

## ~PATHROS (115) (Path'ros)

- **Pathros** is regularly associated with Egypt, Hebrew, *Mits-ra'yim*.
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also destroy the dungy idols and cause the valueless gods to cease out of Noph, and there will no more prove to be a chieftain out of the land of Egypt, and I shall certainly put fear in the land of Egypt. (**Ezekiel 30:13**)
- And I will bring **Pathros** to desolation and set a fire in Zoan and execute acts of judgment in No. (**Ezekiel 30:14**)
- Most scholars connect the name **Pathros** with an Egyptian expression meaning, **Land of the South**, and evidently referring to Upper Egypt. Upper Egypt generally designates the region of the Nile Valley running from a point somewhat South of Memphis on up, south to Syene, modern Aswan, at the first cataract of the Nile. The text at;
- And it must occur in that day that Yehowah will again offer his hand, a second time, to acquire the remnant of his people who will remain over from Assyria and from Egypt and from **Pathros** and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. (**Isaiah 11:11**)
- Which foretells the return of Israelite exiles from Egypt, Mizraim, **Pathros** and Cush, would seem to corroborate the placing of **Pathros** somewhere in Upper Egypt, with Cush, Ethiopia, bordering it on the South. An Assyrian inscription of King Esar-haddon gives a similar lineup, referring to Egypt, *Musur*, Paturisi and Nubia, Kusu, or Cush. [**Ancient Near Eastern Texts**, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, p. 290]
- And I will bring back the captive group of the Egyptians, and I will bring them back to the land of **Pathros**, to the land of their origin, and there they must become a lowly kingdom. (**Ezekiel 29:14**)
- Calls **Pathros**, the land of their, the Egyptians, origin. The traditional Egyptian view, as recounted by **Herodotus [II, 4,15,99]**, apparently corroborates this, as it makes Upper Egypt, and particularly the region of Thebes, the seat of the first Egyptian kingdom, under a

king whom **Herodotus** calls Menes, a name not found in Egyptian records. **Diodorus Siculus**, **First Century B.C.E.** records a similar view. [Diodorus of Sicily, I, 45,1]

- The Egyptian tradition set forth by these Greek historians may be a feeble echo of the true history presented in the Bible regarding Mizraim, whose name came to stand for Egypt, and his descendants, including Pathrusim.

- And Mizraim became father to Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim (**Genesis 10:13**)

- And Pathrusim and Casluhim, from among whom the Philistines went forth, and Caphtorim. (**Genesis 10:14**)

- Following the desolation of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar, a remnant of the Jews fled into Egypt. Among the places listed in which they dwelt are Migdol, Tahpanhes, Noph, all cities of Lower Egypt, and the land of **Pathros**.

- 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**)

- Here they engaged in idolatrous worship, resulting in Yehowah's condemnation of them and the warning of a coming conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadnezzar.

- And all the men who were knowing that their wives had been making sacrificial smoke to other gods, and all the wives who were standing as a great congregation, and all the people who were dwelling in the land of Egypt, in **Pathros**, proceeded to answer Jeremiah, saying; (**Jeremiah 44:15**)

- 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**)

- Here I am keeping alert toward them for calamity and not for good, and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt will

certainly come to their finish by the sword and by the famine, until they cease to be. (**Jeremiah 44:27**)

- And as for the ones escaping from the sword, they will return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, few in number, and all those of the remnant of Judah, who are coming into the land of Egypt to reside there as aliens, will certainly know whose word comes true, that from me or that from them. (**Jeremiah 44:28**)
- 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**)
- 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**)
- Papyrus evidence of the **Fifth Century B.C.E.** shows a Jewish colony situated all the way at the southern end of ancient Egypt at Elephantine by Syene.