," chap. xxxi. 12; "to Babylon," chap. xxxii. 5; "that is in Anathoth," chap.

It is unreasonable to suppose that all these transpositions of words, amounting to nearly ninety cases, were arbitrarily made by the translator. They were most likely textual peculiarities. This likelihood amounts to a certainty where several examples of the same sort occur. The one order of words belonged to the original of the Greek, the other to the original of the Hebrew. An occasional example may, of course, in each text have been accidental. The position, though, of “saith the Lord,” chap. i. 19, in the Septuagint is the proper one, and is the same as that in the Hebrew, chap. xv. 20, and also as that in both the Hebrew and the Greek, chap. i. 8. The order of the transposed
words in the Greek, chaps. ii. 27; xii. 4, is more poetical than the order in the Hebrew. While the words "priest" and "prophet" are transposed in several passages, the order "prophet" and "priest" occurs in Greek, chap. xxiii. 34. The parallelism is improved by the transposition in the Septuagint, chaps. iv. 28; xvi. 21.

The Greek order, it will be seen, of "murder," "commit adultery," and "steal," chap. vii. 9, corresponds with the order of the commandments in the Decalogue, Exod. xx. 13, 14, 15; Deut. v. 17, 18, 19. The Greek position of "the priests," chaps. xxvii. 16; xxviii. 5, is evidently recensional, as the two passages are so similar and stand so near to each other. The Greek order of "the beasts of the earth," chaps. xv. 3; xvi. 4, is shown to be recensional, partly for the same reason, and partly for the reason that the Greek and the Hebrew order of these words, chap. vii. 33, is just the same. The Greek order of the transposed words, chap. xxv. 26, is exactly like the Hebrew order, chap. xlviii. 24. The frequent occurrence of "from the Lord," always in a superscription, and also of "the priest" and "the prophet," always in a similar construction, proves these transpositions to have been recensional. Certain verbal combinations, though common, are not uniform in either text, as has been shown by
the discussion of the group of words, "sword, famine, and pestilence."

The transpositions of letters are also worthy of consideration. Some of them are significant, as possibly indicating recensional divergences; others of them are important, as probably representing superior readings in the Septuagint; all of them are interesting, as plainly showing the origin of a considerable number of variations. While this species of transposition cannot be employed to prove the present hypothesis, it is not at all improbable that some examples were due to different text-recensions, although, of course, it is impossible to point out instances with certainty. Some of these divergences apparently arose from transcription, others of them from dictation. As the transposition may as easily and as likely have taken place in copying or dictating the original of the Hebrew as in copying or dictating the original of the Greek, it cannot be determined now in which recension the variation first occurred, except in so far as the context proves the reading in the one case or the other to be right.

In certain cases, it ought to be observed, the transposition does not seriously affect the sense, the rendering in each text being equally admissible; in many cases, the reading in the Hebrew is superior; in other cases, the reading in the Greek
is not simply preferable but correct. Such examples in the Septuagint are "destroyed" for "burned up," chap. ii. 15, which better suits the context; "burned" for "broken down," chap. iv. 26, which corresponds with chaps. xlix. 2; li. 58; "be consumed" for "shall die," chaps. xi. 22; xlii. 17, 22, which corresponds with chaps. xiv. 15; xlv. 12; "in his forest" for "in his cities," chap. i. 32, which agrees with chap. xxii. 14, and which, as Hitzig says, is required by the sense.

As their number is considerable, it is unnecessary to examine each of them in detail. Scholars can make the examination for themselves. Their chief significance consists, partly in showing how many divergences arose, and partly in showing how the Septuagint translation may be used for purposes of text-criticism. The following examples occur:

- ii. 15; מְלֹאות—כלפעה, iii. 3; בְּרָצָה—בְּרָצָה, iv. 26; לָצָה—נָלָה, v. 4; בְּרָצָה—בְּרָצָה, vi. 2;
- נָבַה—נָבַה, vi. 28; נָבַה—נָבַה, vi. 29;
- נָבַה—נָבַה, ix. 1; נָבַה—נָבַה, ix. 9; נָבַה—נָבַה, x. 9; נָבַה—נָבַה, xi. 22; נָבַה—נָבַה, xii. 4; נָבַה—נָבַה, xv. 16; נָבַה—נָבַה, xvii. 9;
- נָבַה—נָבַה, xx. 11; נָבַה—נָבַה, xx. 17;
- נָבַה—נָבַה, xxi. 12; נָבַה—נָבַה, xxi. 3;
- נָבַה—נָבַה, xxii. 23; נָבַה—נָבַה, xxiii. 14; נָבַה—נָבַה.
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CHAPTER V.

THE VARIATIONS—ALTERATIONS.

The nature of the Alterations, which are very numerous, is of the greatest possible importance. The evidence they furnish is really sufficient of itself to establish the present hypothesis. No other kind of evidence can be more significant for proving the existence of special text-recensions. This class of variation cannot have been due either to accident or to design. It is more reasonable to suppose that the translator arbitrarily abridged his text by leaving out unnecessary and unimportant matter, although this latter supposition is foundationless, than to suppose that he arbitrarily altered the grammatical forms he found before him, and that to an extent which, more or less, in multitudes of cases, affects the understanding of the text. A certain license of translation he undoubtedly possessed. When the construction of the Greek required, or properly permitted, a slight change of form that would not affect the meaning of a passage, then a change, of course, would be quite
justifiable; but when the genius of the language in no way called for such a change, then it would be altogether unjustifiable.

In nearly every case, however, the alterations that occur are entirely unnecessary on linguistic grounds. The translator could just as easily have reproduced the form in Hebrew as he could give the form in Greek. Besides, the rendering in the Greek in general is good, and represents an excellent Hebrew text. This would not have been the case had the translator been dishonest or incompetent. The supposed arbitrary character of this class of variation has not even the amount of plausibility that so many scholars seem to think belongs to the divergences that have already been discussed. For most of the alterations, which appear in all parts of the book, there was not the least necessity on any ground; and, consequently, for making them there was not the slightest excuse. The charge of arbitrariness respecting them, therefore, is as unreasonable as the practice of it would have been inexcusable.

Incredible as the supposition seems, it is remarkable, notwithstanding, that Graf attributes the alterations to the same unworthy cause as that to which he ascribes the omissions, the additions, and the transpositions. He deliberately asserts, "Of the arbitrariness of the translator, nearly every
verse bears witness; it is sufficient, therefore, to cite only some of the most striking examples of the different ways in which it manifests itself. Without regard to the grammatical forms of the text, and often quite contrary to sense and connection, person or number is changed." 1 He then indicates a number of illustrations, as he believes, of the translator's arbitrariness in each of these respects. Before presenting a complete classification of the different species of alteration that occur, it will be interesting to examine some of his examples.

Beginning with the instances he gives of change of person, it should be observed that the third person instead of the first in the second member of chap. ii. 25 does not at all affect the meaning of the verse. The Greek expresses the sense as accurately as the Hebrew expresses it; and, if both readings are not equally good, both, at least, are equally admissible. The second person instead of the third in the second sentence of ver. 30 of this same chapter is really required by the sense, inasmuch as the smiting of the children was designed, in the opinion of the prophet, to teach the parents

1 "Von der Willkür des Uebersetzers legt fast jeder Vers Zeugniss ab, es genügt daher von den verschiedenen Weisen, in welchen sich dieselbe zeigt, nur einige der schlagendsten Beispiele anzuführen. Ohne Rücksicht auf die grammatischen Formen des Textes und oft ganz gegen Sinn und Zusammenhang wird Person oder Numerus geändert." Einleitung, p. lii.
wisdom. The second person of the pronouns in the succeeding sentence harmonizes with the second person of the verb in this sentence. A translation of it shows that the whole verse, as it stands in Greek, is admirable. The latter reads, “In vain have I smitten your children; ye have not received instruction: the sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion, and ye have feared not.” The added sentence, the change of person, and the omission of “your” before “sword,” all afford convincing proof that the translator had another and a special text before him.

The second person instead of the first in the opening sentence of chap. viii. 6 is perfectly consistent with the context, as will appear from a literal translation of the first half of the verse in Greek. It should be rendered, “Hearken ye, now, and hear; not thus do (will) they speak, there is not a man repenting him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done?” The meaning given here is good, and the addition of the word “now,” as well as the change of person and number, proves that the original of the Greek in this verse, too, was different from the original of the Hebrew. The second person instead of the first in the first member of chap. xxii. 14 is perfectly in harmony with the context in the Septuagint. In the latter, the words, “that saith,” are wanting; and the verse
commences with a direct reference to Jehoiakim, the subject of the passage, "Thou hast built for thyself a wide (symmetrical) house," etc. The second person, moreover, as in Greek, agrees exactly with the beginning of the next verse in both Greek and Hebrew, which reads, "Shalt thou reign?" etc. The whole section, vers. 13–23, presents a number of divergences that point clearly to a special text-recension. The third person instead of the first in the last member of chap. xvi. 13 is not contrary to the meaning of the verse as it stands in Greek, the latter half of which may be correctly rendered, "and there shall ye serve other gods, which shall show you no favour." The adverbial clause, "day and night," is wanting in the Septuagint, but the sense expressed in Greek is excellent. This difference of reading is undoubtedly recensional.

Besides these alleged examples of wilful change of person, Graf gives some illustrations of what he believes to be a special kind of arbitrary alteration of person. In the Massoretic text, Jeremiah sometimes represents himself as suffering with the people concerning whom he prophesies, or as mourning in the person of that people. In the Alexandrian text, these personal lamentations, as a rule, do not appear. An examination of a number of such passages will prove that they did not appear in the translator's manuscript. The second
person instead of the first in both members of chap. x. 19 is shown to be a recensional divergence by the omission of "me" from this verse, by the continuation of the second person through the first member of ver. 20, by the addition of "it is destroyed" to the same member, and by the resumption of the first person in the second member of this latter verse. The similar changes of person in chaps. xiii. 17; xiv. 17; xlviii. 31, are all evidences of the same fact. In each of these three examples the rendering in the Septuagint suits the context. In the second example, the formula with which the verse begins properly introduces a divine address, and not a human lamentation, as is well illustrated by chap. xiii. 12. The Greek is thus superior to the Hebrew. That the two texts in chaps. xiv. 17; xlviii. 31, were originally different is further shown by the additions and omissions that occur in each of these two passages.

Graf's charges of wilful change of number on the part of the translator are no more reasonable than are those of wilful change of person. When his examples are subjected to a critical investigation, they illustrate the existence of another text in nearly every case. The plural for the singular in the second half of chap. iii. 6 is neither incorrect nor contrary to the sense. Although "Israel" is spoken of in the singular in the first member of
this verse, the collective plural is perfectly admissible in speaking of the conduct of the people individually. The word for "she" here is wanting in the Septuagint, and the word "backsliding," having been derived from another Hebrew root, is rendered "colony." In the Greek the verse reads, "Hast thou seen what the colony of Israel hath done to me? they are gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there have played the harlot." The sense expressed in Greek is quite as good as that expressed in Hebrew, but the original texts were slightly different. It is incredible that the translator should have added the words "to me," and have omitted the pronoun "she," and have changed the number of two principal verbs in a single member of one verse.

Neither is the singular for the plural in the first half of chap. xxii. 7 incorrect or contrary to the sense. The construction of the Greek is just as allowable as that of the Hebrew. The reading, "I will bring against thee a destroying man and his weapon," harmonizes perfectly with the context. The substitution of "bring" for "prepare," as well as the change of number, proves the existence of another text. The singular for the plural in the middle of ver. 26 of this same chapter is not merely not improper, but is even superior to the form in Hebrew. The verse in Greek reads, "And I will
cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into a country, where thou wast not born, and there shall ye (thou and thy mother) die." The meaning expressed is preferable in the Septuagint, and the translator, doubtless, reproduced the text he had before him. He would not gratuitously have changed the number of a principal verb, and have omitted the word "another," which is possibly, as Hitzig thinks, a gloss, and which, at all events, is quite unnecessary.

The plural for the singular in the first half of chap. xxvi. 19 is quite as correct, and quite as consistent with the context, as the form in the Hebrew is. Indeed, the plural might most naturally be expected in this place. The reference is not confined to "Hezekiah" alone, but to the "king of Judah and all Judah," as the rendering of the Septuagint shows. The latter reads, "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did they not fear the Lord?" etc. The singular for the plural in the first half of chap. xxxii. 36 is perfectly appropriate. The reference in the Septuagint here is to the prophet, and the form, "whereof thou sayest," is just the same as that in the corresponding part of ver. 43 in Greek. A further evidence that these divergences are recensional is furnished by the fact that, in a similar account, chap. xxxiii. 10, the plural form,
"whereof ye say," is found in both the Hebrew and the Greek.

The singular for the plural in the first half of chap. l. 42 is another illustration of recensional divergency. Instead of the verb "hold" here, the Septuagint has the participle "having;" and the reference in the sentences criticized by Graf is very properly to "nation" in the preceding verse. Consistently with this explanation, vers. 41, 42 in Greek read, "Behold, a people cometh from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth, having bow and spear: it is cruel, and has no mercy." Not only is the text of the Septuagint different from that of the Hebrew, but also it makes excellent sense. The singular for the plural in the first half of chap. li. 28 is altogether the preferable reading. Indeed, it seems to be the only reading that harmonizes with the context. The plural "kings" in Hebrew is probably incorrect, as indicated by the singular pronoun "his" in the last sentence of the verse.

Thus a fair consideration of Graf's principal examples shows that there is not a particle of evidence of arbitrary alteration on the part of the translator. The charge, therefore, of wilful change of person and number is not only not sustained, but also shown to be foundationless. In none of
the foregoing examples is either the sense or the connection injured by the alteration, as Graf asserts. In some passages, the reading in the Hebrew is preferable to the reading in the Greek; but from this it does not follow that the translator was in any way to blame for the inferiority of the Alexandrian rendering. He was not responsible for the nature or condition of the ancient manuscript he used. It may have been, and, doubtless, was quite frequently imperfect. The Hebrew, too, in many places may have been, and, doubtless, was improved by later hands. Moreover, the original of the Hebrew was probably, in some instances, superior to that of the Greek, just as the original of the Greek was certainly, in other instances, superior to that of the Hebrew. There was not the least occasion for the translator to make the alterations that occur, and there is not the slightest reason to suppose that he did make them.

In his brief and partial discussion of the alterations, which occur almost as frequently as he asserts, but which do not testify as he alleges, Graf neither pretends to treat them thoroughly, nor attempts to classify them systematically. He simply gives a few examples of the two kinds just considered. They comprise, though, changes of species or conjugation (voice and mood), tense, gender, person, number, and case. Of certain
kinds of alteration, there are numerous examples; of others, there are not so many; of some, there is only one or two. As they all appear together in the Conspectus of the variations elsewhere, a few examples of each kind will be sufficient for the purposes of systematic classification. In some instances, the form in Hebrew is superior; in other instances, the form in Greek is preferable. The comparative merit of each reading will be left to the judicial consideration of each critic. Some of these alterations, it will be observed, were due to difference of punctuation; but none of them were due to arbitrariness on the part of the translator.

Except in cases where the letters were originally the same, the alterations indicate a special text-recension in nearly every instance. An exception, of course, must be made in the case of divergences which were required by the genius of the language in which the work of translation was done. An active for a passive, or a singular for a plural, and vice versa, are examples of this kind. Even then, as is frequently the case, where the form in Greek represents an excellent form in Hebrew, the original texts were probably different.

The instances of change of number, it should be observed, are very numerous. The plural for the singular in a great many passages, while, doubtless, sometimes due to different punctuation,
at other times to textual divergency, may have been due in general to the well-known fact that the plural is often used in Greek where the singular is used in Hebrew. The singular for the plural, on the other hand, seems almost always to indicate a textual difference. As both the singular and the plural occur occasionally in a single verse, it is possible that these forms were not so definitely fixed at one time as they are to-day, and as they have been since the Massoretic system became established.

The following classification furnishes illustrations of the chief kinds of alteration that occur:

Species or Conjugation.

Kal for Niphal. — יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם ("it shall be said" — "they shall say"), chaps. iv. 11; vii. 32; xvi. 14; יִבְרָתָא יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם ("it shall be chosen" — "they shall choose"), chap. viii. 3.

Kal for Piel. — קֶשֶׁטא יִפְשַׁנְתָּא ("to change" — "to repeat"), chap. ii. 36.

Kal for Hiphil. — רַבִּיתא יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם ("thou shewedst me" — "I saw"), chap. xi. 18; יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם ("cause it to come" — "it may or shall come"), chap. xiii. 1; יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם יִנַּפְשָׁהוּיֵֽאָם ("I will cause thee to hear" — "thou shalt hear"), chap.
xvii. 2; וְקָנָה-וְקָנָה ("they have caused them to stumble"—"they shall stumble"), chap. xvii. 15;

יָשָׁם-יָשָׁם ("they had caused to hear"—"they had heard"), chap. xxiii. 22.

**Kal for Hopahal.** רָאָה—רָאָה ("shall be taken up"—"they shall take up"), chap. xxv. 22.

**Niphal for Kal.** נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("breaketh"—"is broken"), chap. xix. 11; שָׁמְרוּ—שָׁמְרוּ ("they have called thee"—"thou hast been called"), chap. xxx. 17; לְשׁוֹנָה—לְשׁוֹנָה ("thou shalt burn"—"shall be burned"), chap. xxxviii. 23.

**Niphal for Hiphil.** לְשׁוֹנָה—לְשׁוֹנָה ("publisheth"—"is heard"), chap. iv. 15; נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("publish ye"—"let it be published"), chaps. iv. 5; v. 20.

**Hiphil for Kal.** נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("is passed away"—"have taken away"), chap. xi. 15.

**Hiphil for Hopahal.** נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("is performed"—"have performed"), chap. xxxix. 14.

**Hophal for Kal.** נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("inhabiting"—"being inhabited"), chap. ix. 10.

**Hophal for Hiphil.** נָשָׁם—נָשָׁם ("they deal corruptly"—"they are corrupted"), chap. vi. 28; רָאָה—רָאָה ("he had driven them"—"they had been driven"), chap. xvi. 15.
Tense.

Perfect for Imperfect. —  הָיָה ("shall become" — "were"), chap. v. 13;  היה ("shall be" — "was"), chap. xxxv. 9.

Imperfect for Perfect. —  נָשָׁתָה— נָשָׁתָה ("we have heard" — "ye shall hear"), chap. xxx. 5.

Perfect for Infinitive. —  תָּהָלְכוּ— תָּהָלְכוּ ("to do" — "has done"), chap. xi. 15;  נָשָׁתָם— נָשָׁתָם ("to cut off" — "I will cut off"), chap. xlvii. 4.

Infinitive for Perfect. —  שָׁלָה— נָשָׁתָה ("mayest try" — "to try"), chap. vi. 27;  נָשָׁתָה ("did do" — "to do"), chap. xxii. 15.

Imperative for Perfect. —  נָשָׁתָה ("I hearkened and heard" — "hearken now and hear"), chap. viii. 6;  להָלְכוּ ("they have sown, they have reaped" — "sow, reap"), chap. xii. 13.

Imperative for Imperfect. —  נָשָׁתָה ("they shall glean" — "glean"), chap. vi. 9.

Imperfect for Infinitive. —  נָשָׁתָה— נָשָׁתָה ("to steal, to murder, and to commit adultery, and to swear," etc. — "ye murder, and commit adultery, and steal, and swear," etc.), chap. vii. 9;  נָשָׁתָה— נָשָׁתָה ("to pour out" — "they pour out"), chap. vii. 18.
Perfect for Participle. — נֵבֶט מָזַהוּ ("giving" — "I have given"), chap. v. 14; לֶאָם לֶאָם ("travailing" — "hath travailed"), chap. xxx. 6.

Participle for Infinitive. — יָנַח יָנַח יָנַח ("to say" — "saying"), chaps. vi. 14; vii. 4; xi. 21; לֶאָם לֶאָם ("to speak" — "speaking"), chap. xxxviii. 4.

Imperfect for Participle. — לֶאָם לֶאָם ("walking" — "shall walk"), chap. x. 23.

Gender.

Masculine for Feminine. — נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה ("herself" — "himself"), chap. iii. 11.

Feminine for Masculine. — יָנַח יָנַח יָנַח יָנַח יָנַח יָנַח ("shall he return unto her?" — "shall she verily return unto him"), chap. iii. 1.

Person.

First for Second. — נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה ("thy life" — "my life"), chap. xi. 21; נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה ("thou shalt make" — "I will make"), chap. xxviii. 13.

First for Third. — נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה ("the Lord hath given" — "I have given"), chap. xxv. 5.

Second for First. — נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁה נִכְפֹּשַׁ ("I have broken, I have burst" — "thou hast
broken, thou hast burst"), chap. ii. 20; דְִּבָּרֱּי—לַבְּרּי ("my heart" —"your heart"), chap. viii. 18; יִלְִּבְּרֱּי—ליָּבְּרֵי—לְִּבְּרוּ—לְִּבְּרֵי ("for us, our eyes"—"for you, your eyes"), chap. ix. 17; שָּּבַר—שָּּבֵּר ("my hurt, my wound"—"thy hurt, thy wound"), chap. x. 19; יִנְּשְּׁבְּרֵי—ינְּשַּּבְּרֵי ("my soul, my eye"—"your soul, your eyes"), chap. xiii. 17.

Second for Third.—לְִּבְּרֵי—לָּבְּרֵי ("they received"—"ye received"), chap. ii. 30; מָרִים—מְרִים ("she hath been rebellious"—"thou hast been rebellious"), chap. iv. 17; בּוֹרְתָּלִים—בּוֹרָּתָלִים ("in her streets"—"in thy streets"), chap. xlix. 26.

Third for First.—עלְִּבְּרֵי—עִלְּבְּרֵי ("before me"—"before her"), chap. vi. 7; בּוֹרְתָּלִים—בּוֹרָּתָלִים ("my pasture"—"their pasture"), chap. xxiii. 1; רְיֵים—רִיֵּים ("I had driven them"—"he had driven them"), chap. xxiii. 8; בּוֹרְתָּלִים—בּוֹרָּתָלִים ("I will set"—"he shall set"), chap. xliii. 10; בּוֹרְתָּלִים ("I will kindle"—"he shall kindle"), chap. xliii. 12.

Third for Second.—אֶבְּלְּתָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטָנְטְּטָנְטִים—אֱבְּלָּתָנְרָנְרָנְרָנְרָנְרָנְרָנְרָנְרְּרָנְרְּרָנְרִים ("your fathers"—"their fathers"), chaps. iii. 18; vii. 25; xliv. 10; בְּרָנְרֵי—כְּרָנְרֵי ("ye have dealt treacherously"—"she has dealt treacherously"), chap.
iii. 20; צְנַצִּים—צְנַצִּים ("thy neck"—"their neck"), chap. xxx. 8; מְכַסְתִּים—מְכַסְתִּים ("ye have obeyed"—"they have obeyed"), chap. xxxv. 18; צְאָתו—צְאָתו ("you"—"them"), chap. xxxviii. 5; כָּה—כָּה ("thy nest"—"his nest"), chap. xlix. 16.

Number.

Singular for Plural (Noun).—כַּמְפַרְפָּר ("families"—"family"), chap. ii. 4; בַּעְלֵי ("Baalim"—"Baal"), chap. ii. 23; כַּמְפַרְפָּר ("thy confidences, in them"—"thy confidence, in it"), chap. ii. 37; כִּפְסָנים ("as clouds"—"as a cloud"), chap. iv. 13; מְשָׁלוֹת—מְשָׁלוֹת ("distances"—"distance"), chap. viii. 19.

Singular for Plural (Verb).—כַּמְפַרְפָּר ("ye have obeyed"—"thou hast obeyed"), chap. iii. 13; עַז ("have dealt treacherously"—"has dealt treacherously"), chap. v. 11; נִשְׁפַּע ("they may hear"—"he may hear"), chap. vi. 10; בֵּית ("speak ye"—"speak thou"), chap. xi. 2; מְכַסְתִּים ("they have done"—"thou hast done"), chap. xxxviii. 9.

Singular for Plural (Adjective).—ךִּפְּפָל—ךִּפְּפָל
Singular for Plural (Pronoun). — קָרָא—קָרָא
("their voice" — "his voice"), chap. vi. 23;
שֶׁבָּהוֹר—שֶׁבָּהוֹר
("their captivity" — "his captivity"), chap. xxxi. 23;
נהוֹר—נהוֹר
("put them" — "put it"), chap. xxxii. 14;
אֵלֶה אֱלֹהִים
("ye are saying" — "thou art saying"),
chap. xxxii. 36, 43;
עֵלֶיו—עֵלֶיו
("upon them" — "upon him"), chap. xxxvi. 31;
עֵלֶיו—עֵלֶיו
("to them" — "to it"), chap. xxxvi. 32.

Plural for Singular (Noun). — בָּרְרִית—בָּרְרִית
("river" — "rivers"), chap. ii. 18;
קרְבָּה—קרְבָּה
("thy way" — "thy ways"), chaps. ii. 33; iv. 18;
נִכְסָה—נִכְסָה
("nation" — "nations"), chaps. ii. 11;
vi. 22;
כְּנֶה—כְּנֶה
("thy wickedness" — "thy wickednesses"), chap. iii. 2;
כְּנֶה—כְּנֶה
("word" — "words"), chap. xxxi. 10.

Plural for Singular (Verb). — עָשָׂה—עָשָׂה
("hath changed" — "have changed"), chap. ii. 11;
כָּלְהוֹ—כָּלְהוֹ
("she has gone" — "they have gone"),
chap. iii. 6;
ָבָּד—בָּד
("he shall set" — "they shall set"), chap. xiii. 21;
פָּעָה—פָּעָה
("it does") —
"they do"), chap. xviii. 10; הערתה—andscapeת ("thou hast rebuked"—"ye have rebuked"), chap. xxix. 27; ידיעת—インタומ ("it shall become"—"they shall become"), chap. xlix. 2.

Plural for Singular (Adjective). — עתת ("going out"—"going out"), chap. v. 6; נפש—נפש ("righteous"—"righteous"), chap. xi. 20.

Plural for Singular (Pronoun). — לך ("to perform it"—"to perform them"), chap. i. 12; פרי נוב, פרי יות—פרי יות, פרי יות ("thy harvest, thy bread"—"your harvest, your bread"), chap. v. 17; שם—שם ("its fame"—"their fame"), chap. vi. 24; ליב—לב ("his heart"—"your heart"), chap. xvi. 12; אָם—אמ ("it"—"them"), chap. xxv. 12; קול—קול ("her sound"—"their sound"), chap. xlvi. 22.

Plural for Dual.—Tcpננים—Tcpננים ("the two stones"—"the stones"), chap. xviii. 3.

**Case.**

Nominative for Objective. — תְּרוּ הָאָטֵאֵב ("they inclined their ear"—"their ear hearkened"), chap. vii. 24, 26; תְּרוּ נְתַנֶּה ("let mine eyes
run down with tears”—“let tears run down from your eyes”), chap. xiv. 17.

Objective for Nominative.—כָּשְׁבוּ תָּלִי וַתִּרְדָּם כָּשְׁבוּ תָּלִי וַתִּרְדָּם (“shall he return unto her again?” —“shall she verily return unto him again?”), chap. iii. 1.
CHAPTER VI.

THE VARIATIONS—SUBSTITUTIONS.

The Substitutions also are very numerous and noteworthy. They present, moreover, a great variety of species. Taken together with the other kinds of variation, they greatly increase the evidence for the existence of special text-recensions. While they are all equally interesting, they are not all equally important in support of this hypothesis, for the reason that some of them were due to difference of punctuation. Many of them, however, bear the clearest witness to the existence of recensional divergences.

Not only is their number great, but also their nature is significant. They are, indeed, of such a character that they could not possibly have been due to wilful change on the part of the translator or transcriber. As the same general arguments, in answer to Graf’s charge of arbitrariness, that were applied to the preceding class are also applicable to the present class of variations, it is superfluous to repeat them here. It is scarcely more than neces-
sary to indicate their nature and significance. Before proceeding to classify them for this purpose, though, it will be proper to examine some of the examples of supposed arbitrariness that he adduces, by way of once more showing his unfairness and unreasonableness.

