ABSTRACT

Throughout comparative analysis of several sources, one denotes the existence of distinct versions just for one event, besides additions, omissions and contradictions in the midst of such narratives. These elements lead us almost immediately to an appraisement of the sense, idea and writing of History among the Assyrians. The description of the military campaigns under the reign of Assurbanipal does not reveal Historiography, as it is nowadays understood by the meaning of this term. What interested the most was to draw up those magnificent deeds that served to glorify the king of Assyria and its gods, the royal scribes obeying to certain conventional rules, both in chosen topics and in specific phraseology. Therefore, it is necessary to undertake the delicate and complicated task of searching inside these ancient documentation solid and credible bases in order to write down the long and much troubled Assyrian History.