

death the army went out conquering country after country round about, giving everyone the choice of the Koran or the sword, and before long they conquered Egypt and when they conquered Egypt they decided to build a new city for their capital in Egypt, a city in which no god but Allah should ever have been worshiped, a city in which there should never have been any idolatry or heathenism. And so they built a new city, the city of Cairo. The city which they built was just ten miles from ancient Memphis, that great city which was the Roman capital. They built this city of Cairo and they needed building material,- and just ten miles away was this great ancient city. And they tore down the buildings and they took down the statues and broke them in pieces and broke the idols in pieces and brought them over for foundation for the building of Cairo. Today you can go to ancient Memphis and there is just a _____ there.

_____ Petrie, in his story of excavations in Egypt, entitled "Three Volumes of Memphis" (Memphis I, Memphis II, Memphis III), in each volume has about a chapter concerning Memphis and the rest of it about other excavations he made in the neighborhood. For there is practically nothing to tell about Memphis; it has disappeared. _____ there today. There is one statue of Rameses II lying its back, a long statue about as long as the width of this room here,- just one, lying on its back, and a small sphinx. And that is all that remains of the thousands of images and hundreds of idols of ancient Memphis. Over a thousand years after Ezekiel made these statements Memphis became the quarry for the building of medieval Cairo. How could Ezekiel ever have foreseen it? How could he have known that it would be Memphis and not Thebes which would make the quarry and be destroyed and all its images and all its idols disappear?