

An interesting instance of a prophecy that showed knowledge far beyond what any mere man could have had is found in Ezekiel 30: 13, which contains the words "and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt." When Ezekiel wrote, Egypt had been known for centuries as the most absolute monarchy in the world. Its Pharaohs had been able to force their people to erect great pyramids, larger than any other structure built in ancient times. Thousands of people had to endure years of tedious labor in order to construct these mighty edifices which stand today as mute witnesses to the autocratic power of the mighty princes of Egypt. Seldom had the Egyptians had a ruler who was not of Egyptian blood. They had always regarded foreign domination as extremely distasteful, and for well over two thousand years great Egyptian rulers had wielded autocratic power over the land. The prophet declared that all of this was to come to an end, and a complete change in Egyptian conditions would occur.

Not long after Ezekiel wrote these words Egypt was conquered by invaders from Babylon. Such conquests had occurred before, but rarely. When they did the Egyptians had always succeeded within a comparatively short time in driving out the foreigners and reestablishing their independence. This time it was different. The Babylonians ruled Egypt as part of their empire for