

several decades. Then it became part of the Persian empire and was ruled by Persian representatives for over two centuries. Alexander the Great conquered the Persian empire. After his death one of his Greek generals, named Ptolemy, seized Egypt, and his descendants controlled the land for 300 years. Cleopatra, the last of the Ptolemies, was conquered by Caesar, and the Roman emperors ruled Egypt for five centuries. Then it was conquered by the Arabs, who controlled it until they in turn were conquered by the Turks. When at last in 1922 Egypt again became an independent nation, its king was not of Egyptian blood, but was the great-grandson of Mohammed Ali, the clever Albanian who by murder and deceit had secured control of Egypt in 1805, so that for over a century he and his descendants had controlled the land while giving nominal allegiance and paying tribute to the Turkish empire. Even this line of Albanian princes ceased in 1952 when Egypt became a republic. Now a native Egyptian, Colonel Nasser, has seized dictatorial power over Egypt, but he has not taken to himself a royal title. God enabled Ezekiel to predict that an unbelievable change in Egyptian history would occur, and his prophecy was so literally fulfilled that for over two thousand years Egypt remained without a prince of Egyptian blood. How different from the attempts of mere human beings to predict the future!