

Today it is a series of villages and has been so ever since the time of Christ. A series of villages. But the images and idols were not destroyed from Thebes. Thebes is the greatest outdoor museum in the world. They have there long avenues of statues as high as this room! one after another standing there on this avenue. They have statues of some of the great kings of ancient Egypt--great colossal statues. I went up to a little building there that would be about as big as from here to that side of the room a little bit oblong, without any windows. I went to it and I came to the entrance. An Egyptian was sitting there on a chair in his long flowing gowns which Egyptians wore at least when I was in Egypt.

I showed him my permission from the Department of Antiquities in Egypt. He immediately opened the door and I went into a room. There was no light except that which came in from that one door. There was nothing in the room. But opposite it was the entrance to another room. I went into that and there was nothing in it. When I went through it into the third room it was so dark you could see nothing. He took his little taper and lit it and held it up. There there at the end of that room was what would look like a pulpit like this. On top of that was a life-size statue of a man with a head of a monkey. A monkey-headed god Tut of ancient Egypt. That was one of the idols of ancient Egypt still there. There are many of them there today.

God says, I will destroy the idols and cause the images to cease from Memphis. He didn't say that about Thebes. Why would they be destroyed in Memphis? and not in Thebes? ? in Ezekiel could tell, but God led him to use these words. After the book of Ezekiel was written over 1000 years passed by and Memphis still had just as many images and idols as Memphis (that's what you said). Then in about 600 A.D. Mohammed began preaching in Arabia. He preached: There is one God and Mohammed is His prophet. The Arabs were filled with enthusiasm by Mohammed's preaching and they poured out after him and conquered the Medo-Persian empire to the east and to the west they conquered most of the Byzantine empire. They conquered all of N. Africa which was one of the great Christian areas of that day. They conquered all of Spain and it looked as if the crescent would come together and all the world would be conquered by them.

In fact sometime later they conquered all of the Balkans and Greece and held it for some centuries. When the Arabs--over 1000 years after Ezekiel wrote, 1500 years after--they then went into Egypt. They decided to build a new capitol for Egypt, a city in which there had never been the worship of any god except Allah. So they picked a place to build this and it was just 10 miles from ancient Memphis. So they went to Memphis and knocked down the images, they knocked down the idols, they brought the stone over to build Cairo. Cairo was build with the stones from ancient Memphis.

When I went to Memphis there was a small sphinx there--just about the size of a dog. There was a recumbent statue, a colossal statue of Ramases II broken in three parts and lying on the ground and that was all that was left of the hundreds of idols and images from ancient Memphis! How could Ezekiel know that this is what would happen in Memphis 1000 years later and it wouldn't happen in Thebes! How did he say Memphis instead of Thebes here?