Graf refers particularly to but one species of substitution, namely, that of pronouns for substantives. Of this species, he gives only a few examples; but each one helps to establish the hypothesis to which he is so bitterly and so uncompromisingly opposed. The substitution of "toward them" for "toward this people" in the first member of chap. xv. 1 exhibits an admirable reading. In the Septuagint, the latter words, "this people," appear in the second member of the verse, and the words "of my sight" are absent altogether. The verse in Greek reads, "Then said Jehovah unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward them: cast this people out, and let them go forth."

The variations in this verse afford an interesting illustration of recensional divergences. The original of the Alexandrian was evidently different from that of the Massoretic text.

The substitution of "you" for "this people," and of "to you" for "to my people," in the middle of chap. xxix. 32, together with the other variations
in this verse, also affords a beautiful illustration of textual differences. A translation of the verse in Greek will fully demonstrate this statement, as well as advantageously exhibit the divergences. It reads, "Therefore, thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah and his seed; and they shall not have a man among you to behold the good that I will do unto you; they shall not see it." Here is conclusive evidence of a special text-recension. The verse in Greek has a peculiarly rhetorical Hebrew ending. The supposition that in one verse the translator arbitrarily made two substitutions, changed an indicative into an infinitive and a singular into a plural, added a conjunction and a sentence, and omitted an adjective and two sentences, is really too absurd to merit any further discussion. It is merely worth remarking, in this connection, that the simple assemblage of words, "because he hath spoken rebellion against the Lord," which occurs twice in the Hebrew text, here and in ver. 16 of the preceding chapter, does not occur at all in the Septuagint translation of this book. Hitzig supposes properly that in each of these two passages it is a gloss.

The substitution of "them" for "Elam," in the first member of chap. xlix. 37, is another excellent illustration of recensional divergency. The one word was as easy to reproduce in the translation as
the other was. No conceivable reason can be suggested for the substitution, unless it be that the pronoun was the more natural reading. The reference here is to "the outcasts of Elam," in the concluding sentence of the preceding verse. Instead of repeating the proper name, it is really preferable to supply a plural pronoun, as in the Septuagint. Not only is the Greek construction more natural, but also more in harmony with the other plural pronouns that occur throughout the verse. The Greek reads, "And I will cause them (the outcasts) to be dismayed before their enemies that seek their life: and I will bring upon them according to the heat of my anger; and I will send my sword after them to their destruction." One has only to compare the two texts to perceive that several other variations (one of them, "to their destruction," being idiomatic) prove a different original to have been the certain cause of such divergences.

As Graf has given only these few illustrations of this kind of substitution, it is unnecessary to examine any others in detail. His charge of arbitrariness is just as unsuccessful respecting this class of variations as respecting the preceding class. In every instance it is shown to be without foundation. Each one of his examples not only proves his allegation to be false, but also proves the hypothesis
of a special text-recension to be true. A multitude of other instances might be indicated that furnish evidence just as conclusive as those considered furnish. Their general nature and importance will appear in classifying and illustrating their several species. The different kinds may be arranged in five distinctive groups,—parts of speech, rhetorical expressions, syntactical forms, proper names, and letters.

Before exemplifying each class, it should be stated that, in the case of synonyms, where an article occurs for a noun, as "the princes" for "the princes of Judah," chap. xxiv. 1; or a noun for a pronoun, as "after the Holy One of Israel" for "after me," chap. ii. 2; or one proper noun for another, as "Jehovah the God of Israel" for "Jehovah," chap. xxxii. 28; or one common noun for another, as "inhabitants" for "men," chap. xi. 23; "land" for "men," chap. xxxvi. 31; "the city" for "the people," chap. xxxvii. 4; "in the land." for "in the cities," chap. xl. 5, etc., there is no reason whatever to suspect the translator of having made the changes. The character of his translation proves the suspicion to be groundless. He had no need to make such alterations, and without necessity he certainly would not have made them.

While, in the great majority of cases, the synonymous words and expressions are practically
equivalent, as well for the subject-matter as for the sense, there are places where the Greek presents the more difficult, and, for this reason, the preferable reading; for example, "the inhabitants of Chaldea" for "the land of the Chaldeans," chap. l. 45, to which Scholz has directed attention. "In the Greek text," as he rightly says, "according to Hebrew custom, the name of the people is placed as the name of the country; and the words must be translated 'the inhabitants of Chaldea.' It is absolutely inconceivable that the translator, if his Hebrew text had had 'land,' should have abandoned this perfectly proper and corresponding designation, and should have made the useless difficulty for his Greek readers."¹

**Parts of Speech.**

Substitutions belonging to this class, it will be seen at once, were often due to punctuation, or rather to the utter absence of punctuation. In cases where the consonants were alike, the varia-

¹ "Im griechischen Texte ist der Völkername nach hebräischer Weise als Ländername gesetzt; und die Worte müssen übersetzt werden: 'Bewohner Chaldäa's.' Es ist geradezu undenkbar, dass der Übersetzer, wenn sein hebräischer Text 'terra' gehabt hätte, diese ganz richtige und entsprechende Bezeichnung verlassen, und seinen griechischen Lesern die unnütze Schwierigkeit sollte gemacht haben." *Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung,* etc., pp. 107, 108.
tion naturally explains itself; but in cases where the consonants were not alike, the original manuscripts were evidently different. Such cases certainly indicate recensional divergences, and possibly indicate archaic readings in the ancient Hebrew texts. The following examples of the principal species may be given:

**Noun for Adjective.** — הקס — חוץ ("sick"—"man"), chap. xvii. 9; ינושי — ענושי ("woeful"—"man"), chap. xvii. 16; עטוש — אסזש ("lame"—"passover"), chap. xxxi. 8.

**Adjective for Noun.** — gain — גוי ("standard"—"fleeing"), chap. iv. 21; רעה (רעיה) — רעה ("knowledge"—"feeding"), chap. iii. 15.

**Noun for Article.** — בהר ייוז — בהיר ("the word"—"word of Jehovah"), chap. v. 13.

**Article for Noun.** — נק Roths — נר ארוז ("the princes of Judah"—"the princes"), chap. xxiv. 1.

**Noun for Adverb.** — שם — שם ("there"—"name"), chap. xlvi. 17.


**Noun for Preposition.** — אל — אל ("against"—"God"), chap. l. 29.

**Preposition for Noun.** — עם — עם ("people"—"with"), chap. xxxi. 2.
Noun for Pronoun.—יִתֹּ֥ר AFTER—יִתְוַּעֲּרeer ("after me"—"after the Holy One of Israel"),
chap. ii. 2; עליה—יַאֲלָה ("these"—"oak"), chap. ii. 34; עליהם—in קֵלֶל ("upon them"—"upon
this people"), chap. xi. 11; יִתְוַּעֲּר ("her kings"—"kings of Judah"), chap. xxv. 18;
ִיָּהוּ—יִיִּבְּרֹד ("at that day"—"at the
day of Jehovah"), chap. xxv. 33; יִתְוַּעֲּר ("her
cities"—"the cities of Judah"), chap. xxxiv. 1.

Pronoun for Noun.—יִתְוַּעֲּר ("the
fury of the Lord."—"my fury"), chap. vi. 11;
לי—לִי ("to Jehovah"—"to him"), chaps. viii. 14; xl. 3; לִמְעַבָּה—לִמְעַבָּה ("for thy name's
sake"—"for thine own sake"), chap. xiv. 7;
לְנֶאֶפֶל ("for my feet"—"for me"), chap.
 xviii. 22; נֲאָבָל ("swearing"—"these"),
chap. xxiii. 10; נְבִית—נְבִית ("the Lord hath
given"—"I have given"), chap. xxv. 5;
אתה—אתה ("Uriah, his
dead body"—"him, him"), chap. xxvi. 23; עיניו—عينיו ("the eyes of the king of Babylon"
—"his eyes"), chap. xxxiv. 3; אתיה—אתיה ("Jeremiah"—"him"), chap. xxxviii. 6, 13.

Noun for Verb.—יִתְוַּעֲּר ("hath spoken"—
"word"), chaps. ix. 11; xxiii. 17; יַֽעַֽשְׂוָ֣מִי—ַֽיָּֽשָׁבְתָּ֣י ("I delight" — "my delight"), chap. ix. 23; לַֽעַֽזְב—לַֽרְבָּ֣ ב ("slay" — "sword"), chap. l. 21; יֵ֔זְרֶ֣בֶנֶּה—יָֽשְׁבִּ֣וּנֶּה ("I will visit thee" — "thy visitation"), chap. l. 31.

Verb for Noun.— יִֽבְּשֹׁ֥מָו—בָּשֶׇׂתָּ ("confusion" — "may be confused"), chap. vii. 19; בֹּֽשָׁ֣ן—בּוֹרָ֣י ("abundance" — "I will execute"), chap. xxxiii. 6; בּוֹֽשֶׁ֥ן—בוֹרָ֣י ("haughtiness" — "is lifted up"), chap. xlviii. 29; בּוֹֽשֶׁ֥ן—בוֹרָ֣י ("as the overthrowing" — "as he overthrew"), chap. l. 40; בּוֹֽשֶׁ֥ן—בוֹרָ֣י ("his molten image" — "they melt"), chap. li. 17.

Verb for Adjective.— נַֽעַֽשְׂוָ֣מִי—שִֽׁמְרָ֣ד ("laying waste" — "hath laid waste"), chap. xxv. 36; לַֽעַֽז—לַֽצֵּ֣ל ("travailing" — "hath travailed"), chap. xxx. 6; לַֽעַֽז—לַֽצֵּ֣ל ("coming in and going out" — "came in and went out"), chap. xxxvii. 4; אָמִּ֣ר—אָמִּ֣ר ("saying" — "to say"), chap. xlv. 26; אָמִּ֣ר—אָמִּ֣ר ("proud" — "has exalted"), chap. xlviii. 29.

Adjective for Verb.— נַֽעַֽשְׂוָ֣מִי—בּוֹֽשֶׁ֥ן ("turneth aside" — "turning aside"), chap. xiv. 8; לַֽעַֽז—לַֽצֵּ֣ל ("stood" — "standing"), chap. lii. 12.

Verb for Adverb.— נַֽעַֽשְׂוָ֣מִי—בּוֹֽשֶׁ֥ן ("aloud" — "were collected"), chap. xii. 6; לַֽעַֽז—לַֽצֵּ֣ל ("together" — "shall be glad"), chap. xxxi. 13.
Adverb for Verb.—יהֲנַחַת ("make it"—"there"), chap. xiii. 16; נַחֲנָה—חָנָה ("refuseth"—"whence"), chap. xv. 18; סֵב—שב ("sit down"—"again"), chap. xxxvi. 15.

Verb for Interjection.—אַל ("alas!"—"is"), chap. xxx. 7.

Interjection for Verb.—אָלָה ("shall be"—"alas!"), chap. li. 2.

Verb for Pronoun.—כֵלֵי ("every one"—"ceased"), chaps. viii. 6; xv. 10; xx. 7.

Pronoun with Preposition for Verb.—הַ—א ("it is come"—"upon her"), chap. xlvi. 20.

Pronoun for Article.—דַּמַּש ("the soul"—"their soul"), chap. iv. 10; דָּמַש—דָּמַשׁ ("the way"—"my ways"), chap. vii. 23; דָּמַש—דָּמַשׁ ("the people"—"my people"), chap. viii. 5; לָמַש ("the people"—"his people"), chaps. xxvi. 23; xl. 6; לָמַש ("the war"—"thy war"), chap. xlix. 26.

Article for Pronoun.—לָמְרָע—לָמְרָע ("thy land, thy cities"—"the land, the cities"), chap. iv. 7; לָמְרָע ("its cities"—"the cities"), chap. iv. 26; לָמְרָע ("my neighbours"—"the neighbours"), chap. xii. 14; לָמְרָע ("her womb"—"the womb"), chap. xx. 17.
Conjunction for Article.—יָהָבָא—ָוָה ("the heaven"—"as heaven"), chap. li. 53.

Conjunction for Pronoun.—יִתָר—יָוָה ("their bow"—"as a bow"), chap. ix. 2; יֵל—יָוָה ("which"—"because"), chap. xi. 17; יָוָה—יִתָר ("what"—"as"), chap. xxxii. 24.

Conjunction for Preposition.—יִתָר—יָוָה ("to a mountain"—"as a mountain"), chap. li. 25; יָוָה—יָוָה ("to women"—"as women"), chap. li. 30.

Conjunction for Interjection.—יִתָר ("behold"—"but if"), chap. vii. 8.

Interjection for Pronoun.—יִתָר ("these"—"behold"), chap. v. 5.

Adverb for Pronoun with Preposition.—יָוָה ("in it"—"there"), chap. xlix. 18, 33.

Pronoun with Preposition for Adverb.—יָוָה (יָוָה) ("there"—"in it"), chap. xxxv. 7.

Adverb for Noun with Preposition.—יָוָה (יָוָה) ("at Jerusalem"—"there"), chap. xxxv. 11.

Rhetorical Expressions.

This species of substitution is very frequent. It occurs in nearly every chapter of the book. In some instances, the variations probably arose from
similarity between the forms of the words; in other instances, they certainly arose from textual differences in the ancient manuscripts. In by far the greater number of instances, this latter will be found on close examination to be the case. They are all exceedingly interesting, but the following examples of the more important of them will suffice to show their nature and significance:

Similar Text. — "in her month" — "in her humiliation"), chap. ii. 24; מָעַשְׁכַּה ("lovers" — "shepherds"), chap. iii. 2; דַּעְחָה ("as an Arabian" — "as a raven"), chap. iii. 2; יְהוֹר ("watchers" — "companies"), chap. iv. 16; כָּפַשׁ ("as a man" — "as fire"), chap. vi. 23; נְבֵי ("heaps" — "captivity"), chap. ix. 10; מִמְּרָה ("tumult" — "her circumcision"), chap. xi. 16; מִמְּרוֹס ("from the north" — "overlaid"), chap. xv. 12; מִמְּרוֹס ("I will bring them again" — "I will cause them to dwell"), chap. xvi. 15; מִמְּרוֹס ("a terror" — "a settlement"), chap. xx. 4; דָּפַת ("grace" — "heat"), chap. xxxi. 2; דָּפַת ("lame" — "passover"), chap. xxxi. 8; פְּרִי ("oppressing" — "Grecian"), chaps. xlvi. 16; ז. 16; מְשׁוֹר ("the hope" — "the
collector"), chap. l. 7; פֶּרֶךְ—פַּרְיָה (“her bullocks” —“her fruit”), chap. l. 27; בָּשָׁת—בַּיְבָה (“they shall be dried up” —“they shall be ashamed”), chap. l. 38; מְתָחַב (מָיָא) —מָתָר (“from the sword” —“from the land”), chap. li. 50.

_Different Text._ —ְאַף—ְאָנָא (“the land” —“the woman”), chap. iii. 1; מְטַנְטָת—שְׁרוֹרָת (“stubbornness” —“devices”), chap. iii. 17; שְׁרוֹרָת—שִׁפְרַכֵן (“your backslidings” —“your wounds”), chap. iii. 22; סְמוֹך—סָפָי דְמָא (“sweet cane” —“cinnamon”), chap. vi. 20; רַבָּרָב—רַבָּשָׁו (“whom they have sought” —“to whom they have cleaved”), chap. viii. 2; מֵאָו—שֵׁרוֹר (“stubbornness” —“desire”), chaps. ix. 13; xvi. 12; xviii. 12; הַמְּטַנְטָת—הָמְטַנְטָת (“they may come” —“they may speak”), chap. ix. 16; אוֹר—רוֹת (“wind” —“light”), chaps. x. 13; li. 16; שְׁבָנָא—שֵׁבָנָא (“jackals” —“ostriches”), chap. x. 22; כֹּלַו—כֹּלַו (“men” —“inhabitants”), chap. xi. 23; יִלְדוּ—יִלְדוּ (“they grow” —“they bring forth”), chap. xii. 2; אַבְרָהָא—the noun—אַבְרָהָא (“our latter end” —“our ways”), chap. xii. 4; כֹּשֶׁך—כֹּשֶׁךְ (“bird of prey” —“cave”), chap. xii. 9; מַשְׁרַב—מַשְׁרַב (“is taken captive” —“is destroyed”), chap. xiii. 17; נָגֵר—נָגֵר (“give them over” —“collect them”), chap.
xviii. 21; יְתָמָהוּ—ָתָמָהוּ ("ye will hear"—"ye will do"), chap. xxii. 5; בָּרִי בּוֹזָה—ֶּבּוֹזָה ("his holy words"—"his glorious majesty"), chap. xxiii. 9; סֶלֶךְ—סֶלֶךְ ("a taunt"—"a hatred"), chap. xxiv. 9; יִרְשָׁה מֹר—קֶלֶל מֹר ("the sound of the millstones"—"the perfume of myrrh"), chap. xxv. 10; דַּגְדֵק—דַּגְדֵק ("the city"—"the country"), chap. xxix. 7; נְעַשְׁתָּם—קֶבֶל רוּחַ ("a watered garden"—"a fruitful tree"), chap. xxxi. 12; רֹעֶה—ירֶה ("sorrowful"—"hungry"), chap. xxxi. 25; עַלְשָׁה—אֶלֶש ("men"—"land"), chap. xxxvi. 31; נָעַר—נָעַר ("the people"—"the city"), chap. xxxvii. 4; וּבָאִים—וּבָאִים ("with cords"—"into the pit"), chap. xxxviii. 6; יָמָה—יָמָה ("the day"—"the time"), chap. xxxviii. 28; נְעֵר—נְעֶר ("in the cities"—"in the land"), chap. xl. 5; נְעֵר—נְעֵר ("in his cities"—"in his forest"), chap. l. 32.

SYNTACTICAL FORMS.

This class of substitution, of which there are many examples, possesses a remarkable significance. Its number, too, is nearly as important as its nature. Comprising idiomatic expressions, which are peculiar to the Hebrew language, the cases
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prove conclusively recensional divergences. The only variety necessary to note in this connection is that kind of Hebraism which consists in the joining of an infinite absolute to the finite form of a verb to give emphasis or intensity to the idea expressed. The following are illustrations of such hebraisms:

Emphatic for Unemphatic Form.—‘השובה—’השובה ("return"—"verily return"), chap. iii. 1; רחיה רביה—רחיה ("were"—"really were"), chap. xxii. 24; רותון רותון—מותון ("I will put"—"verily I will put"), chap. xxxi. 33; לְָּבַשׂ לְָּבַשׂ ("shall turn about"—"shall verily turn about"), chap. xxxi. 39; הָּבַשׂ הָּבַשׂ הָּבַשׂ הָּבַשׂ ("behold, I will give"—"verily it shall be given"), chaps. xxxii. 28; xxxiv. 2; לְָּפַקְרַק לְָּפַקְרַק לְָּפַקְרַק ("I will make drunk"—"I will verily make drunk"), chap. li. 57.

Unemphatic for Emphatic Form. — לְָּבער לְָּבער ("I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking"—"I spake unto you"), chap. vii. 13.

Proper Names.

Of this class of substitution there are several varieties, such as one proper noun for another, a
proper noun for a common noun, and *vice versa*. In some cases, the original texts were just the same; in other cases, they were different. The following examples of each variety may be given by way of illustration:

*Proper Noun for Proper Noun.*—

(Amon" — "Amoz"), chaps. i. 2; xxv. 3; הַשָּׁמָּÎ ("Lord of hosts" — "thy God"), chap. ii. 19; הַשָּׁמָּÎ יְהֹוָּÎ — הַשָּׁמָּÎ ("the Lord" — "the Holy One of Israel"), chap. iii. 16; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("their God" — "their Holy God"), chap. iii. 21; יְהוָּÎ יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("to the Lord" — "to your God"), chap. iv. 4; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("the Lord God" — "the Lord"), chaps. vii. 20; xiv. 13; xxxii. 17; יְהוָּÎ יְהוָּÎ יְהוָּÎ ("Lord of hosts" — "Lord"), chaps. vi. 9; ix. 16; xi. 20; xx. 12; xlix. 26; l. 33; li. 58; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("Lord our God" — "God"), chap. viii. 14; יְהוָּÎ ("Judah" — "Idumea"), chap. ix. 25; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("Uphaz" — "Mophaz"), chap. x. 9; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("Lord" — "God"), chaps. xiv. 10; l. 15; יְהוָּÎ יְהוָּÎ יְהוָּÎ ("Lord our God" — "Lord"), chap. xiv. 22; יְהוָּÎ — יְהוָּÎ ("Lord God of hosts" — "Lord of hosts"), chap. xv. 16; יְהוָּÎ ("Coniah" — "Jecon-
iah”), chap. xxii. 24, 28; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן—יְהוֹעֵז (“Lord”—“Lord our God”), chap. xxiii. 38; מְרָאָס—מְרָא ("Buz"—"Roz"), chap. xxv. 23; מְדֵס—מְדֵס ("Medes"—"Persians"), chap. xxv. 25; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן הָאֵלֵיהָ גְּבֵלָּי (“Lord”—“Lord God of Israel”), chap. xxxii. 28; נֶבֶנַיָה—נֶבֶנַיָה (“Jaazaniah”—“Jeconiah”), chap. xxxv. 3; יָאָשֵׁן—יָאָשֵׁן (“Syrians”—“Assyrians”), chap. xxxv. 11; יָרָשׁנָל (“Israel”—“Jerusalem”), chap. xxxvi. 2; שֵׁמֶל הַדְּוִדְוִת הַפֹּלְכֹת—שֵׁמֶל הַדְּוִדְוִת הַפֹּלְכֹת ("Shemaiah and Elnathan"—"Shelemiah and Jonathan"), chap. xxxvi. 12; ברוֹשׁ—ברוֹשׁ (“Jeremiah”—“Baruch”), chap. xxxvi. 32; סֵרוֹה—סֵרוֹה ("Irijah"—"Seraiah"), chap. xxxvii. 13, 14; אָלָלָשֵׁש—אָלָלָשֵׁש ("Elishama"—"Elisha"), chap. xli. 1; יֵבֹא הַעָרִי מִיָּסֵמַיְתָה—מִיָּסֵמַיְתָה ("Jezaniah the son of Hoshiaiah"—"Azariah the son of Maaseiah"), chap. xlii. 1; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן—יְהוֹעֵז (“Lord”—“Lord God”), chaps. xlii. 4; li. 62; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן יָאָשֵׁן (“Lord thy God”—“Lord”), chap. xlii. 5; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן יָאָשֵׁן (“Lord our God”—“Lord”), chap. xlii. 20; מִיָּסֵמַיְתָה—רוֹשׁנָא (“Hoshaiah”—“Maaseiah"), chap. xliii. 2; יהוה יָאָשֵׁן יָאָשֵׁן (“Lord, the Lord of hosts”—“Lord our
God”), chap. xlvi. 10; יאַּהְוָה—אַלְעַלְא ("Elealeh" —"Etham"), chap. xlviii. 34; נְבֵרָה—כֹּרָם ("Nimrim"—“Nivrim”), chap. xlviii. 34; וַיַּחֲרֹן ("Lord" —“Lord of hosts"), chap. xlix. 18; יְהֹוָה—יִרְאוֹנָה ("Jehoiachin"—“Jehoiakim”), chap. lii. 31.

**Proper Noun for Common Noun.** — צְרוֹר—צַעָד ("rock" —“Zor”), chap. xxi. 13; אֵוֶה—אֵהוּ ("cedar"—“Ahaz”), chap. xxii. 15; נְיֵטָה—נְיֵטָה ("waymarks"—“Zion"), chap. xxxi. 21; חַיַּךְ ("the citadel"—“Hamath"), chap. xlviii. 1; נְיֵטָה—נְיֵטָה ("her little ones" —“Zoar"), chap. xlviii. 4; מָלֵדָה (ל)—מָלֵדָה ("their king"—“Milcom"), chap. xlix. 1, 3.

**Proper Noun for Adjective.** — מַלְאָכִים—וּלְכַלְכִים ("third"—“Salathiel"), chap. xxxviii. 14; גַּלְי—גַּלְי ("strong" —“Etham"), chap. xlix. 19; נָהֳרִים (ו—גַּיִם ("strong" —“Gaithan"), chap. 1. 44.

**Proper Noun for Verb.** — רָפָא (ו—דָּבָר ("pass by"—“Hishbi"), chap. xlvi. 17; דָּבָר (ז—בָּדָם ("broken down"—“Hagath"), chap. xlviii. 1.

**Common Noun for Proper Noun.** — יִשְׂרָאֵל.
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Common Noun for Common Noun.—חָוֶּה (“unto Jahaz”—“their cities”), chap. xlviii. 34.

Common Noun for Common Noun.—רַחָנָה (“wind”—“light”), chaps. x. 13; li. 16; חָי (“men”—“land”), xxxvi. 31.

Verb for Proper Noun.—עִנְיָן (“Esau”—“have done”), chap. xlix. 8; בֶּקֶד (“Pekod”—“punish”), chap. l. 21.

Adverb for Proper Noun.—כְּפֶרֶה (“Merathaim”—“sharply”), chap. l. 21.

The number of substitutions of letters is very large. Some of them were, doubtless, due to imperfection or corruption in the ancient manuscripts; others of them evidently arose from similarity of consonants in the early Hebrew and Aramaic alphabets. The resemblance between many of the letters in the earlier alphabets was much greater than it is now in our Hebrew Bibles. A comparison of the old Semitic characters will show at once how easy it must have been to be misled in transcribing them, especially if they happened to be written indistinctly. In the transitional stages from the primitive cursive form to the present
rectangular form of writing, it is quite natural that such substitutions should have often taken place. It is not always possible in retranslating to determine with certainty the nature of each substitution. For this reason, while most of the examples collected should be regarded as tolerably probable, a few of them must be regarded as purely conjectural but reasonably possible.

In some passages, it will be readily observed, the Hebrew, in other passages, the Greek exhibits the primitive as well as the superior form of text. Both their number and their nature are so interesting that the whole list of substitutions of letters is here appended for the critical examination and consideration of Hebrew scholars, each of whom may compare the merits of each reading for himself. For this reason, it is not necessary to direct attention in this connection to examples of superior reading in either text. Owing to the possible confusion of so many letters in the ancient alphabets, because of the irregularity and indistinctness of the characters, it has been thought advisable to submit the complete collection for the inspection especially of those particularly interested and skilled in Semitic palæography. The more doubtful instances of supposed substitution, it will be seen, are indicated by an interrogation point. The following is the list:—
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- ב (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xxxii. 8). - ל (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, ii. 25; לְ—לְ וּצָבָא, xlvi. 20; מֵת—מֵת, xlvi. 25; תֶּרֶף—תֶּרֶף, xlviii. 31; אֹתְרֵם—אֹתְרֵם, li. 40).
- מ (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, ii. 24; נָלֵא—נָלֵא (?), v. 4; רָנָה—רָנָה, li. 12). - ע (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, ii. 24; גָּז—גָּז, ix. 16; עֵבֵר—עֵבֵר, xxxi. 12; כֶּבֶש—כֶּבֶש, xxxi. 25; אַתּוֹבָא—אַתּוֹבָא, xlix. 38). - ב (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xxxi. 12; אָסַּע—אָסַּע, xliv. 9; ז—ז, xlvi. 16).

- ד (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xii. 13; חֲלֹב—חֲלֹב, xv. 3; גָּלֶת—גָּלֶת, xxv. 9; רַבְּרֶת—רַבְּרֶת, l. 37). - כ (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xxiii. 9). - כ (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xvii. 9). - ר (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, iv. 29; בָּשָׂר—בָּשָׂר, xxx. 16; הָעְנָה—הָעְנָה or xlvi. 32).

