

The greatest outdoor museum in the world today. But you notice what He said about Memphis. "I will destroy the idols and cause the images to cease from Memphis." I don't know of a similar statement that has been made of any other city. Certainly not of any other city in Egypt. He ~~s~~ says it not about Thebes, but about Memphis.

Ezekiel made this prediction c. 700 B.C. And 1200~~X~~ years passed and Memphis remained one of the great cities of Egypt, one of the great cities of the world. Thebes after about 600 years after Ezekiel wrote, Thebes became just a ruin. But Memphis remained a great city. It was the capitol of the Roman governors there in the first few centuries after the time of Christ. It is only about 100 miles south of the Mediterranean Sea.

Then there came something which Ezekiel in his human wisdom never could have expected. At about 600 A.D. Mohammed gave his teachings in Arabia, and the Arabian tribes which had been mulling around there in the desert and having comparatively little influence on the world outside Arabia, were moulded together into a tight fighting unity, all of which came under the Mohammed's control, and then under his successors they came out from Arabia and conquered the territory in many directions. Within a few years they had taken a large part of the Eastern Roman Empire. Within a comparatively few years all of Syria and Palestine was in their hands and they went into Egypt and took over Egypt. When they took over Egypt, giving those whom they conquered the choice of sword or the Koran, that is if they were idol worshippers they had the choice. ~~XXXXXX~~ Accept Mohammedanism or be killed. If they believed in one God -- that is if they were Jews or Christians they were not killed, they were allowed to continue as subjects, though subjects to higher taxes than other people.

But they conquered Egypt and having done so they said: We would like to have a new capitol city, ~~zuz~~ a city in which no one but Allah has ever been worshipped. Just as in Palistan today they are building a city which they are calling The Abode of Islam, the city Islamaba, which is to be the new capitol of Pakistan. They desired there in Egypt to build a new city which should never have been a center of worship of any other god, except Allah. So they chose a very good location for the new city and it so happened it was just 10 miles from Memphis. When you start to build a big city you naturally need a good deal of building material. So the buildings of Memphis were knocked over and broken to pieces, and the stones were carried off the 10 miles to use in the building of the new city of Cairo. Thus Cairo was built out of the materials from Memphis. Sir Flinders Petrie, the great Egyptian archaeologist who excavated for 40 years in Egypt, issued a volume describing different places he excavated, and three of those volumes bear the name of Memphis. But in all three of them there are a few the name of Memphis. But in all three if them there are a few