

Romans took it over from them, and the Arabs took it over from them and there has been a period of thousands of years with no prince in the land of Egypt, and even when there was a prince of Egypt early in this century he was of Turkish extraction. So this figure does not necessarily mean permanently, forever, but when it goes on for 2000 years (2500 years) it completely fulfills the requirements of the statement.

I'm interested now in what it says about Memphis and Thebes. He says, I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan and will execute judgments on Thebes, and I will pour my fury upon Sin, ~~and~~ the strength of Egypt, and I will cut off the multitude of Thebes, and I will set fire in Egypt; Sin will writhe in anguish, and Thebes will be breached, and Memphis will have distress daily." What's he said about Thebes -- it's going to be breached? KJV says "it will be broken in pieces." He says, I will cut off the multitude of Thebes. All this is true. Thebes is today the greatest outdoor museum in the world. There 600 mi. south of the Mediterranean sea you have the remains of that great ancient city of Thebes which consists of great statues and monuments and temples most of them in broken condition. Even by the time of the Romans, Thebes had been divided up into seven villages! since it had revolted against the grandfather of Cleopatra and he had driven the people away from it and reduced it to a condition of ruins. What it says about Thebes has been literally fulfilled. But you might say that's been fulfilled about many a place in the world. But you notice that first verse. He said, I will destroy the idols and cause the images to cease from Memphis. He didn't say from Thebes. I had my picture taken in Thebes standing in front of a statue that was so high that my neck only came up to his knees. There was a whole long avenue of statues like that. Thebes today is just filled with these great tremendous monuments, the statues of the ancient Pharaohs and their gods put up in ancient times.

I came in Thebes to a little building perhaps smaller than this room and there was no evidence of any window. There was a door and in front of the door was a representative of the Egyptian government sitting. I handed him my orders from the department of antiquities of the government of Egypt. He looked at it, got up and opened the door. We stepped into a ~~lx~~ room that seemed to be absolutely empty. No light except what came in through the door. We stepped in from it into another room and that also was empty and pretty dim because the light had to come through two doors. I stepped from there into a third room and there you could see nothing, but he took a little candle and lit it and held it up and there was what looked like a pulpit and on top of it was in ordinary human size the statue of a man and with the head of a monkey! the monkey headed god Toth. There was this idol that has stood there for 3000 years and still is there today. "I will cut off the images, ~~destroy~~ destroy the idols and cause the images to cease from Memphis." If he'd said "Thebes" the gods of Olympus could have said, Look at the nonsense of this; maybe it will be fulfilled 5000 years from now but who knows, but certainly up to the present they could say, Nothing like that has happened."

Now what about Memphis? Memphis was a great city in a more prosperous position than Thebes. Because Thebes is on the edge of the desert where only the Nile river gives any possibility of irrigation. But you go S. and you get to the entrance to the delta, and there was that great city of Memphis which continued 1000 years after Ezekiel's time to be a great center of civilization. It was the HQD of the Roman Governor in 500 A.D. It was a great city and doubtless had as