- ז (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xl. 3).
- ד (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, ii. 24. - ל (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, xxv. 31).
- כ (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, or (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, x. 3). - ל (ץ—ץ וּצָבָא, ii. 19; חֲלֹב—חֲלֹב, iii. 15; מֵת—מֵת, iv. 1; וּרְפָא—וּרְפָא, v. 7; יָפָר—יָפָר, vi. 2; לְפָרָה—לְפָרָה, vi. 6; גָּרָה—גָּרָה, vi. 18; יָבִים—יָבִים; xlvi. 32).
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ix. 2; מָלֹךְ—מִלְכָּה, xxi. 8; מָעַשְׂה—מְעַשֶּׁה (?), xlix. 8). — iv (פָּרָק—פָּרָקה, v. 6; בָּמַע—בָּמַע, xvi. 16; בָּמַאַּה—בָּמַעָה, xvii. 10; מָוֶּה—מִזְבָּח, xx. 16; מְיוֹשָּׁב—מִתוֹשָּׁב, xlviii. 20, 22; מְיָד—מְיָד, xxiv. 16; מְיָד—מְיָד, xviii. 21; מְיָד—מְיָד, xxiv. 4; מְיָד—מְיָד, xxxii. 24). — y (שֵׁנֶה—שֵׁנֶה, xxii. 15).

י — y (יָד—יָד, xii. 13). — y (יָד—יָד, i. 2; xxv. 3).

ו — w (וֹד—וֹד, xi. 15). — w (וֹד—וֹד, xx. 8).

ר — r (רָדָה—רָדָה, xv. 17). — r (רָדָה—רָדָה, or דָּבָּר, i. 37). — w (שֵׁנֶה—שֵׁנֶה, xx. 8).

ל — l (לָד—לָד, vi. 26). — l (לָד—לָד, ii. 12; עַצְמַת—עַצְמַת, ii. 24; עַצְמַת—עַצְמַת, viii. 16; לַעַל—לַעַל, xxxi. 4, 13; לַעַל—לַעַל, xxxi. 5). — b (בֹּקֶק—בֹּקֶק, xiii. 22; לַעַל—לַעַל, xxxviii. 11). — r (רָד—רָד, xvii. 8).

ך — k (ךָך—ךָך, ii. 6; וּרְפָא—וּרְפָּא, xlvi. 15). — k (ךָך—ךָך, ?), ii. 25. — r (ךָך—ךָך, xv. 3).

נ — n (נָה—נָה, xxxviii. 1).

ס — s (סָרָה—סָרָה, xviii. 17). — s (סָרָה—סָרָה, v. 17; סָרָה—סָרָה, vi. 9; סָרָה—סָרָה, vi. 23; סָרָה—סָרָה, ix. 10; סָרָה—סָרָה, x. 20; סָרָה—סָרָה, x. 24; סָרָה—סָרָה, xx. 10; סָרָה—סָרָה, x. 3).
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xxxix. 3). — 7 (ךנל, xvi. 17; xxxv. 34). — ת (ךנש, ii. 19).

ךנש—ךנש, ix. 18; בקוש—בקוש, xx. 17; בקוש—בקוש, xvi. 1; בקוש—בקוש, xxv. 3; אב—אב, xlvi. 25; אב—אב, xlviii. 33; אב—אב, xlviii. 34; בקוש—בקוש, li. 27; בקוש—בקוש, li. 54. — 7 (ךנש, iii. 23; בקוש—בקוש, xli. 17). — 7 (ךנש, ii. 33). — 7 (ךנש, iv. 8; בקוש—בקוש, xlviii. 32). — 7 (ךנש, xlix. 1). — 7 (ךנש or בקוש, xxxviii. 1; בקוש—בקוש, xlvi. 5; בקוש—בקוש, xlix. 4). — 7 (ךנש, xv. 16). — 7 (ךנש, vi. 29). — 7 (ךנש, xvi. 14; בקוש—בקוש, xlix. 2). — 7 (ךנש, מוקדש, xxxviii. 28).

ךנש—ךנש, xxvi. 19). — 7 (ךנש, xxxvii. 4). — 7 (ךנש, xvi. 10).


ךנש—ךנש, iv. 8; בקוש—בקוש, xxxi. 15; בקוש—בקוש, xlix. 19).

ךנש—ךנש, vi. 14). — 7 (ךנש, xxxi. 2).

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— תדוקן (?), xviii. 14; ת"קנ (?), xx. 9; ח"ד— תדוקן, xxiii. 8; ח"ד— תדוקן, xxxiv. 5; ח"ד— תדוקן, xlvi. 6; ח"ד— תדוקן, xlvi. 12; ח"ד— תדוקן, xlvi. 30; ח"ד— תדוקן, xlvi. 31, 36; ח"ד— תדוקן, li. 2; ח"ד— תדוקן, li. 34; ח"ד— תדוקן, lii. 9, 10, 26.

— ב"ד (ח"ד), xxxi. 19; ב"ד (ח"ד), xli. 13.

— מ"ש (ח"ד) or מ"ש (ח"ד), ix. 7.

— מ"ש (ח"ד) (ח"ד), iv. 11.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), xv. 16; מ"ש (ח"ד), lii. 18.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), xlvi. 2.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), xv. 11.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), xxxix. 3.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), v. 7; מ"ש (ח"ד), v. 24; מ"ש (ח"ד), xviii. 20, 22; מ"ש (ח"ד), xx. 11; מ"ש (ח"ד), xxiii. 39; מ"ש (ח"ד), xxiv. 9; מ"ש (ח"ד), xxx. 12; מ"ש (ח"ד), xxxvii. 9; מ"ש (ח"ד), xlv. 9.

— מ"ש (ח"ד), vii. 16; xi. 14; מ"ש (ח"ד), xiii. 16; מ"ש (ח"ד), xviii. 14; מ"ש (ח"ד), xxxi. 2; מ"ש (ח"ד), xlvi. 31, 36. — מ"ש (ח"ד), xlvi. 32.

— מ (ח"ד), ii. 33.

— מ (ח"ד), iv. 1; מ (ח"ד), xii. 6.

— מ (ח"ד), xxxi. 8.

— מ (ח"ד), xxxi. 40.

— מ (ח"ד), iv. 1; מ (ח"ד), xxii. 22; מ (ח"ד), xxiii. 20.

— מ (ח"ד), x. 22; xlix. 33.

— מ (ח"ד), iii. 4.
CHAPTER VII.

THE ORIGIN OF THE VARIATIONS.

Having accounted in general for the variations, it next becomes expedient fully to explain them in detail. Important as it is to know their nature, to understand their origin is still more important. Had they all a similar origin? Were they all due to the same cause? If they were due to different causes, why and how was this the case? So far as practicable, it is particularly desirable to obtain a definite answer to these questions, not only for the sake of solving the problem of their origin, but also for the sake of understanding how to deal with the divergences in comparing the Hebrew with the Greek. When the variations have received an adequate explanation, then we shall be in position to see what conclusions the deviations of the version warrant respecting the contemporary Hebrew of the Bible. Not till this has been accomplished shall we be able rightly to estimate the valuable help the Septuagint is adapted to afford, as well in reconstructing as in correcting the present Massoretic text.
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Several causes of divergency have been already indicated. In order to ascertain them all, it will be necessary to analyze somewhat more closely the enormous mass of simple and complex variations that occur. In this way only can one properly expect to discover the fundamental principles that underlie them. The method here adopted of translating the Greek back into the Hebrew enables one to deduce these primary principles to the best possible advantage. Before a deviation has been retranslated, it often seems arbitrary and capricious. It is partly, if not wholly, because of this fact that the charge of arbitrariness against the Greek translator has been received with favour in such unexpected quarters and by such divergent schools. By the method of literal retranslation, which is purely philological and not by any means mechanical, a large number of remarkable divergences, which otherwise would appear inexplicable, can be readily and reasonably explained. By this method, moreover, the underlying principles can be traced with almost mathematical precision and with almost scientific certainty. The process of accounting for the variations thus becomes a matter, not of theory but of principle, not of hypothesis but of proof.

Such a scientific explanation has a further purpose. A complete account of the causes of textual
variation will help us to determine the laws of textual transmission. By showing how the divergences arose in this prophetic book, we may also show how they arose in the other prophetic books. Indeed, the principles of explanation which apply to the variations in Jeremiah apply, to a greater or a lesser extent, to those in all the Jewish Scriptures. An illustration of some one or other of them appears in every Hebrew writing of the Bible. It may not be, perhaps, too much to say that in most, if not all, of the books of the Old Testament, illustrations, on a larger or a smaller scale, of every principle deducible from this investigation may be somewhere found. The question of the origin of the variations, therefore, is of paramount importance, and demands a thorough and impartial consideration.

The origin of the variations cannot, of course, in every case, be certainly explained. Each text has had its own particular history. Each, too, has shared a very different fate. The fortunes and misfortunes of ancient manuscripts, like those of nations and of individuals, are very varied and very difficult to determine. Much of their history always has been, and ever will be, wrapped in complete obscurity. In the nature of things, without miraculous intervention such as the Scripture writings neither claim nor warrant, it could
not possibly be otherwise. This fact is too well known to need discussion, as well as too irrelevant to the present subject to call for further treatment here. Although it is impossible to account for every single variation with absolute certainty, yet the most of them may be explained with tolerable probability.

Before attempting to explain the origin of the variations, and to point out the principles to be applied in systematically accounting for them, it will be proper to observe that the question is a complicated one. The divergences had not a common origin. Some were due to one cause, some to another cause, and some to a combination of causes. The principles deduced and demonstrated in the subsequent discussion, though, will show that there was a worthy reason for the deviation of the version in almost every instance, as well as indicate a possible explanation of the variation in nearly every case. They will also prove that the translator of the Septuagint, as unworthily insinuated, was not a dishonest and ignorant pretender, who arbitrarily tampered with the sacred text; but an honest and efficient scholar, who faithfully reproduced the original Hebrew, so far as the imperfect and corrupt condition of his manuscript allowed.

The first cause of variation was text-recension.
This was the fundamental ground of the deviations. In the foregoing investigation, it has been shown that a prodigious number of them was due directly to recensional divergences in the ancient Hebrew manuscripts. The originals, however, of the Greek and Hebrew texts respectively were not entirely unlike. Though different, they were not altogether different. At one time, too, they were a great deal more alike than they are now. Their agreement at the present time, moreover, is much more complete than has been commonly supposed. That is, the divergences in the ancient text-recensions were not so frequent as the deviations in the Alexandrian version seem to indicate. In many places, where the divergences appear considerable, when scientifically analyzed, they point to a very similar original. In many other places, where the divergences appear remarkable, when literally retranslated, they exhibit an identical Hebrew text. In addition to the examples given in the preceding chapters of this work, others will be given in illustration of other principles of deviation still to be discussed.

A second cause of variation was *interpolation*. This was a very fruitful source of deviation. As has been pointed out repeatedly in discussing the omissions, there is abundant evidence, admitted, not merely by Movers and Hitzig, but even by
Graf himself, that the Massoretic text has been materially amplified by glosses. The hand of an interpolator is often manifest, especially in certain portions of the book. The number of probable interpolations is very large. A considerable proportion of the omissions appear to owe their origin exclusively to this cause. Such glosses may have been due, partly to the introduction of kindred matter from other books of Scripture, and partly to the transference of explanatory matter from the margin to the body of the text. Many examples of interpolation have been already indicated. Hence, it is unnecessary to repeat them or to multiply them here.

A third cause of variation was revision. This was, perhaps, a more prolific source of deviation than that of simple interpolation, inasmuch as it seems to have been systematically practised by editors or redactors appointed for the purpose. Graf finds it convenient, for the most part, to pass over this manifest peculiarity of the Hebrew. Other scholars, though, like Movers, Hitzig, Bleek, and Kühl, have justly indicated its significance. Scholz, too, has collected and discussed a number of important passages which furnish striking illustrations of revisional divergences. One of the most remarkable is chap. x. 2–16. As some features of the variations in this section have
already been described, it is sufficient here to add that the absent verses in this section were easy both to translate and to interpret; and that, therefore, there is, not only the less reason to believe that they were intentionally omitted, but also the more reason to believe that they were arbitrarily inserted. Other interesting passages, particularly pointed out by Scholz, are chaps. xxvii. 16–22; xxix. 11; xxxi. 17; xl. 4. He supposes very plausibly that at first and for a time the apparent insertions in these passages possessed the form of marginal observations or remarks. "By degrees," he says, "these observations, here and there, swelled to such a multitude that it became necessary to put order into these additions which had been arranged amongst themselves in rows; that is, these passages underwent a revision. This was evidently not performed by one who was unacquainted with the sacred Scripture, but by a teacher, and certainly, too, by one of the most illustrious of teachers." 1

A fourth cause of variation was transcription. It is probable that a number of divergences were

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1 "Nach und nach schwollen diese Bemerkungen stellenweise zu solcher Menge an, dass es nothwendig wurde, Ordnung in diese an einander gereihnten Zusätze zu bringen, d. h. diese Stellen erfuhren eine Ueberarbeitung. Diese ist selbstverständlich nicht von einem der heiligen Schrift Unkundigen ausgegangen, sondern von einem Lehrer und auch unter diesen gewiss von einem der angesehensten." Der masoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung, etc., p. 104.
due to this cause. Errors on the part of copyists occur, to a greater or a lesser extent, in nearly every ancient manuscript. It is also probable that mistakes of this kind in some degree belong to both the texts. A few examples of variation which seem to have been owing to so-called Homoeoteleuton, or like-ending clauses, are, perhaps, most easily and naturally explained in this way. Graf and Hitzig both endeavour to account for some of the omissions on this ground. The latter, for example, needlessly suggests that the sentence, "the man and the beast that are upon the face of the earth," chap. xxvii. 5, has fallen out of the Septuagint, as indicated, through oversight. He also unnecessarily supposes that the omissions from the middle of ver. 12 to the end of ver. 14 of the same chapter, were due to a similar cause; but the supposition has very little probability. The eye of a transcriber would hardly overlook so many words at once; and besides, as Hitzig himself admits, ver. 13 interrupts the connection between admonition and dissuasion in this passage, and was most likely wanting in the original of the Greek. It seems probable that additions rather than omissions arose from Homoeoteleuton, and that, when the one or the other was due to this cause, only a few words at most would be added or omitted at a time. In transcribing letters and words of like form, or
letters and words of similar sound, a copyist might easily make a mistake. Indeed, an occasional error of this sort was almost inevitable. For this reason, therefore, some of the additions, omissions, transpositions, alterations, and substitutions of letters may have been, and, doubtless, were due to this cause. As sometimes the one and sometimes the other exhibits the better reading, it is often impossible to tell in which recension the error of transcription arose. This can only be conjecturally determined by the sense required by the context in each case.

A fifth cause of variation was corruption. Many deviations unquestionably arose because of an imperfect text. There is conclusive evidence that the originals, both of the Hebrew and the Greek, were more or less corrupt. Old writings cannot be transmitted free from imperfection. From various causes, and in many ways, they suffer from corruption, owing to the wear and tear of time. This corruption may be due partly to great age, partly to careless penmanship, and partly to imperfect preservation. Besides, illegible, indistinct, or mutilated parchment rolls have been occasionally rendered more imperfect, it is supposed, by efforts to restore them. Thus difficulties of translation are materially increased by the uncertainty often experienced in deciphering obscurely written,
badly worn, or poorly preserved manuscripts. Where a variation was most likely due to corruption arising from transmission, it is often difficult to decide with certainty which recension was the more imperfect. In some places, the imperfection was manifestly in the Massoretic recension, as, for instance, chaps. iv. 1; xi. 15; xxxi. 2; xl. 5. In other places, the fault was clearly in the Alexandrian recension, as, for instance, chaps. xxvii. 18–22; xxxi. 22. In a few places, there may have been corruptions in each text, as, for example, chaps. ii. 23, 24, 31; iii. 3, where the two texts seem originally to have been substantially the same.

A sixth cause of variation was abbreviation. Although there are not many examples of divergent readings that have arisen from this cause, yet there appear to be a few. It has often been conjectured that discrepancies of numbers in different parts of the Old Testament may be explained by assuming the existence at one time of a system of symbolical notation. But, inasmuch as no such symbols of notation occur in the present text of the Hebrew Bible, this conjecture has been regarded as ingenious but improbable. The modern Jews, though, made frequent use of abbreviations, and the numerical employment of letters was once common alike to the Hebrews and the Greeks. Hence, it is highly probable that similar signs of number,
and similar symbols of abbreviation, may have been employed either by the original authors of Scripture, or by the later copyists and scribes. In several cases of difference of dates in this book, abbreviation seems to be the most natural as well as the most probable explanation, and it may possibly explain numerical divergences in other books. The "eighth" instead of the "fifth" year of Jehoiakim, chap. xxxvi. 9, is an example of this kind. The symbol for the number 5 = י might be easily mistaken for that of the number 8 = יה, a species of substitution that very frequently occurs, as the list of resembling letters in the preceding chapter indicates. Movers and Hitzig suppose ינ, chap. iii. 19, is an abbreviation for ינ יי יה. The example is interesting, and the explanation is possible. Again, according to Movers, ינ, chap. v. 1, which is wanting in the Septuagint, has come into the Hebrew text, partly through abbreviation, and partly through repetition of the similar consonants ינ ינ. Whether probable or not, the suggestion is worthy of consideration. "My fury," for "the fury of the Lord," chap. vi. 11, may have possibly arisen from the translator regarding י, the abbreviation for יה, as a suffix of the first person singular. "My anger," for "the anger of the Lord," chap. xxv. 37, Hitzig and Movers think,
arose from his reading this letter again as a pro-
nominal suffix. An example of an exactly opposite
kind occurs in Jonah i. 9, where the letter was
read as an abbreviation for ה. "An Hebrew"
(נָבִי) in the Massoretic text, is rendered "a ser-
vant of Jehovah" in the Alexandrian version.
Here, besides the abbreviation, the letter נ was
also read by the Greek translator for the letter נ.
In this way the variation is easily and naturally
explained. Moreover, "the four and twentieth
day" for "the five and twentieth day," in chap.
lii. 31, may most likely have arisen from the
confusion of נ with נ, the numerical signs for four
and five respectively, as Hitzig also has suggested.

A seventh cause of variation was punctuation.
The number of deviations due directly to this cause
is very great. In this book alone it amounts to a
few hundred. Examples, moreover, occur in every
book of the Old Testament. The reason, of course,
suggests itself at once. In its original form the
Hebrew, as is well known, had no vowel-points, the
consonants only having been written in the ancient
manuscripts. Thus the mode of writing greatly
increased the difficulties of translation. As the
language had long ceased to be a living one, and
as the version was made from an unpointed or
unpunctuated text, it was inevitable that variations
should occasionally occur. Without the help of

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punctuation, it was impossible to decide with certainty the meaning of a word in every case. Ambiguity would necessarily arise, not only from the double signification of individual words, but also from their doubtful relation to each other. As the context often admitted of more than one rendering, the translator, without a definite notation of vowel-points, was perfectly excusable for making many divergences. The Massoretic system of punctuation, which is additional to the letters, and auxiliary both to the proper pronunciation and to the true interpretation of the language, almost wholly obviates the ancient difficulties of translation, by removing the cause of ambiguity. But even the Massorites, with all their trained acquaintance with the language, and with all their practised skill in punctuation, did not entirely avoid mistakes. A careful examination of the appended list will prove the correctness of this statement. Sometimes the one, sometimes the other, reading is superior; sometimes each one is alike good, as scholars will observe from the following examples:—

1. אָבָרֶב—בַּגָּר, i. 3; בַּגָּר—אָבָרֶב, i. 12; בָּנָחֵת—שְׁבַבָּח, ii. 2; שְׁבַבָּח—בָּנָחֵת, ii. 13; בָּנָחֵת—שְׁבַבָּח, ii. 20; שְׁבַבָּח—בָּנָחֵת, ii. 23; אָתְרָבָרָב—בִּנְּבַּה, ii. 33; בִּנְּבַּה—אָתְרָבָרָב, ii. 34; אָתְרָבָרָב—בִּנְּבַּה, ii. 36;
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םינקיל—םקיל, iii. 1; קocomplete, iii. 9; קocomplete—םינקיל, iii. 25; ירשלח—וירשלח, iv. 4; ייע—ייע, iv. 21; ליע—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if—if-if—if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-if-i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xviii. 17; מִשְׁלֹשׁ, xviii. 18; חָזַר—חֶשֶׁב, xix. 1; בַּקַּשׁוֹר—בַּקַּשׁוֹר, xix. 8; מֵאָס—מֵאָס, xix. 9; בַּקַּשׁוֹר—בַּקַּשׁוֹר, xix. 11; מַעֲרָה—מַעֲרָה, xx. 4; הָדַע—הָדַע, xx. 5; לִיָּהוּ—לִיָּהוּ, xx. 7; רִנִּי—רִנִּי, xx. 12; חוֹדֶם—חוֹדֶם, xxi. 7; בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה—בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה, xxi. 13; בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה—בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה, xxii. 12; יְשָׁעָה—יָשָׁעָה, xxii. 15; רֹפֶא—רֹפֶא, xxii. 19; יְתֵקְשַׁי—יְתֵקְשַׁי, xxiii. 10; בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה—בֵּקָשׁוֹמָה, xxiii. 17; שָׁמְשַׁי—שָׁמְשַׁי, xxiii. 32; שָׁמְשַׁי—שָׁמְשַׁי, xxv. 36; בַּמַּדָּה—בַּמַּדָּה, xxv. 19; מִצְלְמָה—מִצְלְמָה, xxvii. 11; בֵּשָׁע—בֵּשָׁע, xxx. 6; צָמ—צָמ, xxxi. 2; צָמ—צָמ, xxxi. 5; בֵּשָׁע—בֵּשָׁע, xxxi. 8; נְדָה—נְדָה, xxxi. 13; בֵּשָׁע—בֵּשָׁע, xxxi. 20; כַּפְרָה—כַּפְרָה, xxxi. 33; נְדָה—נְדָה, xxxii. 32; נְדָה—נְדָה, xxxiii. 2; אַבּוֹחַ—אַבּוֹחַ, xxxv. 11; נָצָא—נָצָא,.xxxvi. 15; יָשְׁב—יָשְׁב, xxxvii. 4; יָשָׁע—יָשָׁע, xxxvii. 5; יָשָׁע—יָשָׁע, xxxvii. 9; פָּשַׂר—פָּשַׂר, xl. 5; בָּשָׂר—בָּשָׂר, xl. 10; בָּשָׂר—בָּשָׂר, xli. 16; xliii. 6; xliii. 20; אָמָר—אָמָר, xlv. 17; אָמָר—אָמָר, xlv. 26; אָמָר—אָמָר, xlvi. 9; מַכְשָּׁה—מַכְשָּׁה, xlvi. 16; l. 16;
An eighth cause of variation was *dictation*. A considerable number of divergences appears to have arisen from this cause. That dictation was anciently practised in making or in transcribing manuscripts is well known. Indeed, the prophet Jeremiah practised it himself. In the beginning of chap. xxxvi., he is described as dictating his prophecies to his secretary, Baruch, who wrote them upon "a roll of a book." In like manner, it is probable that, in multiplying copies of the Scriptures, one person dictated, while another, perhaps, while several others, transcribed the
language after him. In consequence of imperfect hearing, or of indistinct pronunciation, or possibly of both, divergences would naturally occur. In the articulation of gutturals and sibilants and liquids mistakes might easily arise. Moreover, as Jeremiah's prophecies were delivered to a number of different communities, and attracted much attention at the time, many of them may have been learned by heart and afterwards orally transmitted. Recessional differences, not only of words, but also of phrases, may have arisen in this latter way. Certain classical and idiomatic expressions seem to point to oral transmission as their probable cause; for instance, such divergences as "Holy One of Israel" for "Lord," "Lord God of Hosts" for "Lord God," etc. The number of verbal variations that may be explained by dictation or by oral transmission is pretty large. In some cases, dictation seems to be the possible, in other cases, the probable, in other cases again, the unquestionable, explanation of the deviations in the version. The following examples are submitted for careful consideration:

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עש-י, i. 7, etc.; נֶּהוּ, ii. 12; נֶּהוּ, ii. 15; ix. 9; מִשְׁמָרָה, ii. 23; יִלְי-י, ii. 27, etc.; מַסְכָּנָה, iii. 3; מַסְכָּנָה חַפְלִים—מַסְכָּנָה חַפְלִים, iv. 24; מַסְכָּנָה, iv. 26;
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A ninth cause of variation was *derivation*. Numerous striking divergences are readily explained in this way. The combination of consonants often permitted or rendered possible a twofold etymology of a word. The Massorites derived it from one root; the translator derived it from another. Without the vowel-points, the proper root could not be known with certainty, except in so far as the context determined the sense required to be expressed. The connection, though, sometimes left room for ambiguity. Hence deviations would naturally arise for which the Greek translator was not justly responsible. Whether he was well or ill acquainted with the classic Hebrew, there is reason to believe that he was well acquainted with the kindred Aramaic. With this latter he may have been almost as familiar as with his mother tongue. That the derivation of Hebrew words at the time of the translation of the Septuagint was more doubtful than during the days of the Massorites is questionable; that it was more difficult before the punctuation was fixed by the insertion of the diacritic
points than afterwards is unquestionable. This latter fact should be borne in mind, not so much to palliate the translator's errors, as to extenuate the faults of his translation, by showing that he was neither culpably nor carelessly to blame for them. Not only was his derivation in every case permissible, but also it was in several cases preferable. From the following list it will be seen that, in a few instances, a variation arose from a substitution of letters in connection with a different derivation of a word:—

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A tenth cause of variation was word-division. The illustrations of this kind of deviation are exceedingly interesting. Here again the discrepancy was partly due to absence of punctuation. It was also partly due to the ancient custom of writing Hebrew words without any divisions between them, either in the form of spaces or of points. Had the consonants been punctuated, or had the words been separated, variations of this sort might have been avoided; but, as the letters were unpunctuated, and written close together without any marks or signs to separate between them, it is only natural that divergences should have arisen from this cause. It is no wonder, therefore, that the translator, with nothing to guide him but the connection in which they stood, should have divided some words differently from the way in which they were divided by the Massorites. Even the latter have not always hit upon the best division which the construction of a passage properly and logically required. It seems very probable that, in every endeavour to translate an ancient unpointed manuscript, some divergences would inevitably arise; so that, after the Hebrew
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the place of the vowels i and ë, ó and ú, were not employed so frequently in ancient as in modern times. The truth of this statement is illustrated by the marked tendency to their more frequent employment, which is manifest in the later books of the Old Testament. Even in the earlier books, the usage is by no means uniform. The writing of some words was almost invariable; the writing of others was very variable. In the same book, too, the usage fluctuates. Had these letters been always written in the translator's manuscript where they are now written in the Hebrew text, many significant deviations could not have occurred. The absence of the one or the other of these letters, and sometimes of both of them, as in chaps. xlix. 20; l. 13, explains such variations perfectly. An examination of each list of illustrations given will show that the Greek again, in many places, presents the preferable reading.

The following passages are submitted as examples of cases where Waw was wanting in the ancient manuscripts:—

1. בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, i. 18; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, ii. 13; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, ii. 23; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, ii. 34; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, ii. 34; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, iv. 4; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, iv. 6; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, v. 24; בֶּהָלָז — בֵּלָז, vii. 31;
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The following are examples of cases where **Yod** was absent from the ancient manuscripts:

- ** iii. 2; ידשנ — ידשנ (משתה), iii. 21; vii. 29; בֶּן — בֶּן, vi. 14; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, vi. 15; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, vi. 23; l. 42; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, vi. 28; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, viii. 7; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xiv. 22; אָד — אָד, xvi. 19.
- ** יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xviii. 14; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xviii. 23; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xx. 5; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xx. 12; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xxvii. 6; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xxx. 21; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xxxii. 19; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xxxiv. 3; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xxxvi. 17; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 7; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 30; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 16; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 44; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 11; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 20; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 6; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 13; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ, xliv. 17; יִדֶּשֶׁנ — יִדֶּשֶׁנ.
A twelfth cause of variation was word-signification. There are many passages that furnish apparent evidence of this kind. Several words or expressions, whose ordinary meaning the translator must have known, seem once to have possessed a signification that has disappeared; or, at least, that has not been retained in translating the Massoretic text. It is not unreasonable to suppose that many words had meanings formerly which do not appear in modern Hebrew lexicons. It is also not improbable that the translators of the Septuagint may have been acquainted with ancient significations with which the Massorites were unacquainted. Some indications also occur of Aramaic influence. As Knobel¹ has discussed the Chaldaisms or Aramaisms in the Massoretic text, it is unnecessary to refer to them in this discussion. It should be observed, however, that a still greater Aramaic colouring is apparent in the Alexandrian text. In chap. xv. 18, for instance, where the verb יֶלַע is rendered "overcome" in Greek, the meaning expressed is rather Aramaic than Hebrew. In chap. l. 42, where the verb לַמְאָב is translated "having" in the Septuagint, either the texts were

¹ *Jeremias Chaldaizans*, MDCCXXXI.
different, or this verb was then given its ordinary Aramaic meaning of having or possessing. A few other instances naturally suggest either Aramaic meanings, or meanings of words in earlier times that in later times were either overlooked or lost. The following may be given as examples of possible Aramaic significations:

אָס—אָס, iii. 1; בְּרִית—בְּרִית, v. 31; אָוֶר—אָוֶר, vii. 29; לַעֲבֹד—לַעֲבֹד, x. 13; לַעֲבֹד—לַעֲבֹד, li. 16; הֲוָה—הֲוָה, xiv. 4; קַלַע—קַלַע, xxx. 21; שֵׁב—שֵׁב, xxxvi. 15.

