

years, of Assurbanipal, who did not begin to reign until 667 B.C., and $(12+37)$ 49 years added to 605 bring us to 654 B.C. for Gyges' death. Herodotus' 49 years would place the death of Gyges in the year of Assurbanipal's accession (667-66 B.C.). Perhaps Ardys was joint ruler with Gyges for 12 years. Adding the 38 years that Herodotus assigns to Gyges, the dynasty of the Mermnadæ cannot be placed higher than 692 B.C. Now Herodotus allows for the preceding dynasty of the Heraclidæ 505 years, which bring us to 1197 B.C.

(b) The era of the fall of Troy, that found the most adherents among ancient historians and chronologists, placed that event 418 years before the first olympiad, which was celebrated in 776 B.C. As an olympiad was a period of four years, the *institution* of that mode of reckoning must have commenced in 779 B.C., and adding 418 we come to 1197 B.C. as before.

(c) Africanus places the fall of Troy in the last reign of Manetho's dynasty 19. As he commences dynasty 20 in 1195 B.C., and allows seven years to the last king of dynasty 19, his date for the fall of Troy was not later than 1196 B.C., nor earlier than 1202 B.C.

(d) The Roman chronicle cited by Syncellus,¹ reckons 1153 years from the fall of Troy to the associated rule of Augustus and Antony in 44 B.C., therefore its date is exactly our year 1197 B.C.

(e) Lastly, Eustathius counts from the capture of Troy to the accession of the Greek emperor Anastasius, in April 491 A.D., 1686 years and 7 months, consequently his date is September 1197 B.C.²

19. If the fall of Troy was 1197 B.C., then the era of the building of Tyre was 1198 B.C., and consequently its 240th year (=4 Solomon) was 959 B.C., and its 385th year (=building of Carthage) was 814 B.C. The 4th of Solomon is. therefore indisputably the year 959 B.C. The Bible says that the 4th year of Solomon was the 480th year after the exodus from Egypt, hence the exodus must be placed in $(959+479)$ 1438

¹ *Chronographia*, ed. Dind., 587, 588.

² Unger, *Chronol. des Manetho*, 225.