

If he'd said, He would cause the images to cease from Thebes we'd have to say, It certainly hasn't happened yet. Thebes to this day is full of many images and a very sizeable number of very large ones still standing there.

He says, I will destroy the idols and cause the images to cease." When I was in Thebes in 1929 I came up to a little building about the size of this room, perhaps not as high, it had no windows. The Egyptian attendant in his long white robe sitting there in a chair in front of it. I showed him by permission from the Dept. of Antiquities. He looked at it, got up and opened the door with a key. Inside it was in three rooms. You came into the first room and there was no light except what came thro the door; it was bare, with a little door in the middle and columns along the side. We went thro that into the second room. Now that light had to come thro two doors it was quite dim, but you could see there was nothing ~~ix mx~~ in it -- just an empty room. We went through that into a third room and in there there was no light, so he took a taper and lit it and held it up and we saw in the end of the room what looked like this pulpit. On it was seated the life sized image of the monkey headed god Tob. This life size statue of a man with a monkey head was one of the idols of ancient Memphis which had been there 4000 years perhaps, and been there ever since. This doesn't say, I will destroy the idols and cause the images to cease from Thebes, it says from Memphis. Notice how specific it is. Not like the Greek and Roman prophecies.

What happened to Memphis? When Thebes was destroyed with all these great ruins, Memphis remained a great city further north and near the beginning of the ~~Delta~~ Delta. Egypt is a long country beside the Nile with the wilderness beyond and then you come to the Delta where it branches out into many little branches, a much wider agricultural area. Right where the two come together, there was Memphis which was the other great capital of ancient Egypt and after ~~Memphis~~ Thebes was destroyed it continued to be the great capital for another 700 yrs. Memphis was the capital of the Roman governor of Egypt, a great center in Egypt. When the Mohammedans came in 1000 after Ezekiel wrote and Memphis, doubtless like Thebes, 1000 years after Ezekiel wrote. Here was Thebes with its images in ruin. Here was Memphis a busy active city but still with all these great images and idols. 100 years after Ezekiel wrote. Then the Mohammedans came rushing out of Arabia declaring that there is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet, and they rushed across and conquered Palestine and came down to Egypt and decided to establish their own kingdom in Egypt. When they did this they determined to establish a new city in which no god but Allah would be worshipped, so they established their new city and a place near the beginning of the Delta, near where the long narrow Egypt broadens out at this Delta region, and there they established a brand new city of Cairo and it was just 10 miles from Memphis. You can imagine what happened!

They took their wagons and ~~horses~~ and horses and went over 10 miles and loaded them up with stones. They knocked over the images and idols and broke them up and put them in their wagons and hauled them 10 miles and the images of ancient Memphis are today the foundations in the walls of the buildings of modern Cairo. Memphis alone of all the great cities of Egypt, has had its images completely removed by the coming of a new force that Ezekiel had no reason to dream of 1000 yrs. after he wrote. Who but God who knows all the future, could have led Ezekiel to make this peculiar specific statement and to make it about that particular one statement and to make it about Memphis rather than about Thebes! The indications we see in fulfilled prophecy of the way God