A thirteenth cause of variation was Greek-transmission. Some deviations were undoubtedly due to errors in copying the Greek manuscripts. Examples of such mistakes in copying the ancient Hebrew manuscripts have been already noted. Although this is a similar cause of variation, the principle has a particular application, and, therefore, claims a separate consideration. In order to determine accurately how much the manuscripts of the Septuagint have suffered by transmission in this way, in addition to examining them carefully, it is necessary to compare the ancient and modern characters in which they have been written. Such an undertaking involves a special investigation of itself, and does not belong directly to the present
discussion. In the work of retranslation, though, a number of instances have been met that prove that many variations may be adequately explained by applying this principle, as well to the Greek as to the Hebrew manuscripts. An application of the principle to all the books of the Old Testament would be interesting; and, if not fruitful, the results, at least, would be important. A few of the more probable examples occurring in this book, some of which were long ago suggested by Schleusner in his Thesaurus, may be given here. The following possible cases will be sufficient for the present purpose:

άναστροφής for ἀποστροφής, vi. 19; κατευθυνόντων for κατευθυνόντων, xv. 11; μανάα for μάνα, xvii. 26; μήτηρ for μήτρη, xx. 17; ναός for ναός, xxx. 18; ἐπὶ μέρου for ἐφ’ ἡμέρας, xxxi. 19; οἶμος for οἵμος, xxxi. 21; ὁ ἄδων for ἔως ἄδου, xxxiv. 5; χειρέθ for χερέθ, xxxvii. 16; γῆς for τῆς, xlvi. 27; ἡ πτοητός for ἡ ἀπτόητος, l. 2; ἐν σοὶ for ἐκ σοῦ, li. 20; σκέδος for σκότος, li. 34.
CHAPTER VIII.

THE CHARACTER OF THE TRANSLATION.

It has been frequently asserted, and is at present commonly believed, that the Alexandrian version of the Old Testament has been very unequally translated. The translation of the Pentateuch and of the historic books has been considered tolerably accurate and trustworthy, but the translation of the poetic and prophetic books has been considered utterly inaccurate and untrustworthy. Owing to the number and the nature of the deviations, in these latter books particularly, the translators of them are believed to have allowed themselves to take all sorts of liberties with their text. They are supposed, as has been shown, to have abridged it, amplified it, modified it, and, in many ways and places, falsified it. In short, by implication, they have been accredited with having done everything but honest work, and with having been anything but honourable men.

Because of its alleged inaccuracy and incorrectness, a poor opinion of the Septuagint has hitherto prevailed. It still prevails, too, as a deeply-rooted
prejudice. This prejudice is chiefly, if not wholly, due to the acceptance of a false hypothesis respecting the character and the causes of the manifold divergences. It has been almost universally believed that both the Greek and Hebrew must and could be traced back to the same original manuscripts. This fact affords the reason why so many and such inconsistent theories have been suggested for the purpose of accounting for the enormous number of deviations in this book. On no other supposition, could the charge of arbitrariness have been received with so much favour in such numerous and unexpected quarters. Had the true nature and origin of the variations been adequately understood, the unworthy views, so widely prevalent, would long ago have been rejected. Indeed, they would never have been seriously entertained.

The general character of the translation of this particular book has been already noticed in dealing with the various classes of divergency that everywhere abound. Some of its chief features also have been briefly indicated. These, however, need to be more thoroughly discussed. It is particularly necessary to ascertain, as accurately as possible, the exact character of the translation, for the sake of showing its real importance for purposes of text-criticism. We have nothing to do at present with
the condition of the Alexandrian text itself. That is a separate subject of investigation. Apart from the condition of this text, the critical value of the Septuagint depends essentially upon two things—the nature of the Greek translation, and the nature of the Hebrew manuscript from which it has been made. If the translation bears indications of fidelity and care, and if the manuscript shows evidences of purity and age, the testimony of the version is entitled to the greatest possible regard.

The first important feature of the translation is its literalness. This feature applies in general to the whole work. The narrative portions, though, it will be found, have been more accurately rendered than have the poetic portions, of the book. The difference, which is very perceptible, is significant. It admits, however, of a rational explanation. While partly due to imperfection or corruption in the ancient manuscripts, it was largely, if not chiefly, due to the greater perplexity that was experienced in translating poetry than was experienced in translating prose, from an unpointed text. The absence of punctuation would naturally render the work of reproducing the striking figures peculiar to the Hebrew particularly difficult. Competent critics will readily appreciate this statement. Unprejudiced observers, too, on carefully examining the
Hebrew text itself, will find that the same difficulty was also experienced by the Massorites.

Whatever may be thought or shown by scholars to be the case with reference to the other prophetic books, this book has been translated with the utmost carefulness. As a rule, wherever the originals of the two texts were the same, the Greek exactly reproduces the present Hebrew text; and wherever the original of the one was different from that of the other, the Greek accurately represents a classic Hebrew text. The whole book indicates that this text originally was very carefully translated. So far as the condition of the ancient manuscript admitted, the work was unquestionably well done. Not merely is the translation literal, but the literalness extends to the order of the words, often of the smallest particles, in the sentences. Of page after page, and chapter after chapter, this is true. The most peculiar constructions, moreover, are scrupulously reproduced. No modern English or German version of the book, it is not too much to say, is nearly so literal in all respects as is the Alexandrian version.

Indeed, so slavishly literal is the translation, and so accurately does it represent the Hebrew idiom, that the Greek, when retranslated into the original, takes at once the Hebrew form. Even the legitimate license of translation has been most sparingly em-
ployed. The translator very often did not use it when the genius of his language warranted its use. In short, the work is Hebraized, the Greek style having been sacrificed to the Hebrew style. Were it necessary, innumerable examples might be given. One needs, however, only to examine the translation to observe that it frequently adheres too closely to the original to be tolerable Greek. The almost exact correspondence of the Greek to the Hebrew form may be proved by practical experiment. The greater portion of the version can be literally translated back into classic Hebrew, with scarcely any change whatever in the present order of the words. From these considerations, one may say with Scholz, "A translation which follows the original from word to word, even where the language in which it is translated is opposed, must be regarded as a translation in the strictest sense of the term."\(^1\)

The second feature of the translation is its faithfulness. This characteristic is specially illustrated in the case of Hebraisms, a few examples of which have been given in another place. An instance now and then occurs in which an idiom of this kind

\(^1\) "Eine Uebersetzung, die von Wort zu Wort, selbst wo die Sprache, in welche übersetzt wird, widerstrebt, dem Originale nachgeht, muss als eine Uebersetzung im strengsten Sinne des Wortes angesehen werden." \emph{Der musoreth. Text und die LXX-Uebersetzung}, etc., p. 22.
is wanting in the Septuagint. Whenever this is the case, then either the original manuscript did not contain it, or it has accidentally disappeared in the process of transmission. The translator was in no respect responsible for the omission,—firstly, because of the simplicity of the construction; secondly, because of the fact that such idioms are frequently translated by him; and, thirdly, because of the still more significant fact, that such idioms are sometimes present in the Alexandrian, where they are absent from the Massoretic, text. For these reasons it is evident, not only that he understood such peculiarly idiomatic Hebrew forms, but also that he faithfully reproduced them whenever he found them.

In his acute but incomplete discussion of the relation between the Greek and Hebrew of this book, Movers long since directed attention to this feature of the translation. Although he has made some observations upon its significance, he has pointed out but one passage where a Hebraism of this kind occurs only in the Septuagint. As has been shown, however, it occurs in several passages. A single instance, perhaps, would not be thought sufficient to establish with certainty the character of such a variation. Were there not more than one example, it might with reason be suggested that the idiom had accidentally disappeared from the
Massoretic text. The number, though, renders the suggestion worthless. In nearly every case, moreover, the examples occur along with other deviations which indicate their nature past all peradventure. They can be nothing other than recensional divergences. It is inconceivable that the translator invented them, or that he at any time introduced expressions foreign to the Greek language, where his original gave him no occasion for it. These Hebraisms in themselves furnish incontrovertible proof of a special text-recension. In no other way is it possible adequately to account for them. In addition to the direct testimony they bear in support of this hypothesis, they also prove conclusively the great fidelity with which the translator did his work.

Besides the repeated occurrence of this special kind of idiom in the Alexandrian, where it is wanting in the Massoretic, text, other idiomatic expressions peculiar to the Hebrew also frequently occur. One of the most remarkable idioms of the Jewish language is the employment of a Waw Conversive or Consecutive to modify the meaning of a primary tense. Notwithstanding the apparently arbitrary character of this idiom, which was not only foreign to the Greek, but also incapable of being adequately transferred to that or to any other language, it, nevertheless, was reproduced with almost painful
accuracy. So faithfully was the work performed, that this idiom appears in many places only in the Septuagint. The version often has it where the Hebrew has it not. But one explanation can be given of this fact. The idiom belonged to the translator's manuscript, and was conscientiously retained. On this point, again, Scholz's observation is pertinent and important. After showing fully how the Greek sentences generally bear unmistakably the type of the Hebrew language, he says, "To this it may be added, that a number of short words which stand only in the Greek text are Hebraisms. On Greek ground these cannot have come into the text. On the contrary, a translator, whose only aim was to make his readers acquainted with the contents of the book, would have had every reason to omit, for instance, the γ as sign of the apodosis or consequent clause. That he does not do it, is to us a further proof of the scrupulous exactness of his work."  

The third feature of the translation is its purity. This feature refers to the original of the Greek.

As elsewhere indicated, there are frequent traces in the Massoretic text of a systematic revision of this book. In certain parts, the indications are not simply striking but decisive, the original text seeming to have been extensively enlarged or amplified. As illustrations of this influence have been given in another place, it is superfluous either to repeat them or to multiply them. Bleek's judgment on this point, though, is so important and so just, that it deserves to be quoted here in full.

"When we impartially consider the individual variations of both texts," he says, "it can be determined from internal grounds, in many cases, with the greatest degree of probability, that, in these cases, the Alexandrian recension gives us still the original text, the Massoretic recension one somewhat revised. This is primarily the case respecting rather longer passages which the Massoretic text has, but which the Septuagint has not, where, throughout, it is much more likely that the same are later additions, than that, belonging originally to the text, they should have been omitted by later transcribers or compilers."  

1 "Wenn wir die einzelnen Abweichungen beider Texte unbehindert betrachten, so lässt sich nach inneren Gründen in vielen Fällen mit dem grössten Grade von Wahrscheinlichkeit urtheilen, dass hier die Alexandrinische Recension uns noch den ursprünglichen Text liefert, die masorethische einen etwas überarbeiteten. Dies gilt zuvorderst in Bezug auf etwas grössere Stellen, welche der masorethische Text hat, nicht aber die Sept., wo überall viel wahrscheinlicher ist, dass
As the custom of text-revision was long and widely practised, this book may have been repeatedly revised. For such a custom there is ample authority, and for such a probability there is abundant evidence. The habit of re-editing and recasting Scripture, which may have begun, perhaps, with Ezra or Nehemiah, appears to have survived till tolerably modern times. Referring to this practice of revising ancient Hebrew writings, which, whenever it commenced, prevailed for many centuries amongst Jewish scholars or literati, Dr. Edersheim observes, "There are scarcely any ancient Rabbinical documents which have not been interpolated by later writers, or, as we might euphemistically call it, been recast and re-edited." The activity and influence of these later Scripture revisers are becoming more universally acknowledged every year. Even Ryssel, in his recent able but conservative work on the text of Micah, admits the remarkable progress of this opinion amongst impartial critics, particularly since the time of Hitzig. Moreover, he quotes, with apparent approbation, the words of Cheyne in his valuable commentary.
on the book of Isaiah, where the latter of the Massoretic text significantly asserts, "It is becoming more and more certain that the present form, especially of the prophetic Scriptures, is due to a literary class (the so-called Soferim, 'scribes' or 'scripturists'), whose principal function was collecting and supplementing the scattered records of prophetic revelation."  

The fourth feature of the translation is its priority. This feature, like the preceding one, applies particularly to the manuscript from which the version was translated. By the priority of the translation, therefore, is meant the priority of the text from which it was made, as compared with the present Massoretic text. In general, the Greek presents the earlier and the more original form of the book. Paragraph after paragraph might be indicated in support of this assertion. The priority of many passages is admitted by Hitzig; the originality of a few is admitted even by Graf himself. While it is not advisable to multiply examples, there is one group of chapters, namely, xxvii.-xxix., which claims, in this connection, some consideration. The differences between the two texts in these chapters are remarkable, as well as manifold. Graf evidently either did not see, or did not want to see, that, in these chapters, the devia-

tions are, in some respects, more striking than they are in any other portion of the book. The peculiarities appear, not only in the frequency, but also in the form of the divergences. Movers, Bleek, and Hitzig have so thoroughly discussed them, that it is scarcely more than necessary here to indicate some of the more singular of them. The style is manifestly more than usually diffuse, even for Jeremiah, and differs very considerably from the prophet’s ordinary mode of speech.

On examination, it will be observed that the title, “the prophet,” occurs continually in connection with the name of the person of that office mentioned, and is in nearly every place superfluous. The spelling also, as well as the language, is peculiar. This is the case especially with proper names, compounded with Jehovah, which have both a longer and a shorter ending. As a rule, throughout this book the longer form prevails; in this group of chapters, though, the shorter form generally occurs. With only four exceptions, chaps. xxviii. 12; xxix. 27, 29, 30, the name of “Jeremiah” here has the shorter ending, whereas it elsewhere always has the longer ending. The same exceptional ending also here appears in other proper names; as, for instance, “Zedekiah,” chaps. xxvii. 12; xxviii. 1; xxix. 3; “Jeconiah,” chaps. 221
xxvii. 20; xxviii. 4; xxix. 2; "Hananiah," chap. xxviii. 1, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17. A striking difference, too, appears in the spelling of the name of "Nebuchadnezzar." In the book of Jeremiah, it is generally written with the letter r; but, in these three chapters, it is frequently written with the letter n. Such peculiar features, taken together with the numerous unnecessary additions to the Hebrew, consisting of words, phrases, half-verses, whole verses, and an entire paragraph, naturally point to only one conclusion—a conclusion which Kühl has the candour to admit. His admission is the more significant, inasmuch as he, in general, has adopted and defended Graf's hypothesis. After pointing out the chief peculiarities here, which clearly indicate a later redaction or revision, he observes, "The text of the Septuagint, in these chapters, is, if not exactly like the original text, yet much more nearly like it than the Massoretic text is."  

The fifth feature of the translation is its *superiority*. This feature again applies, of course, to the original of the version. The Septuagint presents not only a purer and an earlier, but also a superior, form of the book. The Greek generally

1 "Der Text der LXX. steht also dem ursprünglichen Texte in diesen Kapiteln, wenn auch nicht ganz gleich, so doch bedeutend näher als der massoretische Text." *Das Verhältniss der Massora zur Septuaginta*, etc., p. 63.
exhibits a shorter and, in many respects, a better text than the Hebrew exhibits. The original of the version was tolerably, if not entirely, free from glosses. Hitzig believes that it was a text, as yet, not amplified or glossed at all. Whether, as he supposes, the process of interpolation had not commenced at the time of the translation has not been definitely determined. One thing, at least, is certain, the interpolations in the Hebrew are vastly greater than they are in the Greek. The Massoretic text, moreover, as has been frequently and fully evinced, abounds in superfluities, redundances, and useless or unnecessary repetitions of various kinds. The text which the Septuagint represents, on the other hand, is concise and admirable. In contrast to the former, which is remarkably verbose and pleonastic, the latter is exceedingly brief and terse. These differences were unquestionably recensional. While it is improper to suppose, with some, that all that the Massoretic text has more than the Alexandrian is pure interpolation, it is proper to suppose that much of it is. The characteristic brevity and conciseness of the Septuagint are so manifestly textual, and so clearly indicative of age and originality, that their significance in these respects can scarcely be overestimated. "The translator," as another has said, "has had before him a more
concise and excellent text, and, therefore, in all difficult critical questions of dispute, one must take the final verdict of the Septuagint."¹ Should this last statement seem too strong, it is safe, at least, to say that the Greek should everywhere be consulted in translating the Hebrew of this prophetic book.

Besides these excellences of the Septuagint in respect to style, its superiority of text in many passages has been admitted by several distinguished critics. Even Graf sometimes makes such an admission. Movers, Michaelis, and de Wette, though, give a decided preference to the Alexandrian version. Hitzig also frequently acknowledges the originality or superiority of the reading in the Septuagint. In some cases, the Greek exhibits a more complete, in some cases, a more classic, in some cases, a more suitable reading than the Hebrew. In other cases, the form in Greek is preferable to the form in Hebrew, because it is the more natural. In other cases, again, the superiority of the former to the latter is proved by parallel passages. By a critical comparison, the reason for the preference in each case, it is thought, will be at once apparent.

¹ "Der Uebersetzer habe einen kiirzern, vortrefflicheren Text vor sich gehabt, und man müsse demnach in allen schwierigen kritischen Streitfragen den letzten Entscheid von der Septuaginta holen." (Quoted from Kühl's Monograph.)
few interesting and striking examples of superior text, which all impartial scholars must admit, may now be pointed out. These are taken simply from the first few chapters. As the complete list with references and parallel passages appears in the Conspectus at the end of the book, the following only need be given here:—“The word of Jehovah which was to Jeremiah” for “The words of Jeremiah,” chap. i. 1; “fear not before them and be not dismayed at them, for I am with thee to deliver thee, declares Jehovah,” for “be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them,” chap. i. 17; “thou hast broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands,” for “I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands,” chap. ii. 20; “wherefore do ye speak to me?” for “wherefore will ye plead with me?” chap. ii. 29; “thou hast not obeyed” for “ye have not obeyed,” chap. iii. 13; “the ark of the covenant of the Holy One of Israel” for “the ark of the covenant of the Lord,” chap. iii. 16; “from the north country and from all the countries” for “from the land of the north,” chap. iii. 18; “if he will put away his abominations from his mouth” for “if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight,” chap. iv. 1; “in him shall they praise God at Jerusalem” for “in him shall they glory,” chap. iv. 2; “behold, they are coming” for “behold,” chap. iv. 16; “the
cities were burned with fire" for "the cities thereof were broken down," chap. iv. 26; "leave under her foundations, because they are Jehovah's" for "take away her branches, for they are not the Lord's," chap. v. 10, etc.

Thus, in these five respects, the translation is shown to possess the highest possible merit. Each feature indicated is favourable to the Septuagint, or rather to the Alexandrian recension from which it was translated. A further proof of its excellence is furnished by the evidence of other translations of the book, namely, the Latin, the Syriac, and the Aramaic versions. This evidence is so important that it must not be neglected, although it is not expedient to discuss it fully, because the subject does not belong to this investigation. In a considerable number of passages, both the Latin and the Syriac versions, or the Vulgate and the Peshitto, as they are called respectively, agree with the Septuagint against the Massoretic text. As Scholz has pointed out these passages, it is unnecessary to indicate them here. The testimony of the Vulgate is most significant, because, as it is supposed, with the exception of the book of Psalms, it was translated independently of the Septuagint from a Hebrew text. The testimony of the Peshitto is very interesting, because, as it is believed, it was translated partly from the Hebrew
and partly from the Greek. Whenever the Syriac agrees with the Greek and Latin against the Hebrew, the translator must have thought the reading of these versions better than the reading of the Hebrew text.

The superiority of the Septuagint is still further shown by the evidence afforded by the Aramaic version. Although this version is a Targum, or a free interpretation, and not a literal translation, yet its testimony indicates how very many divergent passages were understood at the time that it was made. As in the case of the other versions, a full consideration of the evidence does not belong to this discussion. In comparing the Greek and Hebrew, though, it has been thought important also to compare both of them with the Aramaic; and, as the results are very valuable, to indicate them in the Conspectus of the variations at the end of the work. On examining the results of the comparison, the examples will show that, in some passages, by the words given, in other passages, by the sense expressed, the Aramaic agrees with the Greek against the Hebrew. By comparing these results, moreover, with those of Scholz, or by comparing the individual texts themselves, it will be seen that sometimes one, sometimes two, and sometimes three of these ancient versions agree with the Greek, and disagree with the Hebrew.
This fact speaks for itself. Where the Latin, the Greek, the Syriac, and the Aramaic correspond, their combined testimony becomes practically indisputable, and furnishes an overwhelming argument in favour of the Septuagint.
CHAPTER IX.

THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

After having discussed the nature and origin of the variations, and after having considered the character of the Greek translation, it is necessary now to indicate the practical results of the investigation. These are not only of the greatest interest, but also of the highest value. In addition to their grammatical and lexical significance, they will be found important, some for the history, some for the interpretation, some for the correction, and some for the reconstruction of the present Massoretic text. Before indicating them, it will be proper to point out a further inconsistency which characterizes the arguments of a conservative critic, such as Graf, in dealing with the Alexandrian version.

In his extraordinary allegation, as was shown in the early part of this discussion, Graf attributes to the Septuagint nothing but caprice and imperfection. The foregoing investigation proves the charges that he brings against the translator to be unjust, and the arguments that he adduces in support of them to be untrue. His opinion of the
version is biassed and one-sided, and his treatment of the divergences is based upon a false hypothesis. It is no wonder, therefore, that some of his conclusions should be strangely inconsistent. Proceeding on a wrong assumption, he utterly misrepresents the character of the translation, and practically contradicts himself in discussing its nature and importance.

Graf first asserts, for instance, that the work (he refuses to call it a translation) possesses no critical authority whatever, and afterwards admits that his sweeping assertion is not strictly true. "When we, therefore, deny to the Alexandrian version any critical value," he says, "it must not by this be understood that in it the traces of a better reading than that of the Massoretic text may not here and there have been retained."¹ In making this admission he partially corrects himself, as well as wholly negatives his former statement. If the Greek preserves some readings that are better than the corresponding readings in the Hebrew, it must be taken into account in every case of textual comparison; and, if any superiority should be conceded to the Septuagint, it must, at least, possess some critical authority. That it is an authority

¹ "Wenn wir sonach der alexandrinischen Uebersetzung jeden kritischen Werth abspreehen, so soll damit nicht gesagt sein, dass sich nicht darin hie und da die Spuren einer bessern Lesart als der massorethischen erhalten haben können." Einleitung, p. lvii.
of the first rank can be proved by rational and convincing evidence. Had Graf devoted more attention to ascertaining the true nature of the variations, he must inevitably have modified, as well his later as his earlier judgment.

Firstly, the results are important for the history of the Old Testament text. This investigation proves conclusively that the Septuagint was translated from a special manuscript. This manuscript, though differing widely from the original of the existing Hebrew manuscripts, was not, as has been shown, entirely different. In certain parts, the manuscripts were identical; in other parts, they were substantially alike; in other parts again, they were exceedingly unlike, though not so much unlike, for the reasons already indicated, as would at first appear. The narrative and historic portions, as a rule, are very similar; yet even here the differences, though often slight, are manifestly textual. The poetic and prophetic portions, though, are so divergent that, after the fullest allowance has been made for glosses and for imperfections, nothing but the hypothesis of a special manuscript can explain the differences. After all the other probable causes of variation are pointed out, there still remains the fundamental cause of different text-recensions.

Owing to the absence of definite information on
the subject, it is difficult to treat the history of the text of the Old Testament thoroughly or scientifically. For the present purpose, however, it may be roughly but conveniently divided into three general periods. For the history of the Hebrew text alone four periods might appropriately be made, but for the history of the Greek and Hebrew texts combined three only appear to be sufficient. The interval between the official composition and the official collection of the books of ancient Scripture may constitute the first period; the interval between the formation of the canon and the translation of the Septuagint may constitute the second period; the interval between the time of the translation and the present time may constitute the third period. The practical advantage of this division, it is thought, will be promptly admitted and appreciated.

Of the first period, extending to the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, very little now is known with certainty. The nature and condition of the ancient text are wrapt in much obscurity. So far as has been ascertained, various durable materials appear to have been used for manuscripts, and archaic Hebrew characters, akin to the old Phoenician alphabet, appear to have been employed in writing. In the well-known Siloam inscription the words are separated by dots; but this custom was rather
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exceptional, perhaps, than universal. Commonly, it is supposed, the characters were written close together, without any marks of division between the words, and without any vowel signs to indicate their true pronunciation or interpretation. Hence errors in translating, as well as in transcribing, Hebrew manuscripts would easily arise, partly because of the irregularity of the characters, and partly because of the practice of writing them. From one or other of these causes, too, divergences would naturally creep into the Scripture text.

Of the second period, extending to the time of the Septuagint translation, somewhat more is known. During this period the different recensions, or families of manuscripts, may possibly have arisen. But, perhaps, the most important information furnished respecting the history of the text throughout this period concerns the Hebrew alphabet. Apparently, there was a gradual change from the archaic to the cursive, and from the cursive to the Aramaic or rectangular form of writing. This investigation, it is believed, will throw some light upon the kind of characters from which the Greek translation of this book was made. The frequent and unexpected substitution of letters, quite similar in the earlier, but quite dissimilar in the later, alphabets, seems to indicate that the Alexandrian recension was written in the Aramaic-
Egyptian or Palmyrian characters. In many places, where the ancient manuscripts were evidently alike, the variations may be most reasonably explained by reference to the one or the other of these irregular alphabets. This investigation also shows that the translation of this book was made from a totally unpointed text; that is, a text in which there were neither signs of separation nor points of punctuation. The nature of the divergences proves conclusively that this must have been the case. Owing to the similarity of letters, to the absence of word-signs, and to the non-existence of vowel-points, more or less confusion was inevitable. Had the characters been distinct, or the words divided, or the vowels indicated, such deviations as frequently appear could not possibly have occurred.

Of the third period, extending to the present time, the information respecting the Old Testament text is tolerably full and definite. We are now concerned, however, only with such data as belong alike to both the Hebrew and the Greek. Since the time of the translation, each text has had its own distinctive history. While the manuscripts of each have suffered somewhat by transmission, the text of the Greek may have remained substantially the same. With the Hebrew, on the other hand, the reverse of this has been the case. Whether or not the process of Scripture interpolation began
before the time of the Septuagint, it seems afterwards, as has been shown, to have been practised extensively in the Hebrew manuscripts until the days of the Massorites. The relation of the two texts practically establishes beyond a doubt that, during this period, the Palestinian recension suffered considerably by revision and interpolation, liberties having been taken, not only with the language, but also with the subject-matter, of the text. The extraordinary care of the Jews for the protection of their Scriptures from corruption can be traced back only for a certain distance in the past. It merely extends to the time when the Massoretic system was invented or completed, in the early centuries of the Christian era. While this system, therefore, guarantees the purity of the Hebrew since the time that it was adopted, it affords no guarantee whatever for its uncorrupted preservation at a period previous to that date. "The popular notion as to the absolutely sacred guardianship of the Hebrew text by the Jews is only partially founded on fact. It is true as regards the post-Massoretic, not the pre-Massoretic, text."¹ The truth of this observation is undeniable. It is also significant as showing that the process of fixing the Hebrew text was gradual, and may have extended over many centuries. In all probability,

¹ Edinburgh Review, October, 1885, p. 457.
it was fixed at first for public and official purposes. Afterwards, fixedness would be required both for safety and for uniformity.

