

~HOPHRA (66)

(Hoph'ra) [from Egyptian, meaning The Heart of Ra, the sun-god Endures]

- In the Greek Septuagint.
- The mighty men of Babylon have ceased to fight. They have kept sitting in the strong places. Their mightiness has run dry. They have become women. Her residences have been set on fire. Her bars have been broken. (Jeremiah 51:30)
- This is what Yehowah has said; Here I am giving Pharaoh **Hophra**, the king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those seeking for his soul, just as I have given Zedekiah the king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, his enemy and the one seeking for his soul. (Jeremiah 44:30)
- In most versions, he is called *Ou-a-phre'*. Pharaoh **Hophra** is called Apries by Herodotus. **Hophra** is believed to have reigned for 19 years. However, according to Herodotus [II, 161], he reigned for 25 years.
- After the Jews fled to Egypt in 607 B.C.E, Yehowah said by the mouth of Jeremiah; Here I am giving Pharaoh **Hophra**, the king of Egypt, into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those seeking for his soul.
- The word that occurred to Jeremiah for all the Jews that were dwelling in the land of Egypt, the ones dwelling in Migdol and in Tahpanhes and in Noph and in the land of Pathros, saying; (Jeremiah 44:1)
- Therefore hear the word of Yehowah, all Judah who are dwelling in the land of Egypt, Here I myself have sworn by my great name, Yehowah has said; that my name will no more prove to be something called out by the mouth of any man of Judah, saying; As the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is alive! in all the land of Egypt. (Jeremiah 44:26)
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(**Jeremiah 44:30**)

- This was to be a sign of imminent calamity to come over the Jews dwelling in Egypt.
- And this is the sign for you, is the utterance of Yehowah, that I am turning my attention upon you in this place, in order, that you may know that my words will without fail come true upon you for calamity: (**Jeremiah 44:29**)
- According to Herodotus II, **161-169**, **Hophra** or Apries undertook a disastrous expedition to Cyrene to help the Libyans against the Greeks in the **Sixth Century B.C.E.**
- **Hophra's** troops revolted against him and set up Ahmose II, Amasis, as rival king. Even then, **Hophra** was so arrogant that he supposed that not even a god could depose him from his throne. However, he was taken prisoner and finally was killed by being strangled.