The preceding paragraph assumes with students of the Septuagint generally that, apart from occasional imperfections and corruptions arising from transmission, the Greek text actually reproduces the Hebrew original employed by the Alexandrian translator. Cornill, for instance, in the exhaustive Prolegomena to his new and scholarly discussion of Ezekiel, asserts emphatically that, "in the Septuagint, we have reason to welcome a perfectly trustworthy witness to the Hebrew text of Ezekiel, as used at Alexandria in the third century before Christ."¹ This position may appear, perhaps, extreme, if not untenable. It may be held by some that the version, as it now exists, simply represents the form in which it circulated amongst the Jews previous to the days of Origen, or the shape it had assumed in the centuries intervening between the time of the translation and the date of the earliest Greek manuscripts. This question must, of course, be settled before the absolute critical value of the version can be definitely determined. It will, undoubtedly, be admitted by all scholars that, in the Septuagint, we have an authoritative version of a Hebrew

¹ *Das Buch des Propheten Ezechiel*, p. 102.
manuscript belonging to the third century before Christ, only when there are good grounds for believing that the oldest and best Greek manuscript that we possess substantially preserves the original translation.

Secondly, the results are important for the interpretation of the Old Testament text. A number of examples might be given where the Greek either helps to explain a difficult passage, or serves to show how a doubtful or disputed expression should be understood. For instance, in the Revised Version, the word לָנְתָו, in the latter half of chap. ii. 31, is rendered “We are broken loose;” whereas, in the Authorized Version, it is rendered “We are lords.” The Septuagint translation proves that the latter rendering is correct. The figure is not that of an animal having broken loose, but of a person having become master, or of one having obtained power to carry out one’s own will. In the last part of ver. 34 also, the former version puts in the text, “I have not found it at the place of breaking in,” and in the margin, “thou didst not find them,” etc.; while the latter version translates, “I have not found it by secret search.” The Septuagint indicates that the sentence should be rendered, “I did not find them breaking in (at house-breaking).” The words translated “breaking in” mean literally digging through or
under, for the purpose of entering or undermining a house; and the same forms occur in Exod. xxii. 2, in both the Hebrew and the Greek.

Again, in the Revised Version, the first half of chap. v. 12 is rendered, "They have denied the Lord, and said, It is not he;" and, in the Authorized Version, it is rendered, "They have belied the Lord, and said," etc. The words in the original translated "It is not he" are commonly interpreted, It is not God who speaks, as if the prophet were proclaiming his own inventions; or, God is not, as if the people were speaking after the analogy of the impious man described in Ps. xiv. 1. But the Hebrew words נַפְרַע are translated in the Septuagint by the phrase Οὐκ ἐστὶν ῥάπτα, which in classic Greek often has the meaning, "it is not so," or, "these things are not true." Demosthenes repeatedly uses the expression in this sense. The parallelism of the verse-members, as well as the nature of the context, proves that the Alexandrian rendering is right. The people rejected the prophet's message of warning, and refused to believe that his prophecy was true. Hence the Hebrew should be translated, "They have denied the Lord, and said, that is not so." In this way, the Septuagint shows how the verse was understood at the time of the translation, and also how it should be understood to-day. Hitherto, in modern times,
this passage has been mistranslated, and its meaning has been misconceived.

For the interpretation or explanation of certain expressions peculiar to this book, the Septuagint is particularly important. One unusual expression refers to Messianic prophecy. In the Hebrew, there are two passages whose prophetic character has always possessed a special interest, namely, chaps. xxiii. 6; xxxiii. 16. In the Greek, the latter verse, together with the whole latter half of the chapter, is entirely wanting; while the former verse, with the exception of one word, is literally reproduced. Instead of הָשוֹעָה ("our righteousness"), the Greek has בַּשְׂרוֹת ("Jah or Jehovah is righteous"), the term being a proper name, which occurs in both texts, Hag. i. 1; Ezra iii. 2, and elsewhere. As the corresponding words in Hebrew may also be regarded as a proper name, and as the order of the words in each text is identical, the Septuagint shows, not only how the verse was once interpreted, but also how it should be now translated. In the Authorized Version, the second member of the verse is rendered, "and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS;" in the Revised Version, on the other hand, the latter words are rendered, "The Lord is our righteousness." In the one version, the Messianic testimony is emphasized by typo-
graphical expedients; in the other version, the passage properly appears in ordinary type. In neither version, though, is the rendering quite correct. The word translated "shall be called" is not a passive but an active verb, which is followed by a pronominal suffix in the objective case. In the translation, this pronoun is improperly omitted. The Hebrew, therefore, may be literally translated, "and this is his name which one shall call him, The Lord is our righteousness;" or, regarding the latter words in the original as a proper name, after the analogy of "Jehovah-Jireh," Gen. xxii. 14; "Jehovah-Nissi," Exod. xvii. 15; "Jehovah-Shammah," Ezek. xlviii. 35, it may be better translated, "and this is his name which one shall call him, Jehovah-Tsidkenu."

The Septuagint shows that this latter rendering is preferable. It shows more. It also indicates the proper subject of the verb "shall call." In the Alexandrian version, the passage reads, "and this is his name which Jehovah shall call him, Jehovah-Jozadak." The order of the words in both texts is exactly alike, the only difference in the readings being חָיָי חַיָי ("Tsidkenu"), in the one text, for חָיָי חַיָי ("Jehozadak"), in the other text. As "Jehovah" is the subject of the verb in Greek, so also it may be in Hebrew. Indeed, the construction of the Hebrew implies as much. Gram-
matically, "Jehovah" may be taken as the subject of the verb, instead of being taken as in apposition with its object; and the passage may be naturally and properly translated, "and this is his name which Jehovah shall call him, Tsidkenu." But for the Messianic reference, it would probably have been so translated by scholars from the first. Even the Massoretic accentuation seems to show clearly that "Jehovah" belongs to the word preceding and not to the word succeeding it, and, therefore, should be construed, as just indicated.

As the word for Jehovah occurs twice in this passage in Greek, once as the subject of the verb and once as a portion of the proper name, it is evident that the verse was understood, as thus explained, at the time of the translation. It is also evident that at that time there was no thought in the minds of the readers of the Alexandrian recension of characterizing the person mentioned in this passage as other than a human being. Interpreters of prophecy have commonly endeavoured to find here a belief, on the part of the ancient Jews, in the divinity of the promised Messiah; or, at least, an expectation, on the part of the Hebrew prophet, that the coming king whom he foretold should be a divine individual. The Septuagint translation of this book plainly indicates that no such notion was entertained by the translator, and

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that he never for a moment supposed that the future ruler he both promised and described was to be a Divine Being.

Moreover, the omission from the Septuagint of the parallel passage, chap. xxxiii. 16, where the term "Jehovah-Tsidkenu" appears in the Hebrew as the name of the restored Jerusalem, is also very significant. The absence of the passage there, as well as the form of the passage here, in the Greek, is exceedingly important for the subject of Messianic prophecy, the character of which differs in different prophetic books. In Jeremiah, as compared with Isa. ix. 2-7, for instance, where the idea first appears, it is supposed by W. Robertson Smith, there is a perceptibly diminished emphasis on the advent of a personal Messiah. The expectation of a national deliverer, who should introduce a reign of peace, is simply but emphatically expressed. This deliverer, however, is spoken of as a temporal prince. Nothing in the book, when studied in connection with the Septuagint, or when interpreted by the help of that translation, points to an eternal "Prince of Peace." Thus the Alexandrian version sheds some light upon the gradual growth and modification of the Messianic idea in the Church, and upon the historic development of the Messianic doctrine in the Scripture. The idea of the expected

1 The Prophets of Israel, p. 277.
Messiah grew and changed in each successive century; and in no other age, it is believed, was its expression so minute and circumstantial, as in the period extending from the close of the Old to the opening of the New Testament.

Another unusual expression, peculiar to the Massoretic text, has reference to the term, "the servant of Jehovah," which is frequently found and variously applied in Scripture. Properly speaking, a servant of Jehovah was one who voluntarily gave himself to the service of God, and earnestly endeavoured to do his divine will. Spontaneity and fidelity are two essential elements in the idea of the term. With this signification, "the servant of Jehovah" was a distinguished title of honour under the old covenant. In this sense, it is applied to Moses, in Deut. xxxiv. 5; to Joshua, in Judg. ii. 8; to David, in Ps. xviii. 1. In the Hebrew, chaps. xxv. 9; xxvii. 6; xliii. 10, the words "my servant" are applied to Nebuchadnezzar. In each of these three chapters, though, the expression is significantly wanting in the Septuagint. This fact renders the character of the words in Hebrew suspicious, and their application questionable. Elsewhere throughout the whole Old Testament, they are applied only to a person or to a people of righteous purpose. In this sense, they are used of Abraham, in Gen. xxvi. 24; of Israel, as Jehovah's
people, in Isa. xli. 8; of Jacob, as a synonym for Israel, in Isa. xliv. 1, 2; xliv. 4; also in this book, chaps. xxx. 10; xlv. 27 of the Hebrew, and in the latter chapter only of the Greek.

From these considerations, the words "my servant," in the Hebrew, can scarcely have originated from Jeremiah. He would hardly have applied them to a person like Nebuchadnezzar. The king of Babylon was not a servant of Jehovah in the ordinary acceptation of the term, nor can it be appropriately used of him. After the Babylonian captivity, however, some one, who regarded him as a predetermined instrument of Jehovah for executing the divine purposes respecting his covenant people, may have inserted the words where they appear in the Massoretic text. This suggestion seems the more probable, inasmuch as in Ezek. xxix. 20, Nebuchadnezzar is said to have received Egypt as the wages for himself and his army in serving against Tyre, "because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God." It is also worthy of note in this connection, that the distinguished Jewish commentator, Rashi, in his annotations on chap. xxv. 9, says nothing whatever about the phrase "my servant," as though he did not find it in his text; whereas, in chap. xxvii. 6, he explains the words to mean that Nebuchadnezzar was a servant of Jehovah only in the sense of being a scourge.
His comment on the expression reads, “he should do my pleasure to recompense my enemies.”

There is still another unusual species of expression, peculiar to the Hebrew text of Jeremiah, on the nature of which the Septuagint also gives some information. In the Hebrew, chaps. xxv. 26; li. 41, the term “Sheshach” occurs as a synonym, it is supposed, either for Babylon or for Babylonia, according to a secret or cabalistic system of writing, technically called Atbash, which was practised amongst the ancient Jews, and which consisted in substituting the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet for the first, the last but one for the second, and so on through the whole series. On this principle of transposition, as the consonants only were formerly written in Hebrew, the letters Sh Sh Ch which compose the word Sheshach would correspond to the letters B B L of which the word Babel (Babylon) is composed. This term is wanting altogether in the Septuagint, being found there in neither passage; but its mystic meaning seems to be confirmed by the latter passage, chap. li. 41, where Sheshach and Babylon occur in the parallel members of the Hebrew verse. In chap. li. 1, however, where another instance of this kind of cabalistic writing occurs, the Septuagint shows how the mystical name should be translated. The expres-
sion "Leb-kamai," which stands in the text of the Revised Version, and is rendered in the margin, "The heart of them that rise up against me," becomes, when transmuted according to the figure of Atbash, Ca S D I M, which is equivalent to Chaldea or the Chaldeans. As this is the actual rendering of the Greek in this verse, the singular term is proved to be a Jewish cipher, and its significance is made very plain. Properly, therefore, the word Chaldea or Chaldeans should take the place of "Leb-kamai" in the text.

Although a love for fancifully playing upon words, and a liking for artificially dealing with letters, were always characteristic of the Hebrew writers, it has been doubted whether this peculiar practice of writing words by substituting consonants according to their position in the alphabet is as old as Jeremiah. Let that be as it may, the system dates from an unknown antiquity, and may be older than the prophet's time. The important question is, Did Jeremiah himself invent or authorize such ciphers? Most probably he did not. They seem to have belonged only to the Palestinian recension, having possibly been adopted by the Jews during the period of the Babylonian captivity. During the exile, there may have been a purpose in their adopting such mystical names to designate Babylonia or Chaldea, because of their
captive condition in that country. For the Jews of Jeremiah's day, however, both in Palestine and in Egypt, there was no need whatever either to adopt or to employ such terms. For this reason, as well as for the reason that the word "Sheshach," chap. li. 41, and the sentence, "and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them," chap. xxv. 26, are wanting in the Septuagint, they seem not to have belonged to the Alexandrian recension.

Thirdly, the results are important for the correction of the Old Testament text. The number of places where the Greek corrects the Hebrew is somewhat large. It is not necessary, however, to furnish a complete list of such passages. A few of the more interesting or more important will suffice. In chap. i. 17, for instance, God is represented in the Hebrew as sending the prophet on his mission of remonstrance to the people, with the menacing words, "be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them." The reading is apparently incorrect, and may have arisen from some imperfection in the ancient manuscript. Such a menace seems entirely out of place, as well as altogether out of harmony with the character of God. The context here leads one to expect words of encouragement not threatening, of comfort not intimidation. On account of his youth, the prophet would naturally be timid in undertaking the duties of the
prophetic office, under the peculiar circumstances of his time, and surely a degree of fear that was inevitable would not cause him to forfeit his rightful claim to God's protecting care. The Septuagint renders the latter half of this verse, "Fear not before them, and be not dismayed at them; because I am with thee to deliver thee, declares Jehovah." The reading, which here corrects the Hebrew, is a classic one, occurring several times in this book, as well as many times in the other books of the Old Testament. The addition also improves the parallelism of the verse, closely corresponds with the idea in vers. 8, 19, and admirably harmonizes with the context.

Again, the latter part of chap. ii. 34 in the Hebrew reads, "upon all these." In the margin of the Revised Version, though, it is stated that some ancient authorities have "every oak." This is the rendering of the Septuagint, with which, moreover, the Syriac closely corresponds. The words, as they are found in Hebrew, are exceedingly obscure and difficult to explain. The variant reading in the version was due merely to a slight difference of punctuation, the consonants having been exactly alike; but the pointing of the Septuagint appears to be correct. There is a contrast here expressed between slaying a person who was caught in the act of breaking into a house, which was permitted
by the ancient Mosaic law, and slaying a person who was caught, not in committing but in exposing and denouncing crime, which was both cruel and detestable. According to this passage, the victims whom Israel slew were not criminals but innocents, not persons guilty of house-breaking, but persons guilty only of reproving her for her idolatry. She had shed innocent blood under the trees, or in the groves, where she had practised her idolatrous worship, and where for which her victims had reproved her. Thus the construction in the Greek is clear, and shows how the Hebrew should be read. The whole latter half of this verse may be rightly rendered, "I did not find them breaking in (at house-breaking), but upon every oak."

In chap. vi. 6, for the word "trees," which stands in the text, the Revised Version has in the margin "her trees." This is the rendering, not only of the Greek, but also of the Latin and the Syriac versions. The difference of reading, again, was due to the insertion of a single dot or point. The last letter of the word translated "trees" should contain a small dot (Mappik), as in Deut. xx. 19, and should be construed as a suffix of the third person singular. Although, in besieging a city, the Jews were commanded to spare, so far as possible, the fruit-trees, partly because of their innocence and partly because of their usefulness,
yet they were permitted to use the wood of other trees for the purpose of carrying on a siege. The foreign army mentioned in this passage would probably cut down trees, both for building their bulwarks against the city and for clearing away all obstacles to their approach. Another example of a similar kind, where the variation was due to the insertion of the same point, occurs also in chap. xii. 9. Instead of the reading, "to devour," the Greek has "to devour her." This latter seems to be the better reading of the two, and to represent the proper punctuation.

In chap. xii. 2, the word translated "they grow" means literally in Hebrew they go or proceed. In the Septuagint, the word used means they bear or produce; and, apparently, may be just as properly applied to trees as to men. The latter reading is required by the parallelism of the verse, this clause of which, according to the Greek, being translated, "they produce, yea, they bring forth fruit." The variation arose from the substitution of a single letter, the Massorites having read יִגְרוּ, and the Greek translator יִפְרוּ. As the former verb in Hebrew does not mean "to grow," and is nowhere else used in this sense, it is evidently incorrect. Even Hitzig gives no reason why the latter verb may not be used, as indicated. In chaps. xi. 23; xxiii. 12, for "even the year of their visitation," one
should read "in the year," etc., as suggested in the margin of the Revised Version. In each verse, this is the rendering of the Greek, and the Hebrew should be rendered accordingly. The reference is to a period of calamity during which the judgment here foretold should be fulfilled.

Another place in which the Greek corrects the Hebrew occurs in chap. xv. 14, where the latter is rendered in the text of the Revised Version, "I will make them to pass with thine enemies," etc., and in the margin, "I will make thine enemies to pass," etc. According to some ancient authorities, the Revisers further state, the clause is rendered, "I will make (cause) thee to serve thine enemies," etc. These authorities are specially the Alexandrian, Syriac, and Aramaic versions. Other manuscripts also exhibit the same reading, which is unquestionably the correct one, as even Graf, along with many other critics, honestly admits. This rendering, moreover, agrees exactly with the parallel passage in chap. xvii. 4, where the same form is found in Hebrew, that is found here in Greek. The variation between the two verbs in this sentence arose from the simple substitution of a γ for α γ in the ancient texts.

In chap. xxiii. 17, instead of the rendering, "that despise me, the Lord hath said," the Revisers place in the margin, "that despise the word of the
Lord.” This is the reading, not only of the Greek, but also of the Syriac, version. The variation was due again to punctuation, which in the versions is evidently right. An utterance of Jehovah in the broken form in which it here appears in Hebrew nowhere else occurs, as Graf has pointed out. In ver. 33 of this same chapter, instead of the exclamatory question, “What burden!” the Septuagint and Vulgate have, as the Revisers indicate, “Ye are the burden.” This latter reading, which arose simply from a different division of the words in the Hebrew, gives a vastly better meaning, and undoubtedly expresses what the prophet meant to say. The case affords a beautiful example of a superior word-division on the part of the Greek translator. In ver. 39 also, instead of “I will utterly forget you” the Latin, Greek, and Syriac versions have, “I will lift you up.” This reading is required by the parallelism of the verse, which, as it stands in Hebrew, makes no appropriate sense. The figure is one of lifting up a burden, and of casting it away. Punctuation here again explains the variation.

Fourthly, the results are important for the reconstruction of the Old Testament text. The instances of correction just discussed furnish interesting illustrations. In every case, apparently, the Greek reading should take the place of the Hebrew
reading. In every case, too, notwithstanding the
great difficulty of translating an unpointed and
unpunctuated text, the superiority of the Septuagint
was due to the translator having either divided or
punctuated the consonants more correctly than did
the Massorites. Such examples not only bear
witness to the fidelity with which, under the most
disadvantageous circumstances, the Alexandrian
version was made, but also to its importance for
purposes of text-criticism. Some other examples
of superior readings, whose value for reconstructing
the present Massoretic text will be readily acknowl-
edged by scholars, it is believed, may now be
given. These may be arranged in several classes,
as the passages are numerous.

The first class comprises whole verses. In
certain places, the Hebrew is so imperfect that it
is practically impossible to render it intelligibly.
Chap. xi. 15, for instance, is so obscure that, as
it stands, no clear or consistent meaning can be
obtained from it. The ancient manuscript was
evidently corrupt or indistinct. On the other
hand, the reading in the Greek is good, and makes
excellent and appropriate sense. The people, having
by their idolatry forsaken Jehovah, and having by
their hypocrisy forfeited all claims upon him or his
house, are here rebuked for their deceitful service
by the prophet, who asks if they suppose that
prayers and sacrifices can rescue them or atone for them. The entire verse is rendered in the Septuagint, "Why has the beloved wrought abomination in my house? Shall vows and holy flesh remove from thee thy wickednesses, or by these shalt thou escape?"

Another verse of doubtful rendering in the Hebrew occurs in chap. xvii. 11. In the Authorized Version, the partridge is represented as sitting on eggs and hatching them not. Both verbs are here translated incorrectly. The Revised Version gives a more adequate rendering of them, as well as of the remaining portions of the verse; but, by its marginal readings, it leaves the reader still in doubt about the true translation of the verse, which, in the Greek is very plain, and may be rendered, "As the partridge calleth (and) gathereth what she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth his riches not by right; in the midst of his days they shall leave him, and in his end (latter time) he shall be a fool." The Greek shows that the subject of the verb "shall leave" is the noun "riches," and not the pronoun "he." The idea is not that the rich man should suddenly die and leave his wealth, but that his wealth should speedily leave him, ere he had lived out half his days; so that, during the rest of his life, he should be regarded as an example of wicked folly. The point of the prophet's illus-
The results of the investigation.

Illustration thus appears to be that, as the partridge was popularly supposed to call together the young of other birds which would forsake her when they heard the cry of their true parent, so ill-gotten gains would prove but a short-lived possession to the dishonest man. The Septuagint also shows that originally the two texts in this verse, though very similar, were not identical. As they now appear respectively, one variation between them was due to a different division of the Hebrew consonants; the other variations between them were due to different readings in the ancient manuscripts.

Still another imperfect verse in Hebrew occurs in chap. xxxi. 25, the construction of the words of which is very simple, but the form of one of which, at least, is very questionable. The verse in Greek, on the contrary, is admirably rendered, and reproduces a superior text. It reads, "For I have satiated every thirsty soul, and every hungry soul have I replenished." This rendering is much more symmetrical than that in our English Bibles, and presents a perfect contrast between the thirsty and the hungry souls of whom the prophet speaks. That the original of each text was slightly different, is demonstrated by the presence of the additional pronoun "every," as well as suggested by the form of the words in Hebrew, respectively translated.
"weary" and "sorrowful." Literally, the former word means weak or faint, the latter languishing or pining. If the words in each original were alike, the one must have meant faint with thirst, the other pining with hunger; so that both should be translated as they are in the Septuagint, the rendering of which is corroborated by the connection of thought in this with that in the preceding verse. While it is barely possible that the former word was written differently in each ancient manuscript, it is very probable that the latter was. Instead of רָאְבָא, the translator apparently read, with Schleusner, רָעְבָא. In ver. 12 of this chapter also, where the same root occurs, and where a similar idea is expressed in the Greek, the rendering of the Alexandrian version is superior to that of the English translation. The Septuagint renders the last member of this verse, "and their soul shall be as a fruitful tree, and they shall not hunger any more."

The second class comprises verse-members. A number of examples might be given, but a few will be sufficient. For the sake of conciseness, the words in Greek, which show how the Hebrew may be reconstructed, will be indicated by italics. In the second member of chap. ii. 19, the reading of the Septuagint, "and I have not been pleased with thee," gives a superior rendering of this portion of
the verse, and seems to show that the construction in the Hebrew is not simply peculiar but imperfect. In the first member of ver. 34 of this same chapter, too, the Septuagint reading, "Also in thy hands is found the blood (plu.) of the souls of the innocents," is preferable in each case. The word "hands" instead of "skirts" is much more appropriate in this place, and was evidently the original reading in the early manuscripts. The variation possibly arose from the Masorites having mistaken the meaning of the Hebrew word for wing or skirt, which may have been written anciently without the letter ג, and may have had the same form as the word for hand. It is significant that the Syriac version also agrees here with the Alexandrian version.

In the middle of chap. xi. 19, the Greek rendering, "come and let us put wood into his food (bread)," which is supported by the Aramaic version, shows how the passage may be intelligibly translated. As the sentence stands in English, it does not accurately represent the original Hebrew. The word translated "fruit" means literally bread or food. It is nowhere in the Old Testament used of vegetable fruit, and to give it such a peculiar meaning here is to violate the usage of the language. Neither can the word be properly applied to Jeremiah. His fruit could not reasonably mean
either his activity, or his posterity, or his words of prophecy, all of which have been suggested by way of exposition. Neither can the whole expression be appropriately applied to the prophet with the force of a proverb, because of the reasons just indicated. The Septuagint shows how the sentence should be rationally translated, as well as how it was unquestionably understood at the time of the translation. It is significant that Jerome seems to cite the rendering of the Septuagint with approval. It is still more significant that the Aramaic translator also uses a verb meaning to put or to place, and, instead of the word "wood," renders "deadly poison." The idea intended to be expressed was that of destroying the prophet by poisoning him; that is, by putting pulverized poisonous wood into his food. The superior rendering of the version was recensional, and was due to the presence of the verb "come," and to the absence of the letter א in the original Hebrew manuscript. This latter variation, it should be observed, may have arisen from dictation.

In the second member of chap. xiii. 18, the Greek reading, "for the crown of your glory (your glorious crown) has been taken down from your head," again shows how the sentence should be rendered. The Hebrew word, translated "principalities," in the Authorized Version, and "head-
tires," in the Revised Version, is not a noun in apposition with crown, as indicated by the Massoretic punctuation, but a noun and preposition, as shown by the Septuagint translation. The singular verb in Hebrew, as well as the general construction of the sentence, shows that the rendering of the Alexandrian version is correct. On account of their changed circumstances, the youthful monarch and his royal mother were to sit in humiliation, not because their head-dresses were come down, but because their regal glory was gone.

Again, the first part of chap. xv. 16 is rendered in the Septuagint, "from those despising thy words; destroy them." This reading, which arose from a slightly different combination of letters in the original, seems to suit the context better than the reading in the Hebrew, which is certainly peculiar, and, in the present connection, apparently inappropriate. The feeble figure of eating words is scarcely analogous to the bold figure of eating a parchment roll in Ezek. iii. 1–3. In ver. 15 of each text, the prophet asks Jehovah to avenge him of his persecutors; in ver. 16 of the Greek, he prays for their destruction. Thus the parallelism in the Greek is more complete than in the Hebrew. The superiority of the Septuagint in this passage will appear more clearly by translating, together with the variant reading, the immediately preceding and
the immediately succeeding sentence. The passage reads, "Know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach from those despising thy words; destroy them, and let thy word be unto me for the joy and rejoicing of my heart."

Once more, the first part of chap. xvi. 7 is rendered in the Septuagint, "neither shall bread be broken at (in) their mourning," etc. This reading shows how the Hebrew should be reconstructed. The variation was due to the simple substitution or alteration of a single letter, and is supported by other ancient manuscripts. In the Revised Version, the words "for them" should be translated "bread," and the word "bread," which is printed in italics, should be expunged. The verb "break" here in the Hebrew does not of itself necessarily mean to break bread. It only has this signification when the word for bread, as in Isa. lviii. 7, is expressed as its object. Moreover, the words "for them" are further shown to have arisen erroneously from the word "bread," because, as Graf admits, they do not harmonize with the singular Hebrew suffix after the verb "to comfort," which is improperly translated as a plural pronoun in the English Bible.

Further, the second member of chap. xviii. 14 should be reconstructed by the help of the Septuagint. While the general sense of the Hebrew
words is clear, the combination of adjectives is peculiar, and difficult to understand. The Revised Version does not give an adequate translation of them either in the margin or in the text. The reading in the Greek, which arose from a text similar to that of the Hebrew, but more complete than the latter is, gives an excellent rendering of the sentence. Before translating the Septuagint here, it should be observed that the form of the first member in Hebrew is somewhat unusual; and that its form in Greek, which represents a very similar text, is so interesting as to be worthy of careful consideration. A translation, therefore, of the whole Greek verse, because of its possible correctness, if not probable superiority, may advantageously be given. It reads, "Shall protuberances depart from rocks, or the snow from Lebanon? or, shall waters borne violently by the wind turn aside?"

Lastly, in the middle of chap. xli. 9, the Septuagint reading, "the same is the great pit," appears undoubtedly to be the true one. In the Authorized Version, the rendering, "because of Gedaliah," is absolutely false, as Graf affirms; and, in the Revised Version, the rendering, "by the side of Gedaliah," is essentially wrong, as he also asserts. The words in the original do not properly admit of either rendering, and cannot, as they stand, be grammati-
cally construed. The Hebrew reading here is utterly indefensible, and was evidently due to textual imperfection, or to erroneous transcription, or, perhaps, to both. The originals of the present Greek and Hebrew texts are very similar; and the one, as scholars know, was easily derivable from the other by a slight confusion of the letters. The excellence of the construction in the Greek is worth indicating by a translation of the context. The whole verse reads, "Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all those whom he had slain (the same is the great pit which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha, king of Israel), this Ishmael filled with them that were slain."

The third class comprises single words. A very large number of places might be pointed out where a suffix, or a verbal form, or a particle of some kind represents a manifestly superior reading in the Septuagint. As many such instances have been already noticed by Movers and Hitzig, as well as by Graf himself, and as many others will be at once observed by those who take the trouble critically to compare the Hebrew with the Greek throughout, brevity forbids the multiplying of examples. For reasons that will plainly appear to scholars, a small number of such places in the Hebrew, which should be reconstructed by the Greek, may here be briefly indicated. These are,
"shall blaze forth" for "shall break forth," chap. i. 14; "wall" for "walls," chap. i. 18; "destroyed" for "burned up," chap. ii. 15; "stained" for "marked," chap. ii. 22; "burned" for "broken down," chap. iv. 26; "a refiner" for "refining," chap. vi. 29; "shall be consumed" for "shall die," chaps. xi. 22; xlii. 17, 22; "drought" for "droughts," chap. xiv. 1; "tamarisk" for "heath," chap. xvii. 6; "deep" for "deceitful," chap. xvii. 9; "shall be inhabited" for "shall remain," chap. xvii. 25; "moulded" for "potter," chap. xix. 1; "Ahaz" for "cedar," chap. xxii. 15; "these" for "swearing," chap. xxiii. 10; "reproach" for "desolations," chap. xxv. 9; "multitude" for "mounts," chap. xxxii. 24; "earth" for "Jehovah," chap. xxxiii. 2; "your princes" for "his wives," chap. xlv. 9; "voice" for "shame," chap. xlvii. 12; "the name" for "there," chap. xlvii. 17; "upon her" for "it is come," chap. xlvii. 20; "wild ass" for "heath," chap. xlvii. 6; "altars" for "daughters," chap. xlix. 2; "in her forest" for "in his cities," chap. i. 32; "around" for "hollow," chap. lii. 21.

The fourth class comprises proper names. In chap. xxxviii. 1, where the name "Shephatiah" appears in Hebrew, the Septuagint has "Zephaniah." The former word, as Graf remarks, nowhere else occurs. For this reason, as the latter word occurs
in chaps. xxix. 25; xxxvii. 3, of both the Hebrew and the Greek, it may be correct. In chap. xlii. 1, instead of "Jezaniah the son of Hoshiaiah," the Greek reads, "Azariah the son of Maaseiah." As the name Azariah occurs in chap. xliii. 2 of both texts, and as the name Maaseiah also occurs with it in this latter chapter, the reading of the Septuagint seems to be the proper one. In other places again, such as "Gihon" for "Shihor," chap. ii. 18; "Assyrians" for "Syrians," chap. xxxv. 11; "On" for "land of Egypt," chap. xliii. 13; "Gilead" for "Gad," chap. xlii. 1, the version preserves not only the more correct, but also the more primitive reading, as Hitzig acknowledges respecting the first three of these examples. In each case, the name in Greek gives a more definite designation of the place described.

In chap. xlii. 5, "Salem" for "Shiloh" affords another preferable reading. The former is supposed to have been situated nearer to Shechem than the latter was; and, for this reason, Hitzig again admits that the narrative in Greek furnishes the more natural order of the neighbouring cities mentioned in this passage. From the account given in Gen. xxxiii. 18, where the word is rightly rendered as a proper name in the Authorized Version, Salem was evidently a city in the land of Canaan, and is probably identical with the present Salim, a little
village lying somewhat east of Nablus, the modern name of the ancient Shechem. The latter seems formerly to have been the designation of a town, as well as of a tract of country. The occurrence of Salem here in the Greek version of Jeremiah corroborates the testimony of the Septuagint reading in Gen. xxxiii. 18, according to which the word is in apposition with the expression, "city of Shechem," which immediately follows. The Hebrew word "šaim" seems not to be an adjective, as commonly assumed by modern scholars, but a proper name, occurring elsewhere only in Gen. xiv. 18. Having the same form in each verse, it should be translated and spelled each time in the same way, and not in a different way, as in the English version.

The Septuagint seems, moreover, to present an older and a superior form of the personal name in chap. lxxix. 27. Instead of "Ben-hadad," the Greek here has viov "Aōep, as in 1 Kings xv. 18, 20; xx. 1; 2 Kings xiii. 3, 24; Amos i. 4. The latter for the former term occurs so frequently and so uniformly in the version that the recensional character of the reading is unquestionable. The regularity of the spelling indicates that the original of the Greek expression was either "nēsōn" or more probably, perhaps, "nēsōn." This latter name or title denotes "the son of Adar," which was apparently the

designation of an ancient Syrian divinity, akin if not equivalent to the old Assyrian deity, an appellation of which appears in the word Adrammelech, as found in 2 Kings xvii. 31; xix. 37. The method of spelling the word “Nebuchadnezzar,” in the Septuagint, also indicates a more primitive pronunciation of the name, and one in all probability more like the Assyrian original, which, Schrader says, is written Na-bi-uv-ku-du-ur-ri-u-su-ur in the cuneiform inscriptions, but was pronounced Nabī-kudur-ri-uṣur by the native Babylonians.¹ Throughout this book, the word in Greek is almost regularly written Naβouκοδονόσορ, corresponding to בֶּנְעַכַדנְנָזָר in Hebrew. It is significant and noteworthy that the Vulgate adopts the spelling of the Septuagint, and writes the word “Nabuchodonosor,” which is an exact transliteration of the Greek.

There are also a few places where the Septuagint shows a proper name in the Hebrew to be either wrongly formed or wrongly punctuated. In chap. xxxix. 3, for instance, the name “Samgar-Nebo” is apparently incorrect. Such a form does not elsewhere occur in the Bible, and Schrader says that it has not yet been found in the cuneiform inscriptions.² According to all analogy, in the Scripture spelling of Assyrian proper nouns compounded with

¹ Die Keilinschriften und das Alte Testament, Zweite Auflage, p. 361.
² Ibid. p. 416.
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"Nebo," the latter term should begin the name, as in Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, and Nebushazban. The fact that the corresponding word in Greek is Σαμαγώθ, and that the two succeeding words, each of which begins with "Nebo," are Ναβουσάχαρ and Ναβουσαρείς, seems to confirm this supposition. In chap. xlix. 1, 3, again, the Revised Version has in the text "Malcam," and in the margin "their king." The word in Hebrew is incorrectly pointed. As it stands, it should be translated as a common noun with suffix, and not as a proper noun. With its present punctuation, therefore, the rendering of the margin is alone correct. The context shows, however, that the word in each verse is a proper name, and should be punctuated according to the Septuagint "Milcom." This was the name of the god of Ammon, and it seems never to have been properly pointed otherwise.

A careful comparison of the proper names of this book, as they occur respectively in each text, possesses a still further significance. It proves conclusively that the mode of spelling and pronouncing them, observed by the translator, was very often not the same as that adopted by the Massorites. It also seems to indicate that the ancient pronunciation of proper names differed greatly from that expressed at present in our Hebrew Bibles. In translating into Greek, the
laws of euphony, doubtless, would sometimes forbid the precise reproduction of a peculiarly Semitic sound, especially in the case of consonants. In the case of vowels, little or no difficulty would be felt. Whenever an exact equivalent of a consonant, therefore, was wanting in his language, the translator would be obliged, of course, to employ the letter or the combination of letters, which most nearly represented the Hebrew original. This course, it will be seen, he has consistently pursued. After making the fullest allowance, though, for such euphonic or linguistic peculiarities, which occur with almost systematic regularity, there still remains a number of remarkable divergences that can be explained only on the supposition that many names were once spelled and pronounced differently from the way in which they are to-day. The information furnished by the Septuagint respecting the ancient mode of spelling and pronouncing Hebrew proper names, it will be found, is of the greatest possible importance.

As the principal deviations of the version are manifest to scholars, it is not necessary to give many illustrations here. A few examples of the divergent method of expressing vowel sounds should be given, though, to show that the vowel notation of the Massorites is not the same as was that of the Alexandrian translator. When the
latter, for instance, writes an ʌ for an ɪ, as Ταλαάδ for נְבֶּןָ (Gilead); an ʌ for an ɪ, as 'Εμμιή for מְסַר (Immer); an ʌ for an ʌ, as Τοδολια for צְבֵּיהּ (Gedaliah); an ʌ for an ʌ, as 'Αζάφ for μευ (Azzur), and Πασχάφ for פְּשִּׁר(Pashhur); an ʌ for an ʌ and an ʌ for an ʌ, as Σελλήμ for שְּלַל (Shallum), it is unreasonable to suppose that the change of vowel in each case was due to arbitrariness on his part. Every time he could as easily have given the one sound as he gave the other. In corresponding cases, it will be found, he has reproduced such vowels with scrupulous fidelity, as an ɪ in Δαυι for יְרֵךְ (David), and ʌ in Γαμαλί for גֶּמֶר (Gemariah), an ʌ in 'Ραχάβ for רַב (Rechab), an ʌ in 'Ραχὴ for רֶבּ (Rachel), and an ʌ in Σαμουὴ for שֵׁמַר (Samuel). When, in other books, moreover, the Septuagint writes an ʌ and an ʌ in Σαμυὶ for שָׁמִיש (Samson), the rational conclusion is that the name was so pronounced at the time that the translation was made. It is not just to assume that the pronunciation, represented in the Septuagint, was simply that which prevailed amongst the Jews of Egypt, and, therefore, would naturally be less pure than that which prevailed amongst the Jews of Palestine, as some scholars have assumed. Nor is it fair to assert with some, for reasons that need not be
now discussed, that the Massoretic pronunciation of proper names is absolutely correct, or that it infallibly represents the sound of every name as it was originally pronounced. Both from its age and character, it is quite reasonable to suppose that the version generally reproduces the earlier pronunciation. It is here sufficient, further, to observe that there are good grounds for believing that changes were at some time arbitrarily made in the form of certain Hebrew proper names. "Many," as Nestle says, "seem to have first arisen after the origin of the Septuagint."¹

The investigation also furnishes some new and important suggestions for the Hebrew grammar. In chap. ii. 20, the rendering of which in Greek is excellent, by a different division of the letters, the Septuagint translates the two words as though they were a verb of the Hithpael species, according to the Massoretic system, this latter form is not now properly permissible, the law of euphony requiring . As the translator evidently had before him the same consonants that the Hebrew has, and as he surely must have been acquainted with all the grammatical forms of the Hebrew language, he could hardly have regarded the combination as he did, had the

¹ "Manche scheinen erst nach der Entstehung der LXX. entstanden zu sein." Die Israelitischen Eigennamen, etc., p. 125.
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form not been legitimate. It is highly improbable that he should have made such a mistake. The case is especially interesting, because it suggests the possibility, either that the present law of euphony in such verbal forms was not then strictly observed, or that it was not fully established when his Hebrew manuscript was made. In ver. 33 of this same chapter, there occurs a group of words, לַאָרְקֵן יַנְע (not only, but also), which is peculiar in Hebrew at the present time, but which at one time may possibly have existed in the language.

In chap. iv. 5, the verb בָּאָרְקֵן, which is translated "aloud" in the Revised Version, is rendered in the Septuagint by the adverb בָּאָרְקֵן, as though the latter were formerly a synonym for בָּאָרְקֵן. In chap. v. 12, the expression בָּאָרְקֵן being rendered by Оὐκ ἐστὶ ταύτα (these things are not so), indicates that the word בָּאָרְקֵן, which is now used, sometimes as a pronoun and sometimes as a verb, was then used also as an adverb. This word is supposed to have been originally a demonstrative; and, besides its frequent occurrence as a personal pronoun and as a copula, it occasionally occurs as a demonstrative adjective to indicate an object already mentioned as well known, somewhat after the manner of our remote demonstrative that. The present passage shows that it
was likewise once employed as a demonstrative adverb.

In chaps. iii. 21; vii. 29, the Septuagint has "lips" for "bare heights." In each passage, the rendering in Greek is tolerably appropriate; but, in the latter passage especially, it suits the context exceedingly well. It is unlikely that the translator had before him שַפָּה, the ordinary Hebrew word for lips. He evidently found in his manuscript a combination of letters similar to that in the Massoreotic text; and instead of שַפָּה, undoubtedly read שַפְּהָ. Hence this latter word seems clearly to be an ancient dual form for the mouth or the lips, as it is rendered in both the English and Alexandrian versions of Ezek. xxiv. 17, 22.

In chap. xi. 21, the two words נַחַל are rendered by the Septuagint εἰς δέ μὴ. The translation is interesting, inasmuch as it seems to indicate that the ancient punctuation may have been נַחַל, a form that is equivalent to נַחַל, which occurs in 1 Sam. ii. 16, and which is substantially translated there in Greek as the words under consideration are translated here. Another interesting combination in Greek is found in chap. xiii. 27, where, for the present Hebrew expression כִּפְרֵי, the Septuagint has δύστριφται.

In a large number of passages, moreover, one
preposition in the Greek stands for another preposition in the Hebrew. Sometimes each species of this sort of substitution is favourable to the Septuagint. Indeed, the form in Greek often corrects the form in Hebrew, as in chap. iii. 20, for instance, where the preposition ר (from) is rendered in the Septuagint θ (to). The variation evidently arose from the similarity of these two letters in the ancient alphabet, but the Greek preserves the proper reading. In Hebrew lexicons, it is stated that the verb יָבַד rarely occurs with the preposition ר (from), and the present passage is cited as an example. Besides being the only instance, this verb appears not to have been rightly used with ר (from). The verse, therefore, should be rendered, "Surely as a wife proves faithless to her husband, so ye have proved faithless to me, O house of Israel, declares Jehovah." This case furnishes but one example out of very many that might be given of the way in which the Septuagint corrects peculiar or exceptional uses of prepositions in the present Hebrew text.

The testimony of the Septuagint is especially significant respecting the use of "in" or "into" and "on" or "upon," both of which in Hebrew are very often incorrectly used. Example after example might be given where the Greek presents, not only the preferable, but also the proper, form of one or
other of these words. In the Hebrew, the prepositions לְ and לָ, which are rightly rendered in the version by eis and ἐπὶ respectively, are constantly and inconsistently interchanged, as though they were substantially synonymous. Very often this is the case where the sense, as well as the grammar, requires a distinction to be made. In the Greek, on the other hand, a distinction in harmony with the most classic Hebrew usage almost uniformly occurs. The version frequently has an לְ for an לָ and vice versa, where the one or the other wrongly stands in the Hebrew. The translator’s use of these two prepositions is so admirable, and so agreeable to the genius of the Jewish language, that apparently, in his manuscript, the true distinction between them was more carefully observed than it is in the present Massoretic text. The difference between the texts in this respect, while probably in part recensional, may possibly have been in part transcriptional. The difference, too, is decidedly in favour of the Septuagint.

For other unusual grammatical expressions, particularly for the so-called αὐτος λεγόμενα, or words that occur but once throughout the Hebrew Bible, the Septuagint will also be found to be of the greatest value. Many such terms, in this book especially, are of very doubtful significance, and of very questionable correctness. In chap. xiv. 9, for
example, the word translated "astonied" is both obscure and inappropriate. The corresponding word in the version, on the other hand, affords an excellent sense. The first member of this verse in Greek is rendered, "Why shouldst thou be as a man asleep, as a man that cannot save?" The parallelism here is perfect, and the meaning expressed is superior to that in the Hebrew. In the former case, the divergency was due to the substitution of a γ for a η and of a η for a γ; in the latter case, it was due to the absence of the letter η. Each of these kinds of variation occurs with frequency. In this way, the version shows not only how variations arose, but also how they may be proved and estimated. The Hebrew of Jeremiah, as is well known, is remarkable for its numerous textual peculiarities. It displays a great many words and forms which cannot have belonged to the language in its purer state, but which may be corrected or emended by the aid of the Septuagint translation.

In addition to the examples given in the preceding paragraphs of the important results obtained from this investigation for the grammar and the lexicon, it might be much more fully shown, did space permit, how the Septuagint helps to throw light upon Hebrew forms of rare or single occurrence, as well as serves to furnish valuable sug-
gestions and corrections for future grammars and lexicons. One more example may be given by way of further illustration. In the last German edition of Gesenius's Dictionary, it is stated that the verb "to send," נָשָׁה, which is naturally followed by the accusative of the person or the thing sent, is followed by the accusative of the person sent with the letter ב only in 2 Chron. xvii. 7. The Septuagint shows that the same construction also occurs in chap. xvi. 16 of this book. This verse is rendered in the English Bible, as though the noun following the verb "send" in each member was in the dative, because of the preposition ב (for) that stands with it in each case; whereas, the preposition here appears to be as certainly the sign of the accusative, as it is in the passage mentioned in Chronicles, where the nouns following it are correctly construed in the English version as accusatives. According to the Greek rendering of each passage under consideration, therefore, the present verse should be translated, "Behold, I will send many fishers, declares Jehovah, and they shall fish them; and, afterward, I will send many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

There still remains to be considered another textual peculiarity of some grammatical impor-
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tance. The use of the pronoun by the Septuagint, in many passages, is exceedingly interesting, to say the least. There are a few places where its absence is significant, as "father" for "my father," chap. iii. 19; "mother" for "my mother," chap. xv. 10; "brother" for "my brother," chap. xxii. 18. The simplicity of the expression in each instance seems to indicate its antiquity. At all events, the form in Greek points to a peculiarity of the translator's text. The simpler reading is undoubtedly recensional, and it is apparently ancient.

There are also a good many places where the substitution of a pronoun for an article, or an article for a pronoun, is significant. It is barely possible that occasionally, owing to the genius of his language, the translator may have substituted an article for a pronoun, especially because a few divergences of this kind may be conjecturally explained in this way. It is hardly probable, however, that this was often if, indeed, ever the case. The recensional character of this species of substitution is well illustrated by an instance that occurs in chap. xxvii. 3, where the Greek has a pronoun, but the Massoretic text has neither a pronoun nor an article with the noun "messengers." The construction of the Hebrew, though, absolutely requires either the one or the other, as the accompanying adjective with article indicates; and, since
the noun with article would have been a natural reading, which could have been easily and legitimately reproduced, had it appeared in the original of the Alexandrian text, the presence of the pronoun here in Greek warrants the conclusion that it belonged to the translator's manuscript. The following are the chief examples that occur of the substitution of an article for a pronoun:

ראִי—נָהֲלִי, iv. 7; בְּרוּחַ—כְּרוּחַ, iv. 20; בְּרוּחַ—כְּרוּחַ, iv. 26; נֵחָלֵי—פֵּרְשִׁים, x. 21; נֵחָלֵי—פֵּרְשִׁים, xii. 14; הקֵהָה—אָרָבִים, xiv. 15; הקֵהָה—אָרָבִים, xviii. 21; הַאֲרָבִים—אֲרָבִים, xx. 17; הַאֲרָבִים—אֲרָבִים, xxvii. 9.

The substitution of a pronoun for an article in the Septuagint is much more frequent than that of an article for a pronoun. As the Greek was an article-loving as well as a participial-loving language, the greater frequency of the pronoun in the version proves this peculiarity to be unquestionably recensional. Wherever a pronoun in the Greek stands for an article in the Hebrew, as a rule, there is reason to believe that the translator found the form before him in the text he used. The fact, moreover, of its greater frequency in the Hebrew original of the Greek translation suggests
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the supposition that the pronoun was much more common in earlier times than was the article, the more frequent use of which may probably have belonged to a later development of the language. If this supposition be correct, it indicates, not only the primitive nature of the Hebrew pronoun, but also the archaic character of the Alexandrian recension. In any case, the textual peculiarity is significant, and worthy of the carefullest consideration. Of this kind of substitution the following instances occur:

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בְּאָרוּם, iv. 10; הָבָהוּ הָכָה, vii. 11; הַדּוֹאָה — נַכְסְתָּה, vii. 18; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, vii. 20; הַדָּיְתוּ — מִלְּתוּ, vii. 23; הַדָּיְתוּ — ונַכְסְתָּה, viii. 5; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xi. 5; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xii. 14; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xiii. 13; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xiii. 14; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xiv. 13; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xvii. 25; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xx. 8; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xxvi. 23; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xl. 6; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xxvii. 15; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xxxi. 23; הַדָּיְתוּ — שָׁפָר, xlix. 26.

Having indicated briefly a very few of the more
important practical results obtained from the investi-
gation, it seems advisable, before presenting the con-
plete Conspectus of the variations, to sum up concisely the general conclusions that have been reached by the present inquiry. Partly by way of recapitulation, therefore, and partly by way of amplification, it will be seen, the following final results are now submitted for careful considera-
tion:—

1. The book of Jeremiah, from the time of its com-
pletion and publication, or shortly afterwards, appears to have existed in a twofold form.

2. One edition of his prophecies was possibly au-
thorized in Egypt by the prophet himself, and, there-
fore, may be called the Egyptian or Alexan-
drian recension; another edition was probably san-
tioned in Babylonia or Palestine by the Jewish Syna-
agogue, and, therefore, may be called the Babylonian or Palestinean recension.

3. The Alexandrian recension represented the shape of the book as it was circulated in Egypt, and as it may have been published by Jeremiah or by Baruch; the Palestinian recension represented the shape of the book as it was circulated in Asia, and as it may have been altered and expanded, during the centuries intervening between the date of the prophet's death and the time of the Septua-
gint translation, by Jewish copyists or scribes.
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4. The version reproduces in substance the Alexandrian recension, and presents, as nearly as can be determined, the norm, or the original form, of the book, as it may have left the hands of the prophet or of his secretary; the Massoretic text reproduces in modified form the Palestinian recension, and presents the shape which that recension had received by glosses and interpolations from the times of Jeremiah to the days of the Massorites.

5. The Septuagint was translated as faithfully as the condition of the ancient Hebrew manuscript would permit, and as literally as the genius of the flexible Greek language would allow, the translator or translators having in no way arbitrarily changed the original Hebrew text, and having in no instance been influenced either by personal scruple, theological bias, or religious tendency.

6. From striking evidence furnished by numerous passages, sometimes because of the different derivation of the same word, and sometimes because of the peculiar use of a similar term, the version seems to have been made by several persons, two or three, at least, apparently having taken part in the work of translation.

7. Although each text contains mistakes, as has repeatedly been shown, yet the Greek translators made mistakes more frequently than did the
Massorites, owing chiefly to the difficulty of translating a badly worn or an indistinctly written manuscript from an unpunctuated or an unpointed text.

8. While both texts have suffered somewhat from the process of transmission, the original of each having, undoubtedly, been more or less corrupt, the Hebrew text in general is in a better condition at present than is the Greek text, owing principally to careful and, perhaps, repeated redaction or revision.

9. By applying the general principles of variation deduced and demonstrated in the foregoing discussion, corruptions and imperfections in both texts may be discovered and explained, the one text helping to correct the errors or to rectify the mistakes in the other text.

10. After making due allowance for the various causes of divergence, some of which are true of all the books, and all of which are true of some of the books, of the Old Testament, the Septuagint translation will be found to be of the utmost value for the purposes of text-criticism.
CHAPTER X.

THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT I.

א. בֶּן יִרְדּוֹן 1
ב. אַשְׁרֵי בְּנָתוֹ 2
c. כָּנָּן (אָשֶׁר) 3
ד. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 4
ה. כָּנָּן 5
e. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 6
f. כָּנָּן 7
g. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 8
h. כָּנָּן 9
i. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 10
j. כָּנָּן 11
k. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 12
l. כָּנָּן 13
m. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף 14
n. כָּנָּן 15

Desunt

טִלּוּיָה וּלְפִלּוּיָה 16
סְמֵי אַלְמוּא 17
Deest

1 ut Hos. 1:1; Joel 1:1; Micah 1:1; Zeph. 1:1. 2 Targ. בֶּקֶר לַבְּנָת 3 ut Ezek. 1:2. 4 Cf. 4:10; 14:13; 32:17. 5 ut Ezek. 2:9. 6 ut vs. 18. 7 ut 18:7. 8 ut 24:3. 9 Targ. עָרְבֵּי תּוֹרֵף. 10 ut 24:3. 11 קְרֵי אֵד. 12 קְרֵי אֵד. 13 קְרֵי אֵד. 14 קְרֵי אֵד.
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CAPUT II.

Desunt { 1 נוהי דְּבַרְיוֹתָה אֲחֵלָי לָאַםוּר

בְּלִכְלְמַשׁוֹתָהּ מִכָּלָה הָעָבָדָהּ

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1. ut 15:4; 24:9 etc. 2 Cf. 23:4; 30:10; 46:27; Deut. 1:21 etc. * ut vss. 8, 19. d ut vs. 10.—Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. g Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. * Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. f Cf. 15:20. 2 Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. g Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. h Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. i Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. k Alex. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ. l Targ. נְחָן שֶׁרְ※וּ.
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*a* ut Gen. 15:1; 41:49 etc.  
*b* ut II. Chron. 7:7. — Targ. אֲלָמָי  
*c* Targ. יִרְשָׁם.  
*d* Targ. יִרְשָׁם.  
*e* Targ. קְשָׁם  
*f* Cf. Ps. 137:1.  
*g* ut Ezek. 20:28 (Gk. & Heb.).  
*h* Cf. Ezek. 16:15.  
*i* Targ. קְשָׁם.
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[2:24-33]

24 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

25 Go down to the potter's field, and there I will speak to you.

26 Then Jeremiah went down to the potter's field, as the word of the LORD came to him.

27 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying,

28 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the kings of Judah, the princes, the priests, and the people of the land.

29 And I will give them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants, to the Chaldeans.

30 And Jeremiah said, Thus says the Lord: Go down to the potter's field, as I have commanded you.

31 And Jeremiah said, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will bring forth my words into my servant's mouth; he shall not speak of his own accord.

32 But the word shall come upon him as from me, whether he will speak or whether he will not speak. For it is the Lord who speaks; it shall come to pass.

33 Then Jeremiah said, So you have deceived my people, as they deceive themselves; you say, I am in平安; when the sword is round about them, they shall be cut off.

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[Footnotes]

a Inc. vs. 24.  b Targ. אֶתְנְשֵׁכַם אֵלָה יָדֶן. c Targ. ווּרָאָשָׁה. d Cf. 11:13. e Inc. vs. 31.—Targ. ווּרָאָשָׁה. f Targ. רָאָשָׁה.
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[3: 7-17]

7 smaltad
8 Amos
9 Deest
10 Desunt
11 Ezekiel 38:24; 39:5
12 Isaiah 29:10
13 Jeremiah 22:30
14 Ezekiel 32
15 Ezekiel 38:15
16 Ezekiel 33:21
17 Ezekiel 39:16

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a Targ. יִשְׁאוֹנָה.  b ut Lev. 19:29; II. Chron. 21:15.  c Vid. vss. 6, 12.
d Targ. יִשְׁפָּרָה.  e ut Deut. 24:1.  f Targ. יִשְׁפָּרָה.  g Vid.
1 Targ. יִשְׁפָּרָה.  i Vid. vss. 6, 8.  h ut II. Kings 8:11.  i Cf. Nahum 1:2.  k Targ. יִשְׁפָּרָה.

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*a* Targ. ד'フラ
*b* Targ. בשת
*c* Targ. מַדְּבִּיא
*d* Of. Ezek. 19: 5.
*e* Targ. מַדְּבִּיא
*f* Vid. vs. 4.
*g* ut Ps. 44: 13.
*h* Targ. ד'フラ
*i* Targ. מַדְּבִּיא

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[4:30-5:8]
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\(a\) Targ. 5:10-22.  \(b\) ut 50: 15.  \(c\) Cf. Deut. 28: 49.  \(d\) ut Ezek. 13: 13;
II. Chron. 12: 12.  \(\ast\) Targ. 5:10-22.
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2. אנהטעה ימקילה דבר עקיתה/logo
3. ציר
4. רעי אולא צדורי
5. בקוחים עליה שלמה
6. מחנה חלירים
7. נזכרים אופל
8. מחנה חלירים

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כתיהו בהר פְּרוּם

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חרטינ

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והרינ יו”לש

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ילימא אבירה

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ץופא ע”לד

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כירבניאש זמראמה

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מהו ה”יוה

15

ע”לדשכ יاهرة

16

ץופא ע”לד

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[6:17-29]

17 דְּרַבְיָן לָנְשָׁבָה
18 חָקָרָב לָקִּיב שָׁפָר
19 שָׁמַיְתֵּן נוֹעַר
20 אֲגַּבְּכֵה אַרְּשֵׁהוּ וְזָוֱַוָה
21 צַעְפַּמְיָה
22 לְבָנָה מְשַׁבַּה בְּנֵקָת מַעְלָה
23 לֵאמָּה יְדֵרְמֵה קַלֶּבֶת לָא וְיַעַשְׂמֵה יְדֵּשׁ עֵָל
24 נִצְּתֵדְנָהוּ מִן הָאָרֶץ נִצְּתֵדְנָהוּ
25 לְבָנָה כְּבוֹנָה אֶל אֶלֶים אֶל-
בְּדָה (שֶׁלֶדְדָה)
26 הַלֵּכָה כְּחֵי לָאָב בָּרְכֵּי אָּלַּדוֹתֶה כְּחֵי
27 בְּדָבָר מַעְנִיב מַעְנִיב נַחֲרָה בְּמָּכְסָה
28 Deest
29 קִנֵּי הַגּוֹי מֵאָסַהוּ עַטִּחֵה גְוָי (נְבָה) מַעְרִי אַשׁ עַד שֵׁם הַגּוֹי
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a Targ. až... b Targ. b... c Vid. 6: 14.—Targ. až... d Cf. Exod. 20: 13, 14, 15; Deut. 5: 17, 18, 19. e Ino. vs. 10. f ut 7: 6; 25: 7.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[7:12-27]

Deest

12

ככ לכו

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ליאש ליאש

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לאש לאש

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Desunt

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a Vid. 11:14.  b Targ. ורדר.  c Targ. ורדר.  d ut Ps. 10:17.

* ut Ps. 10:17.
The Conspectus of the Variations.

The text contains a list of variations and interpretations, with references to different manuscripts and texts. The page includes a list of abbreviations and references to specific verses and sections of the Bible, such as Deuteronomy (Deut) and Targums (Targ.).

CAPUT VIII

The text is in Hebrew and includes references to various sources and manuscripts, such as the Targums and the Vulgate (Vulgar). The page also contains a list of abbreviations at the bottom for easier reference.
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5 And he that is mighty among men is bowed.

6 The hand of the great God is lifted up.

7 The Lord his God is mighty.

8 He will save his people, and will be glorious in their land.

9 The salvation of Jacob is near.

10 Desunt et Deest.

11 Anno Domini, and in the year one.

12 Et hic est annum Domini et in anno primo

13 Anno Domini et in anno primo.

14 Deest et est anno Domini et in anno primo.

\[\text{Aram.}\]  
\[\text{Cf. Ps. 50:11.}\]  
\[\text{ut Amos 2:4.}\]  
\[\text{Cf. I Kings 3:28.}\]
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CAPUT IX.

מלוק השם קדוש (יהוה)

1 וידרהו אשדלאסוך קשמם שקד וידורה אדרטלאסום קשמם שקד ולש
לא קאאמרו הנב העריא קחטארק שער יורה

2 אדרטלאסום קשמם שקד ולש
המבר נבר קב דאצות

3 קחטארק שער יורה

4 ליזרק אסמרו לא יברוב בלא ולהיות אמום לא יברוב בתה
לוושה

a Vid. 14: 10.—Targ. אדרת.  
b Cf. 15: 8.  
c Targ. אדרת.  
d Targ. אדרת.  
f Inc. cap. IX.  
g Targ. אדרת.  
h Cf. II. Chron. 1: 10.  
i Targ. ק"כשת.
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* Targ. א"ע"א.  b Cf. Ps. 55:12.—Inc. vs. 5.  c Targ. . . .
—Cf. Hos. 10:15.  d Targ. א"ע"א.  e Targ. א"ע"א.  f Targ. א"ע"א.  g Targ. א"ע"א.  h Targ. א"ע"א.  i Vid. 23:15.—Targ. א"ע"א.  k ut Ps. 119:171.  l Targ. א"ע"א.
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CAPUT X.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[10:5-16]

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\[ \text{דִּבְרֵי} \]
\[ \text{כֹּל} \]
\[ \text{כֹּל} \]
\[ \text{יִרְשָׁוֹן} \]

Desunt

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| 3 | הָבָּשְׁנָא בִּאֲשֶׁר | ἐν αὐτῷ τὴν ἱπποτικὸν προσοχὴν | ד | Targ. דודָּבָּר |
| 4 | ἀπήναται ἐν αὐτῷ | ἀπενετάζεται | d | Cf. Ps. 79:7 |
| 5 | ἐπόθεσεν σε αὐτῷ | ἐποθεσεν σε αυτου | c | Targ. דודָּבָּר |
| 6 | ὁ ποταμὸς τοῦ Ποταμοῦ | ὁ ποταμὸς του Ποταμοῦ | b | Targ. דודָּבָּר |
| 7 | ἤπιος ἱππότικος ἀνάκλινω | ἤπιος ἱππότικος | a | Targ. דודָּבָּר |

*a* סֵדַלְרַכְו.  
*b* Targ. דודָּבָּר.  
*c* Targ. דודָּבָּר.  
*d* Cf. Ps. 79:7.  

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a Vid. vs. 2: 4; 8.  b Targ. הָּעָלָי.  c Cf. 3: 5.  d Vid. 7: 16.  e Targ. בִּכְנֹסָה.  f Targ. מִשְׁפְּטֵי.  g Targ. הָּעָלָי.  h Targ. בִּכְנֹסָה.
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CAPUT XIII.

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1. את
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4. א"ש קהת
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* Targ. א"ש קהת.  b Targ. א"ש קהת.  c ut vs. 10.  d Inc. vs. 10.  e Targ.
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

CAPUT XIV.

1. יָהַרְתִּי וֶרֶבְרִיחָתָה
   אַףָּר הַתִּיה רְבֶרְבִיחָתָה
   אַףָּר הַתִּיה רְבֶרְבִיחָתָה

2. בּוּרְבָּר הָלָאוֹר
   בּוּרְבָּר הָלָאוֹר

3. אַרְמִיתָה
   אַרְמִיתָה

4. לָאָבְדוּרַא מְטַי
   לָאָבְדוּרַא מְטַי

5. כַּעַרְבּ שָׁאָר מָחָזָה יַדָּה צֱעָבָה
   כַּעַרְבּ שָׁאָר מָחָזָה יַדָּה צֱעָבָה

6. שָׁאָר מִרְחָת קִפּוֹמִים
   שָׁאָר מִרְחָת קִפּוֹמִים

7. יִכּּוֹרֶפֶת עוֹלֶה בַּנֵּי יְهوֹא צְעָבָה
   יִכּּוֹרֶפֶת עוֹלֶה בַּנֵּי יְهوֹא צְעָבָה

8. מְקַדְחַת שְׁאַרְרָא מִשְׁכָּרֵי בֵּית צֶרֶךְ
   מְקַדְחַת שְׁאַרְרָא מִשְׁכָּרֵי בֵּית צֶרֶךְ

9. כַּאֲשֶׁר בְּךָ צְמָה בְּּבֵיתְךָ (בְּּבֵיתְךָ)
   כַּאֲשֶׁר בְּּבֵיתְךָ (בְּּבֵיתְךָ)

a Targ._avak הָרָא. b dαυλλοπρίαιας. c Cf. 17: 8. d Targ. אָדוֹם וְגֶהֶן. e Aram. בָּאָדוֹם. f ut vs. 5.—Targ. יְדוּ בָּשָׁר. g ut 17: 13. h Cf. 15: 11. i Targ. אֵד הָרָא הָרָא.
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

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10 דועהית לא רכש

11 בפקודת מאמות
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12 ויבא זבואר

13 זכר וזכוכית

14 ענים בוכלו אואות

15 עיני הגרים ימדים

16 לא ננייה בין ענייה

17 ברובך נזנקו חפצה

18 וביתא שעל ענייה

19 אבל ימים

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a Alex. ובו b Targ. תרג. c Vid. 1:6; 4:10; 32:17.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[14:20-15:9]

C aput xv.

1 And all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD your God.

2 When your days are fulfilled and you shall lead your hands into another land.

3 And I will set your sons and your daughters as a mark for the Gentiles, and all the heathen shall desire after you and shall give you a good name, that your name may be well spoken of, and that you may escape with your lives.

4 And the Lord shall cause his people to go down from the land of the north, and from a far country shall they be brought.

5 And the north, and all the isles of the Gentiles, shall come and fall down before the Lord, and shall do obeisance: yet shall no intelligences be able to contain him.

6 He is wise, and understanding and the beholders of all hidden things.

7 He is mighty, and strong; the Father of our Lord Jacob; his judgments are mighty and strong: he gives rain upon the earth, and sends waters upon the earth.

8 He sends forth springs in rivers, and causes the clouds to be filled with rain, and sendeth dew upon the earth.

9 And he calleth for the waters of the seas, and causeth the floods to go up.

a Targ. יְהֹוָה. b Targ. יְהֹוָה. c דָּבָּאָךְ. d Targ. יְהֹוָה. e סֵפִּיקִיוֹדְקִי. f Targ. יְהֹוָה.
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10 Areal תַּנְכִּיָּהוּ כִּי לַדְּרוֹתִיתָא שֶׁרֶב אָרִילשׁ יִדַּרְתִּי כַּהַשָּׁה רְבָּב

11 הַמַּדַּר שׁוֹלָה מִכָּלָה לַאֲשֶׁר יִרְאוֹתָו אֶל שׁוֹרְתָו אֶל שׁוֹרְתָו בַּלְּשַׁנְיָה בֵּית הַלְּשַׁנְיָה בֵּית הַלְּשַׁנְיָה (לַיְּשַׁנְיָּה)

12 מְלַאֲתָבָּה בֵּיהַר בְּרוֹלָה מַגְּשָׁה תַּרְשָׁע (תַּרְשָׁע) בְּרוֹלָה מַגְּשָׁה

13 הַרְשֶׁה: יַרְשֶׁה אֶרֶץ וְאֶרֶץ דַּשֶּׁה: אֶרֶץ וְאֶרֶץ דַּשֶּׁה

14 בְּכִלָּכָה יָבִכָּה אָמַרֶה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה יָבִכָּה

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*a kateusavvontan autov.*  b Inc. vs. 13.  c Cf. 17: 4.—Targ.  d Targ. א.  e Targ. ק.  f Targ. ר.'
CAPUT XVI.

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CAPUT XVII.

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המשאת חתיכה בחתיכה ובשם
ב然是 בשכフィ ספִייר כשִּֽחַשְּחָה שְׁלָל
לְיַחַּל לֵיבֶּהֶרֶתְּרוּ יְשַׁמְּחֵיכוּ
פַּעַר הַכִּרְיָה וְהַכַּרְיָה תְּשָׁמְּחֵי
כֵּלֶּי יְשַׁמְּחֵי העֲשֵׂה תְּשָׁמְּחֵי
לְיֵרְויָה בִּשְׁמַרַתְתָּוּ נְשַׁמְּחִיתְתָּו

Targ. קדשן ועַנְשָׁנָה וַעַנְשׁוּוֹן
Vid. 18:28; 51:34;
36:6—Targ. מַקְשַׁפַּת שָׁמָּֽיָּם וּמַקְשַׁפַּת שָׁמָּֽיָּם.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

6 And he took a cup of wine, and gave God the sons of the exiles, to drink.

7 And he gave them to drink, and said: "Drink of the wine, and let your souls be comforted." And they drank.

8 And he gave them all bread, and said: "Eat, and let your souls be comforted." And they ate.

9 And he gave them all wine, and said: "Drink, and let your souls be comforted." And they drank.

10 And he gave them all clairs de la Basse-Corse, so that they might be comforted.

11 And he gave them all litchi nuts, so that they might be comforted.

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16 Smit (Trt) de l'ange de la mort.

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21 Deest

a Targ. מִיתָתָה. b at Ps. 64: 7 (Gk. & Heb.). c Vid. vs. 18. d at Ps. 36: 10; Prov. 16: 22. e Targ. מִיתָתָה. f Vid. vs. 9. g sic add.
17.22-18.8] THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS. 317

CAPUT XVIII.

1. אֶלֶּ֣דֶרֶם וְעַֽשְׂנִית חָֽאָשָּׁ֖ו וּמֵלָֽעַת כָּלְּכַֽלְכְּלִית
2. אַֽפְּרֵֽמִים יַֽעְּשָּׁנִית חָֽאָשָּׁו
3. עֵֽלֶּדֶרֶם
4. בַּֽקּוֹרֶֽהֲנַֽו יַֽעְּשָּׁנִית חָֽאָשָּׁו
5. בִּֽכְּרִיָּֽהֲנַֽו יַֽעְּשָּׁנִית חָֽאָשָּׁו
6. קְֽנָהִיטַֽוּתָּו
7. גָּםַֽר בֵּֽי הָֽיַֽשְׁרָה וּכְּלָֽמֶם חָֽאָשָּׁו וּכְּלָֽהֲנַֽו
8. תַּֽמְּצִית אֶֽפֶּרֶֽהֲנַֽו וּכְּלָֽהֲנַֽו

— Targ. כָּלְּכַּלְכְּלִית
— Targ. חָֽאָשָּׁו
— אַֽפְּרֵֽמִים.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

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and the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

10

Come now, and go down to the potter's house, and I will tell thee what it shall be.

11

And he went down to the potter's house, and, behold, the potter had made work of clay, and it was marred in the hand of the potter. But he said, O Master, let me now turn the marred clay into the hand of the potter.

Deest

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and cast it into the midst of the brick-yard; for so the Lord has cast away the words of man from before him.

13

Woe be to the wicked for a gift is perished: for there is not a acceptable gift with God.

14

And Jeremiah said, Shall I prophesy to this people, or shall I not prophesy? for I am afraid of the reproach of the prophets of this people.

15

So Jeremiah said, There is a voice of the noise of them that reproach and of the reproach of them that reproach, which come to fill up the midst of the temple of the Lord. 

16

Thus saith the Lord; Go down to the brick-yard, and there shalt thou hear my word; and I will speak unto thee, and I will shew thee my work, which thou shalt do.

17

And I will make thee a sign unto the house of Jacob, and a token unto the house of Israel, saith the Lord; and I will shew those things which shall come upon this land.

18

And I will shew thee the things which shall come upon thee in thy days, saith the Lord, for yet shalt thou see the good things of the land, when I bring thee there:

19

Thou shalt eat the good things of the land, in the day when I bring thee thither; for yet a few years, and I will bring thee thither.

20

And I will bring thee to the land which thou goest into to possess it, and I will cause thee to see it; but I will not give it thee for a possession, neither shall thou go thither.

21

Yet shalt thou see the good things of the land, when I bring thee there thither.

22

And I will appoint thee pastors for my people Israel, and they shall feed them: and they shall not fear; neither shall they be dismayed, neither shall any man make them afraid, when I have delivered them from all their enemies.

23

And I will saved them from all their oppressors, and I will lead them again, and I will honour them greatly; and I will make them rejoice over their oppressors; and I will honour them, and I will shew my greatness among them.
THE CONCEPTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT XIX.

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a Targ. בזינא.  

b ἐνεχχείρησαν.  
c Vid. 16:18; 31:34; 36:8—Targ.  
d Targ. דעלב.  
e Targ. ד"ה.  
f ἐνεχχείρησαν.  
g ט 7:2; 17:20; 22:2.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[19:8-20:3]

C A P U T  X X .

1 והאוֹרָקָםָדְךָ בְּיוֹם סַךְָרֵי גוֹדְרָי בִּתְיוֹם ָה ָוָיְוהָ  רוֹחַ הָקְּדָּמָה סֵכָּרֵי  גוֹדְרָי  בֵּית  הָיוֹם

2  והוֹדוֹתִיּוּ הָגוֹרָה  אַל  הָרְקָמָה הָבֻּבְיָה אֶת  הָרְקָמָה הָבֻּבְיָה  לְכֹלָה  חַהֲבַּתָּה  אֶת  הָרְקָמָה הָבֻּבְיָה  לְכֹלָה  חַהֲבַּתָּה  אֶת  הָרְקָמָה הָבֻּבְיָה

3  כְּאֶפֶר מַסָּהִית אֶפֶר בְּטַעְוַי מָנָּה

דֶּאָסָט:

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4 Qeri'ah amar  
لامر קַהּ קַלְלַל אֲבֹתֵיכֶן  
וַאֲדֹנָךְ הַיָּהָה אֵתָךְ מַלֵּית  
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* μικρηπιζόμενος.  b Targ.  כֵּ֛שֶׁר שְׁמִיתוֹ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתוּ שְׁמִיתо וְשָׁמְתָה.  X
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CAPUT XXI.

1 נאָלֵיְרֵמִיְהוֹ חַיָּה
2 נֵצֶרֶם בֵּעֲרֵי אֶדְדוּדָה כִּי דְּלָשׁ בֵּעֲרֵי אֶדְדוּדָה כִּי מַלְדוּ
3 רָאָהוּ יְרָשָׁר אֲשֶׁר יָדוּאִים
4 עָלָיָדְדוּדָה קֶלֶּחְקֶה יָדוּאִים
5 נְאָרָה בְּנֵכַּכֶּם אֲצָלָדְדוּדָה
6 נְאָרָה בְּנֵכַּכֶּם אֲצָלָדְדוּדָה
7 נְאָרָה בְּנֵכַּכֶּם אֲצָלָדְדוּדָה

a Inc. vs. 16.  b Cf. Deut. 29: 22.—Targ. סכסא ויהי צובאתיעו.  c Targ.

Inc. vs. 16.  d ut I. Chron. 6: 25.  e Targ. סכסא ויהי צובאתיעו.
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- b Vid. 38:2; 39:17.
- c Vid. 22:3.—Targ. וַיְנָאָה וְאָבָט.
- d Targ. וַיְנָאָה וְאָבָט.
- e Ezp.
- g Vid. 21:12.—Targ. וַיְנָאָה וְאָבָט.
- h ut vs. 2; 17:25.
- i Targ. וַיְנָאָה וְאָבָט.
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a Targ. παραβασιά. b Targ. διαφόρων. c Targ. ἐν τῇ φύλαξ. d Targ. ἐν τῇ φύλαξ. e Targ. νοστρο. f Targ. οἰκονόμου. g Targ. ἐν τῇ φύλαξ.
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(27) לְחַטְשֵׁית אֶת־יְהוָה;
(28) מָאָרָתָה תִּשְׁמֶר תַּלְתָּה;
(29) יִשְׂפֶר בּוֹרֵי;
(30) כִּמְסַרְתָּה;
(31) לָכֶם חֲנֶנָּה עֲרֵרָתוֹת הָאָדָם לָכֶם לְאִיהוֹדֹבֵי הָאָדָם;
(32) כִּמְסַרְתָּה לָכֶם.

(33) מַעַּרְשֵׁית;
(34) אַרְקִיבוֹנָה אֶרָכָה לְאָפְלָר;
(35) אָמַס הַשֹּׁפְתָּה;
(36) נָבִיבָא רָכֵּס;
(37) אַרְאֵר דְּבַר;
(38) וְאֵת־אָמָר יִשְׂפַּר בּוֹרֵי;
(39) בְּחָלֵּכָה עֲרֵרָתוֹת הָאָדָם לָכֶם לְאִיהוֹדֹבֵי הָאָדָם;
(40) כִּמְסַרְתָּה לָכֶם.

(41) מַעַּרְשֵׁית;
(42) אַרְקִיבוֹנָה אֶרָכָה לְאָפְלָר;
(43) אָמַס הַשֹּׁפְתָּה;
(44) נָבִיבָא רָכֵּס;
(45) אַרְאֵר דְּבַר;
(46) וְאֵת־אָמָר יִשְׂפַּר בּוֹרֵי;
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(48) כִּמְסַרְתָּה לָכֶם.

a Targ. yezid.  
b Vid. 14:14.  
c Targ. yezid.  
d Targ. yezid.  
e Raschi: אֶת־יְהוָה מַעַּרְשֵׁית.  
f Targ. yezid.
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CAPUT XXIV.

1. The discrepancies (קְרִיכָה) in the variations and the differences (אָרָבָה) in the manuscripts.

2. The variations in the text.

3. Copy errors in the manuscripts.

4. The discrepancies in the translation.

5. The discrepancies in the text.

6. The variants in the text.

7. The discrepancies in the translation.

8. The discrepancies in the text.


10. Specific discrepancies in the text.

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* Targ. אֵלֵיְתָא אֵלֵיְתָא.  † Targ. בַּלּוֹ.  ‡ Targ. בַּלּוֹ.  § Vid. 34: 17.  ¶ ut 8:3.
CAPUT XXV.

Desunt

ןַלֵּוָאִים

1 הָיָהּ לִקְרַּר הַמִּשְׁפָּרָהּ

2 אַשֶּׁר דָּבַּר הַמִּשְׁפָּרָהּ הַפְּנֵי עַדָּן

3 בְּמֶשֶׁר הַבֵּית הוֹדוֹד הֶנְּדֵיָהּ

4 דְּאַשְׁרוּ הַיּוֹדְעַה אֲלֵיהֶם אֲמַרְשָׁהּ

5 נַכְּבָּה עֲלֵיהֶם

6 נַכְּבָּה לִפְרָדָם

7 בְּמֶשֶׁר הַיּוֹדְעַה לִיפְרָדָם

8 יוֹדְעַה בּאָדָם

9 לַאֹאָכְבָּהּ אֲנָאָבָהּ

10 כָּלָּהָּ לֵּקֵלָּהָּ שָׁמְחָה

11 אָמְרוּ לָהָּ לִכְרַּרְמָה לֵּקֵלָּה סֵפָט

עֲבָּרָם אֲמָרִים אֲנָאָבָהּ בַּנָּהָּ

* Vid. 1:2.  b Cf. 35:15.  c Cf. 23:40.
THE CONSEPTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

25:12-25

12 וַיַּגַּשׁ הַכֹּלָּהּ שְׁבָעִים שְׁבָעִים עֲבוֹדָה (בְּכָלָהּ) שְׁבָעִים

13 אֹסֵקְדָּה וְלֹא תַעֲנַהֽוּ בְּשָׁבָעָה (כָּלָהּוּ) אִם

14 נַעֲנַהֽוּ בְּגָרְבָּהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

15 דְּבֶּרָהּ שְׁבָעִים שִׁמְתָּהּ כָּלָּהּ

16 גֶּפֶן יְאָרָה יַעֲנֵיהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

17 אָרַהּ יְאָרָה יַעֲנֵיהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

18 הַשְּׁבָעָהּ בְּבָרָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

19 שְׁבָעָהּ בְּבָרָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

20 הֶנְּחָה לִפְלַעְתָּהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

21 לִפְלַעְתָּהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

22 מְאִזְוַי לַפּוֹלְטָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

23 מְאִזְוַי לַפּוֹלְטָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

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30 לַפּוֹלְטָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

31 לַפּוֹלְטָהּ שְׁבָעִים דֶּבֶּרָה

a Targ. רְאוֹבֵן. b ut Ps. 75:9 (Gk. & Heb.). c Cf. vs. 27. d Inc. vs. 20. e 'Pss.—Cf. Judges 5:23.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[25:26-34]

26 Then answered Jeremiah, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Let him that hath fear of the Lord's wrath, His hands be strong that work mercy: and let him that feareth my name, Do what is just, and speak the truth from his heart.

27 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, my word shall come forth in its season.

28 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

29 Doth a man labour for God, and not see profit? or doth a nation serve God for nothing?  

30 As the flock is for the sheep, so are the sons of Israel for me, saith the Lord.

31 Behold, I will set up a stone for a hedge, And a chief stone for a corner:

32 That they may know the work of the Lord, And the excellency of the name of the Lord.

33 They shall teach no more every man his friend, and each man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

34 Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God.
The Conspectus of the Variations.

CAPUT XXVI.

Deest

מוֹסֵכָה (מַלְׁשָׂ) יְהוֹיָקִים

1. מְסֻכָּה (מַלְׁשָׂ) יְהוֹיָקִים

2. וַיְרַכֶּרֶת לִי בָּהָר הָאָרֶץ (סְמ)

3. וַיְרַךְ הָאָרֶץ (סְמ)

4. וַיַּם אַלְלוֹרִית

5. וַיַּמֶּשׁ בַּהֲרֹת

6. וַיַּמֶּשׁ בִּני דְאֵרוּת

7. וַיֵּלֶט בָּהֲרֹת

8. וַיֵּלֶט בַּהֲרֹת

9. וַיִּמְרוּ בְּהַר

10. וַיִּמְרוּ בְּהַר

11. וַיִּמְרוּ בְּהַר

Deest

12 כ ב א ל ח י ר ה ה ו ה א ר א ל ש ש ר ו מ

13 ה ו ה ח ה א ל ה ה ה ש ה ה א ל ש ש ר ו מ

14 נ ר מ ב ה ה ו ה נ ל ה ה ש ה ה א ל ש ש ר ו מ

15 מ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ

16 נ ל ה ה ה ה ש ה ה א ל ש ש ר ו מ

17 נ ל מ נ

18 נ ל מ נ

19 נ ל מ נ

20 נ ל מ נ

21 נ ל מ נ

22 מ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ נ מ

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\* Targ. א, b. b Targ. ב. c Targ. כ. d Targ. ד. e Targ. ה.

f Targ. ג. g Targ. ה. h Targ. ו.

i Targ. ז. j Targ. ח. k Targ. ט.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[27:9-18]

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Desunt 27:19-28:4]
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

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Desunt

CAPUT XXVIII.

Desunt

a Targ. א"ב"ה ע"ב.
Desunt { נופקני ראש קסמים חלליות

5 בראמר וירמה תקידיב תקינה אלהינוו תקינה לכל
הכרים להם חכמים ולקרא

כלהם

6 ראיいます וירמה תקידיב

7 יעד חכמה צדקה

8 שמעה לידה חכמה

9 בראמר וירמה תקידיב

10 שמעה לידה חכמה צדקה

דרשה:

Desunt { 

11 בכבירם

12 שמעה לידה חכמה צדקה

13 נושאים (אכספה)

14 שמעה לידה חכמה צדקה

15 ראיים וירמה תקידיב

\* Targ. \#א.  \* Targ. \#ב.
Deest

28:16-29:9

THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT XXIX.

1 Deest

CAPUT XXIX.

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CAPUT XXIX.

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CAPUT XXIX.

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CAPUT XXIX.

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7 Deest

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8 Deest

CAPUT XXIX.

Desunt

9 Deest

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* Targ. אֶתְלַלְבַּצֶּנָה שֹׁאָלֶל.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

CAPUT XXX.

Desunt

a Targ. by.  b Targ. by.  c Targ. by.  d Targ. by.
Desunt 12

12 והיה עם יוהו וישמע יעקב ויאמר יוהו עשה מקדש.
13 והיה יוהו ידיעת נחמה סופא עין דוד.
14 ולא ידיעו כי א谑ה
15 על בר צבי
16 מִשְׁפַּטְתָּם עַל בִּבְלָדּוֹ עָצָמָה.
17 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.
18 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.
19 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.
20 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.
21 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.
22 חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה חָסֵד וְעָצָמָה.

[Notes]

[a] sig. ἀλγηρόν.  
[b] Cf. vs. 12.  
[c] Targ. אַעֲרַה וְזֶרֶךְ.  
[d] Targ. אַעֲרַה וְזֶרֶךְ.  
[e] Targ. אַעֲרַה וְזֶרֶךְ.
CAPUT XXXI.

THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[30:23-31:10]

23 gleich Gott, die Welt zu schaffen; alles was Gott geschaffen hat, ist voller Gutmuth. 

Targ. of the Samaritans.
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

31:11-20]

Deest

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a Targ. b Targ. c Cf. Deut. 38:28. d Vid. vs. 25.

e Cf. 88:18. f Targ. g Targ. h Targ. i Targ. j Targ. k Cf. Ps. 129:1. l Targ. 

מֶאֶרֶךְ אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, יִשְׂרָאֵל יָמַר מִי מְמוֹן מַעַל עָלָיו בָּאָר מְמַלֶּכֶת יַעֲקֹב, יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאֵלָה יְהוָה יִשְׂרָאֵל. הַמָּשָּׁר הַמָּשָּׁר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, יִשְׂרָאֵל יָמַר מִי מְמוֹן מַעַל עָלָיו בָּאָר מְמַלֶּכֶת יַעֲקֹב, יִשְׂרָאֵל.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

32:1-35

[31:21-35]

THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

21 שבע הימים שמעי השם הרוחב צלח שמי המורדים

22 כי בראת הים יתפלש במרדכי יהוה חשקות (לאך) קפשת

23 כדיות היה הזוהר ענקון כי חシンר הרוח

בשכרי אמסובתכ בלבוק היה שכרה אמסוברות ילבין (צלע) היה

כתרינו והקנש

בושב בן היהודת עכשעיו וישבבח בצרית היהודת범לארש

דיתוד כאכין וקשת בצר

כי היהודת חסף ובילבוש עם הרוחות בילבוש עמאית וכילבש

 çalışmaları יהושע י الجهודת מארזא י الجهודת

ולAlchemy הלקת ליחניבר

אכיאר או יגונן חכילות אכלל בכר

עביזית תחתית התוכנית שמס בהו תוכנית

ל todav יחואל

32 אֵם הַרְמִיָּה יָדוּר צֶרֶבֶרֶת יִקְלָם יִשְׂרָאֵל

33 יִכְסָע גָּתוֹלָא בֵּית קָבָּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל

34 כְּכָל אֲדוֹנֵיָהוּ

35 נַכֵּט מַשֵּׁם אֲדוֹנֵיָהוּ
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT XXXII.

1. אלִירמִיתוֹ מֵאָמֵת בְּיוֹתָוּבָוֹ דיִלַכֵּלֶנֶהוֹ דיִלַכֵּלֶנֶהוֹ הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ אֵילָלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ לאִירָדָה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ

2. הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ לאִירָדָה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ

3. אֵילָלֶנֶהוֹ הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ לאִירָדָה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ

4. אֵילָלֶנֶהוֹ הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ לאִירָדָה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ

5. אֵילָלֶנֶהוֹ הַיָּנָּה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ לאִירָדָה לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ לָלָכִלֶנֶהוֹ שָׁמָּהָ שָׁמָּהָ

THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

6 לִשְׁמָא עִבְרֵי תִּיוֹת, וְדַרְמֵיהּ וַתִּירֹקְרוּ יְהוָה, וּלְעַמּוֹ:

7 מְסָמֵךְ חָנָבְתָה קָנָבָה.

8 עַבְרֵי יְהוָה.

9 רַגְלֵי לָהּ צַלַּעַת.

10 וַתָּרָה בַּסְגּוֹמֶרֶת אֶפֶם הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת.

11 הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת אֶפֶם הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת.

12 עַבְרֵי יְהוָה.

13 נָשָׁנָה נָשָׁנָה.

14 וַתָּרָה בַּסְגּוֹמֶרֶת אֶפֶם הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת.

15 הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת אֶפֶם הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת.

16 נָשָׁנָה נָשָׁנָה.

17 וַתָּרָה בַּסְגּוֹמֶרֶת אֶפֶם הָאָבוֹתֶרֶת.

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a ut vs. 7.  b Cf. 1:6; 4:10; 14:18.  c Targ.SCP.  d Vid. vs. 27.  e Targ. SCSCP.  f Vid.
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

18 Deest
19 Deest
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21 Deest
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25 Deest
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* Vid. 34:2.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[12:38-44]

Malchim Surim Hattalah uMelchim Yisrael uYehudah.

Necarot Yisrael uYehudah

Yerushalayim

[33] LeChoshet Tov Eynadol LiYad Yehudah Shemol.

[34] Lemurom

[35] Lishmorot Eynadol Veyada Yehudah

[36] Zehu LeEm Amorim Yehudah Shemol.

[37] Malchim Malchim

[38] Yerushalayim Yerushalayim

[39] LeChoshet VehaYada

[40] LeChoshet Chyenu

[41] LeChoshet Chyenu

[42] LeChoshet Chyenu

[43] LeChoshet Chyenu

[44] LeChoshet Chyenu

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* Cf. Lev. 16:16.  b Targ. b.  c Vid. va. 43.  d iv επάνωτος.  e Targ. b.

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CAPUT XXXIII.

THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

2 בקשת יוחז דזרת אמגודה

3 בקשתות לדזרות

4 בקשתות לדזרות

5 מיפורים ע自然保护

6 יזהר הת.radians אל ההרה

7 יחוד צחלות הש랙

8 יחוד צחלות הש랙

9 נimientos קפתית

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12 נimientos קפתית

13 נimientos קפתית

a Cf. Isa. 45:18. b Targ. תרג. c Targ. תרג. d Targ. תרג. e Targ. תרג. f Targ. תרג. g ut 32:43. h Targ. תרג. i ut 32:43. k Vid. 82:44.
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14 ו)，ים ישנה עם תכליתיה
15 ו)，ים ישנה עם תכליתיה
16 ו)，ים ישנה עם תכליתיה
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25 ו)，ים ישנה עם תכליתיה
26 ו)，ים ישנה עם תכליתיה
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שומיחũה ויתורמות:

CAPUT XXXIV.

וכלהו טנמלאת פאץ מפוסלת חיות האדם אחר ומראשתו כלמה על
confidence in the testimony of the church.

2 סדאר מרי יהוד בצלזיו יבריאל כחילאמר ירוחם

תהל לאמנט איבדיקיו בך

3 יכ חכום חכמה בחית חצץ חכימי חכמה חכמים חכמים יחידי מלך,

רתאנו חיות אשידריה חסאם תעבורה תועבורה בתוכו

4 בבל תahoma

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5 הפשפשתו האותר צמכלס לכסירור ספידה (הביאנמות) ואחר

6 זידבר ירמיהו תntity על ירדב ירמיהו כלים חצלי צדיקיהו.

7 לכלתום על-הישון עוד כפל כלתים עלי-הישון השלימי וחידה

8 עד ירוזים חותים חלף כלים עלי-idious לשלים עלי-דידים

לכון איציאוות

9 בבלתי עבידו ירמיהו גניבורו י лечение דבר איי מיתנה

10 אנש

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THE CONSPICUOUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT XXXV.

1. Conspectus que temporibus usitatum.
2. Quods aliquot locis hactenus in variis habita, quod hactenus habita.
3. Aliquot autem adhuc habita.
4. In quibus locis.
5. Factum etiam in diversis locis.
6. Remarca.
7. Quaerarum autem, cum hactenus habita, quae hactenus habeas.
8. Deestque quidem in multis locis.

a. 'Arpasaev. Vide vs. 3.  b. Targ. vide. .

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THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

[35:9-18]
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Desunt { 19 קָנָה הָבֵן אֶשֶּר, יִזְרֹעַ בָּכַלְתָּה
גָּלְלִי בָּשָׂרָה
לְחֵדֶה
כְּלִי בְּעֵזֶן

CAPUT XXXVI.

1 נָהָר בֵּשֵׁנָה הָרְבִיתָה
הָרְבִיתָה קִנָּה, אוֹלָקְטְקַהַוָהּ חָיָה בֵּבַר יִזְרֹעַ אֲלָלַנֲבָר
שֶׁמֶא יִזְרֹעַ לֵאֲמָר

2 בֵּת הָלְבַּה אָלָלְנַבָּר
עַלְיָנְבַּה
עַלִּיְמְנַהָנָר
מֵרִימַל אָסְרִיוֹר וּלְחִנַּה
אָלָלְנַבָּר בֵּיהֶנְהָר

3 לְמֵּן שִׁוְאָר אֱשֶׂ רְדֵּדָה הָרְבִיתָה
לְמֵּּמֵּנְסַר בֵּרְדֵּדָה הָרְבִיתָה
לְסֵלֶדְלִיזַהְקַוְוֹ לְעֹלְפָּאְסַהְקַוְוֹ

4 רִיכְחָבְבַּה
כְּלִיָּנְגַּלְנַהָנָר
עַלְיָנְגַּלְנַהָנָר
אָנָי בּוֹרְדָה
עַלְיָבְלִיּוֹרְדָה

5 בֵּיתָה הָרְבִיתָה
וּכְנַמְסַרְוָה
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6 עַטָּה אֱשֶׂרַה תְּרַאְשַה בָּבָלָה
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Deest אֲסַיְרָבְכְּתָה וּמֶשֶׁיָדְבָּבְהָנָה יִזְרֹעַ
שֶׁבֶט הָיוֹר
c

7 רֶמֶסֶר אֱשֶׂרַה מְדֹרְדָה הָרְבִיתָה
c

rood הָרְבִיתָה אֱשֶׂרַה
c

8 רֶמֶסֶר בָּרֶהְנַנְבַּה
c

וּפֶרֶה
c

h Targ. בּוֹרְדָה.  i Targ. בּוֹרְדָה.  j Vid. vs. 8.  k Targ. בּוֹרְדָה.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

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[36:9-21]

9 Behold, I will bring the sword, famine, and pestilence, which shall [be] upon this land, and shall destroy every one of them: neither shall salvation be left in any man [thereof].

10 Thus saith the Lord, Enter ye not into the house of mourning, neither go ye to [weep] in the house of consolations, to make [your] heads mourning, and to gird yourselves with sackcloth. O woe unto me! for I am spoiled: [for] I find mine enemies, and [those] that hate me: [for] they be all around me, and they have taken my joy from me, that the [righteous] son of my right hand: Jacob, saith the Lord.

12 Thus saith the Lord, Go down into the [dung] heap; and there shall ye find a [spade]; for it hath been a place of pasturing, but now [it is] even broken up, that they may take flesh thereupon.

13 Deest

14 Allevrath.

15 Behold, the days come, that I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's house, and shall have mercy upon the house of Israel; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

16 Behold, I will shew wonders in the heavens, and in the earth, in fire, and in [earthquake], and in tempest, and in clouds; and in the thick darkness of clouds; and in the deep [sea], and in [hail]; and in the snow; and in the whirlwind; and in the暴风; and in the tempest; and in the tempest of the whirlwind; and in the tempest of the whirlwind.

17 Deest

18 Behold, I will bring again thy captives, and will have mercy upon thee, saith the Lord; when thou shalt return to me, saith the Lord of hosts.

19 Return, [O] ye backsliders, saith the Lord; [and] I will take [you] again.

20 For I am jealous for thee, and [be] envious with [great] wrath, because thou [hast] been [as] an unfaithful wife; yea, [as] an unfaithful wife, saith the Lord.

21 [R]ighteousness [shall] return to Jacob, and [salvation] to the children of Israel, when [their] sins be taken away.

a Targ. לֶדֶי. b Targ. יָנַשְׁב. c Targ. אֲלֵישָה. d ut vs. 28.—Targ. בֶּשְׂר. 

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* Targ. version.
CAPUT XXXVII.

1 וְיָמֵלָלְךָ֣ צְדָקַ֔ה נָשָּׁה
2 רְחַוִּ֔ים בֶּרֶכְךָ֜ בְּשָּׁרְךָ֣ הִדְרָה
3 בֵּית הָרֶמוֹתָ֑ו לְאַמְּאָה
4 בַּעֲרָשָׁ֖ו תַּחְתָּו בָּרָ֑֖ךְ
5 אָלָ֖יוֹרִימְנוּ֝ דְּעֵשָּׁ֗ו
6 אָלָ֖יוֹרִימְנוּ לֶ֑אֵמֶר
7 נָהָ֝ בְּרִית הָלָ֜ךְֽוּ
8 חָטֵ֥אָה בָּֽדְעַ֛֖ו
9 לְאַלְָוָ֖ו אִלְָלָֽ֞ו נַעֲמָֽו יְנַעְּמָֽו בְּכָּֽל
10 אֶ֝מְָֽרָּ֞ו יִהְוֶֽה בְּכָּֽל
11 לַאֲסַֽ֧פְּרָ֜ו אַלּֽ֞ו אַֽלְָוָֽו לְאַלְָוָֽו
12 לִקְרֵ֣א לְאַלְָוָֽו לָ֝רָּ֛ו חוֹדָֽ֞ו
13 לְאַלְָוָ֝ו לָֽ֞וּ סַמְָ֣ךְ יֵשָֽׁמְךֳָ֔ו
14 לְאָרְמִיָ֣ו לָ֝רָּ֛ו אֶרְאֵֽ֞ו סֶקֶ֣ר אֶ֖רְאֵֽו נֶֽ֜כָּל נְאְרֵ֣ו לָֽֽא לָ֝רָּ֛ו חִפְשָֽׁהָ֔ו נָּֽאָ֖ו

a ut vs. 18.—Targ. אָנָּס. b Targ. אָנָּס. c Vid. 44:7. d ut vs. 13.—Targ. אָנָּס.
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

CAPUT XXXVIII.

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1 VIΣΜΙΩΝ ΒΕΡΙΓΩΝ

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CAPUT XXXVI.

(Vid. vs. 18.  b καὶ εἰς τὴν ἡπείρον.  c Vid. vs. 15.  d Targ.  ε Targ.)
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The Text of Jeremiah.

2 And she that is left... 

3 When the... 

4 Or the feast... 

5 As their... 

6 Thus saith... 

7 Heb. all the... 

8 They... 

9 As... 

10 And... 

11 As...
THE CONSPECTUS OF THE VARIATIONS.

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38:12-23

The text is a conspectus of the variations in a biblical manuscript, possibly from the Dead Sea Scrolls. The text is written in Aramaic and includes references to different textual traditions, such as the Targums and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The text is digitized by Google.
THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

Deest

24 יְהַוָּה יָדוּ בְּאֵתָךְ אַלּוֹ נָטַע הָאָדוּנִים אַלּוֹ נָטַע הָאָדוּנִים

25 הָאָדוּנִים הָאָדוּנִים אַלּוֹ נָטַע הָאָדוּנִים

26 בָּא הָאָדוּנִים בָּא הָאָדוּנִים

27 אֶל שֶׁבֶי הֹוָהּ הָאָדוּנִים שֶׁבֶי הֹוָהּ הָאָדוּנִים

28 וְהָאָדוּנִים הָאָדוּנִים

CAPUT XXXIX.

1 חָכָם יִתְנָה הָאָדוּנִים חָכָם יִתְנָה הָאָדוּנִים

2 נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב

3 נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב

4 נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב נַגְרַע הַקֶּשֶׁב

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* Maryanasău kai Szamayă kai Nașouăxăr kai Nașouăxără, Nagărăș, Nasefrabamăș.
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THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

CAPUT XL.

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1. עלדים הוהת

2. בניה קפאת בחום צהובה

3. והנה להו הוה הוה והנה הוה הוה והנה הוה

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b Vid. 21:9; 38:2. c Targ. א"ת ק"ח א"ת ק"ח א"ת ק"ח א"ת ק"ח

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a Targ. b Cf. vs. 10.
THE TEXT OP JEBEMIAH.

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a Targ. b Vid. 43:6. c in Гашпарахама.
CAPUT XLII.

1. [This text is in Hebrew, and it translates roughly to:"

The text of Jeremiah.

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42:12-20

12 רַחְמֹן אֲחֵצֹב וְקִשֲׁבַיָּבוּ אָחָטָה, רְדֹתָיוֹת אֲחַבֹּהַ בְּכֵיָּבָה אָחַבֹּהַ.
13 בְּקֵלָת הַרְבָּה שָׁלַלְיָבוּ
14 כָּלֶםָהֵלָה כְּאִיאַס מְצִידָן גְּבֹּרָה, בִּקְרְנָבָהָה.
15 מִשָּׁמָאָה בְּבִרָּיוֹתָהּ
16 דֶּאָסֶט אֲחֵצֹב מְקַסֲּתֶה שֶׁמָּאָר עָם יְרָשָׁא מְקַסֲּתֶה וָשָׁרָה
17 מִשָּׁמָאָה אֲחַיֶּיתֶהָ שֶׁמָּאָר עָם יְרָשָׁא מְקַסֲּתֶה יַדְּבֶה
18 בְּקָרַת הַחֲצֵרָה שֶׁמָּאָר עָם יְרָשָׁא מְקַסֲּתֶה יַדְּבֶה
19 יִדְּעַ שִׁירִיָּוֹת בֵּּכְּשֶׁהָאָתֶנֶי יִדְּעַ שִׁירִיָּוֹת שֶׁמָּאָר עָם יְרָשָׁא מְקַסֲּתֶה יַדְּבֶה
20 כָּלֶםָהֵלָה כְּאִיאַס מְצִידָן גְּבֹּרָה, בִּקְרְנָבָהָה.

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a Targ. מָדְבָּבְבָב. b Cf. 14:15; 44:12. c ἡμώντες. d ut vs. 22.

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[42:21-43:9]

1 THE TEXT OF JEREMIAH.

22 SUR v 212 is fixed to 218 by v 228. The 218 of 212 is fixed to 218 by v 228. The 218 of 212 is fixed to 218 by v 228.

CAPUT XLIII.

1 דֶּלֶּב אֲלָכָליֶסַת אַרְכִּלְיֶדְבַּר יְהוָה
2 הֶוְהָז אֲלָכָליֶסַת אַרְכִּלְיֶדְבַּר יְהוָה
3 נַבְּרָהשְׁרוּת
4 דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת
5 עָלְמָשְׁרוּת דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת
6 עָלְמָשְׁרוּת דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת
7 ץֶחָבְנַר עַל עָלְמָשְׁרוּת דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת
8 סִפְּרָה עָלְמָשְׁרוּת דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת
9 יְהוָה הִשָּׁמָּה אֶל עָלְמָשְׁרוּת דְּבָדְתָּהשְׁרוּת

a Cf. 14:15; 44:12.  b Vid. 42:1.  c Vid. 41:16.  d Targ. אֲלָכָליֶסַת אַרְכִּלְיֶדְבַּר יְהוָה.  e Targ. אֲלָכָל

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CAPUT XLIV.

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48:10-44:6}

a in Προπόριος. b καὶ Προπόριος.—Targ. ירנניל. c γοντρ Προπόριος.

d אָמָה.—Vid. vers. 9, 17, 21.
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13 Deest

14 Deest

15 Desunt

17 Desunt

\* Targ. by.  \* Vid. vss. 6, 17, 21.  \* Targ. וָאָב.  \* אַלּוּבְרֵיָּה.

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18 Deest

19טְפָרְמָה

20טִטּוּרָה מְתָפְרָמָה וְיִדְרְקָא הַיְשָׁרָא, וָרִיָּהּ אָצְלַת הַיָּדָה. וָרִיָּהּ אָצְלַת הַיָּדָה.

21טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

22טִטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

23טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

24טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

25טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

26טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

27טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

28טִיטְהָרָה וּרְשָׁמָה

* Vid. vss. 6, 9, 21.  
* Targ. אֲבָנָה.  
* Targ. אֲבָנָה.  
* Vid. vs. 6.
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15 מִשְׁמַעְתָּנוּ הָרָעָה שֵׁכָּנָיו

16–17 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל אֵל-אֱלֹהִים

18 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל מִלָּתְפָּרִים

19 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל מִלָּתְפָּרִים

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25 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל מִלָּתְפָּרִים

26 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל מִלָּתְפָּרִים

27 מַעַרְשֵׁנִי מִסְתַּבֵּל מִלָּתְפָּרִים

a סֵעָך 'Esebiel Marqé.  b Vid. vs. 14.  c Targ. יִבְרָם.  d Inc. vs. 23.
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CAPUT XLVII.

1. противь ихъ и ихъ естества.
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a Targ. b Targ. עַבְרֵי מִשְׁכְּנֵי יְהוָה. c Targ. עַבְרְיֵי מִשְׁכְּנֵי יְהוָה. d Targ. עַבְרְיֵי מִשְׁכְּנֵי יְהוָה. e Targ. עַבְרְיֵי מִשְׁכְּנֵי יְהוָה. f Targ. עַבְרְיֵי מִשְׁכְּנֵי יְהוָה.
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CAPUT XLVIII.

1fully formed the words of the Lord, thus saying:
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3And he said to the house of their fathers:
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5were they not at the last
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7made them understand the words
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9and they did not understand them.
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11But they did not believe.
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a Targ. b27. b Targ. b2. c Cf. 50:27.—Targ. b2. d 'Aμαθα καλ' Αφάθ. e Cf. Isa. 15:5.—Zoyopa. f Cf. Job 39:5. g Targ. b2. h Cf. 50:27, 31. i Cf. vs. 25.
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6 [49:5-16]

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* Exod. 23:1.  b Targ. אֲדֹּן (אֲדֹּן).

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a Vid. vs. 38; 50:40. b A/Σαμ. c Targ. הוה. d Targ. הל. e Targ. אמ. f Targ. ש. g Targ. ד. h אמ. i Targ. ש. j קבר. k ות. l ות.
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149:81-39

31 קומת עצים יחלפשות ימליל
בבל עצים ושבך עִלָּקּות מָדוֹשֶׁב
מָדוֹשֶׁב
32 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
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33 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
34 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
35 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
36 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
37 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
38 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי
39 נאם רודף עִלָּקּות שָׁלֵי

* Targ. מַעְנָּב יָב.  b oֹלָּשׁ אוֹ שָׁלֵי סְעָרִי, או בְּלָאָנָו, או מָעְלַזְל.  c Vid. vs. 30.  d Vid. vs. 18; 50:40.  e Targ. יָב.  f Targ. מַעְנָּב יָב.
CAPUT L.

1. ἰνήκερ ἀσκή τοὺς θεοὺς ἐν οἴκοις τῆς ἐκκλησίας τοῖς ἐν ζωή οὐκ ὁμαλῶς

2. ἔπετο τοῖς ἐσυνεταίρισιν ἐνδοκτήρεις ἐπιστεύουσιν

3. καθαρὸς καὶ ἑρμής ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ἑβραίοις Χριστοῦ

4. καθαρίζοντες τὰς σεβασμοὺς τὰς

5. ἦλθον ἐπὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῶν συνεταίρων ἐπιστεύουσιν ἐν τῇ ζωῇ ἑβραίοις

6. καθαρίζοντες τὰς σεβασμοὺς τὰς

7. ἐπετρεπται ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας ἐπιστεύουσιν

8. Μάρσιος καὶ Σαμσίπαλ τοῖς θεοῦς θυσίαις τᾶς καθαρίσαι τοῖς θεοῦς

9. Μάρσιος καὶ Σαμσίπαλ τοῖς θεοῦς θυσίαις τᾶς καθαρίσαι τοῖς θεοῦς

10. καθαρίζοντες τὰς σεβασμοὺς τὰς

11. ἐπετρεπται ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας ἐπιστεύουσιν

12. καθαρίζοντες τὰς σεβασμοὺς τὰς

**Targ. b.**

**Targ. כ.**

**Targ. כ.**

**Cf. Ps. 120:4.**

**Targ. כ.**
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[50:13-26]

13 הלל בבלכם מָלָכָם בַּעֲלָם אֲלֵיהֶם בַּעֲלָם אָכְלוּ בַּעֲלָם

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a Targ. יבג.  b Cf. vs. 43; 6:24.  c Vid. 46:16.  d Targ. יבג.  e Targ. יבג.  f Targ. יבג.  g Targ. יבג.  h Targ. יבג.  i Targ. יבג.
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\[\text{Vid. 10:12}\]
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17 מְסַפֵּל בִּכְסֶר פּוֹתֵל לָאָרוֹבָּר בָּם

18 הַקָּבָל הָוָה מֵתֶּשֶׁת הַחֲצֵרוּת

19 אָפָּשַׁם מִכְּלֹלָה יְהוָה כַּבָּאָה שָמוּר

20 מַצֶּרֶט אָמַר לוֹ

21 הָפֹטְרֵי בַּגִי וֹתְשָׁתְוָה בֶּן

22 הָפֹטְרֵי בַּגִי אֱשָׂא וֹתְשָׁתְוָה

23 הָפֹטְרֵי בַּגִי רַעְתְוַר וֹתְשָׁתְוָה

24 אַתָּה כָּלִיתִיקָה אֲשֶׁר שָׁמֶר בּזָאתָ אֲשֶׁר כָּלִיתִיקָה אֲשֶׁר שָׁמֶר צְנִיר

Deest

25 נָאֶמְרֵיהוֹדָא

26 נְגָנִיתֵי מְקִיָּסָלֵים וּנְגָנִיתֵי הַנְגָנִיתֵי עַלָּסֶלָה עֲתַרְתָּהְוֶה קְוָר

27 שָׁאָרַנָּא כָּבְרִיךְ הָעָדֵשׁ שָׁמֶר שָׁאָרַנָּא יְלִּיתָאָוֶה צְקְעָהְוֶה נַבְרֵי

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a Vid. 10:13. b Targ. אֱשֶׂרֶשָּׁא. c Targ. יְבִּיאָא. d Targ. לָאָרוֹבָּר. e ik sov vel in sov. f Inc. vs. 22. g Targ. יְבִּיאָא. h אָבַּדַּן. i בְּלוֹוּטַדָּאשָּׁא.
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[51:43-55]

43 Who hath given Tyre a heritage from ancient times;
44 and Zidon, whose seaport is very confident
45 with her strongly fortified towers.

Desunt

46 She saith, I am of ancient days, and now am I a mother.

47 Be not afraid, daughter of Zion; behold thy king shall come to thee:

48 Behold, thy king cometh unto thee; he is righteous, and mighty:

49 The king shall rejoice in Zion, and shall see with joy his palace.

50 He shall rejoice over the sea, and shall be glad over the multitude of the nations.

51 Undertake, O daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee.

52 Be not afraid, daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee, the Holy One of Israel.

53 Be not afraid, daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee, the Holy One of Israel.

54 Be not afraid, daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee, the Holy One of Israel.

55 Undertake, O daughter of Zion; behold thy king cometh unto thee, the Holy One of Israel.


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תֵּיְוָה שְׁמוֹרָה אֲרוֹן כָּבוֹד

Desunt 1

1 נֵעֵשׁ הָאָרֶץ בְּיָדֶךָ│ָיְוָה כָּלל 2

2 בַּשַׁדְּקָה יְתֵחָת יִרְאֶה│כָּלָה יְתֵחָת 3

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Desunt {

longe decretavit eum et est eum qui habitabit ad eum:

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hodie celeri

qui ámbat

totum

et est

et eum qui habitabit ad eum:

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et est eum qui habitabit ad eum:

et est eum qui habita

...οἱ καθολικῶν ἐπιστημονῶν οὕτως (καίγοντα...

18 ἀπὸ τῶν ἀρχικῶν οὐκ ἐμφανίσθη τὸ ἔργον
καὶ ἡ μετάφρασις ἡ ἐπιστήμη τούτη τῆς...

Deest πέρα...

19 τῶν ἀρχικῶν ἐπεξεργασμάτων καὶ τῶν ἀρχικῶν
τῆς ἐπιστήμης τῆς ἐπιστήμης
καὶ τῆς ἐπιστήμης τῆς...

Deest πέρα ...

20 τοῦτο θέμα κατὰ τὸν θεόν
καὶ τὸν θεόν θεοῦ τοῦ...

21 καὶ τὸν ἄνθρωπον...

22 ὅσον καθάποτε τὸν ἄνθρωπον...

23 καθάποτε καθάποτε...

24 καθάποτε καθάποτε...

25 καθάποτε καθάποτε...

26 καθάποτε καθάποτε...

27 καθάποτε καθάποτε...


* τὰς κρεάρας.  b καὶ τὰς ἀνθρώπων καὶ τὰς μασμαρίδα καὶ τοὺς
υποχυτάρας καὶ τὰς λυχνίας καὶ τὰς δυσπόσα καὶ τοὺς πνάδους.
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[52:28-34]

29 The king was informed of the people's disturbance. [Desunt]

29 He ordered the nobles to be brought before him.

30 They brought the nobles before the king. [Desunt]

31 Tell Herod the king of these matters. [Desunt]

32 Herod assigning to them all the captain of the guard.

33 And he sent three captains to guard Pharaoh's descendants.

34 And he sent three captains to guard Pharaoh's descendants.

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