

~PEKOD (73)
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- **Apparently the name of an area in the vicinity of Babylon. Men of **Pekod** were to be included among the military forces to execute Yehowah's judgment on unfaithful Jerusalem.**
- **And their names were Oholah the older one and Oholibah her sister, and they came to be mine and began to give birth to sons and daughters. And as for their names, Oholah is Samaria, and Oholibah is Jerusalem. (**Ezekiel 23:4**)**
- **Therefore, O Oholibah, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am rousing up your passionate lovers against you, those from whom your soul has turned away in disgust, and I will bring them in against you on all sides. (**Ezekiel 23:22**)**
- **The sons of Babylon and all the Chaldeans, **Pekod** and Shoa and Koa, all the sons of Assyria with them, desirable young men, governor's and deputy rulers all of them, warriors and summoned ones, riding on horses, all of them. (**Ezekiel 23:23**)**
- **And they must come in against you with rattling of war chariots and wheels, and with a congregation of peoples, with large shield and buckler and helmet. They will set themselves against you all around, and I will give judgment over to them, and they must judge you with their judgments. (**Ezekiel 23:24**)**
- **And I will express my ardor against you, and they must take action against you in rage. Your nose and your ears they will remove, and the remainder of you will fall even by the sword. Your sons and your daughters they themselves will take, and the remainder of you will be devoured by the fire. (**Ezekiel 23:25**)**
- **And they will certainly strip off you your garments and take away your beautiful articles. (**Ezekiel 23:26**)**
- **Later, **Pekod** itself was to be devoted to destruction.**
- **Against the land of Merathaim, come up against her and against the inhabitants of **Pekod**. Let there be a massacre and a devoting to destruction close upon them, is the utterance of Yehowah, and**

do according to all that I have commanded you. (**Jeremiah 50:21**)

- **Pekod** is usually identified with the *Puqudu* of Assyrian inscriptions. The Nimrud Inscription of Tiglath-pileser III indicates that Pekod was added to the Assyrian Empire and lay in the vicinity of Elam. [Records of the Past: Ancient Monuments of Egypt and Western Asia, edited by A. Sayce, London, 1891, Vol. V, pp. 120,121]
- Therefore, if correctly identified with *Puqudu*, **Pekod** would appear to have been located East of the Tigris and North of that rivers confluence with the Karkheh.
- It has been suggested that at;
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- The designation, **Pekod**, like Merathaim, possibly is a poetic name for Babylon. It is noteworthy that an inscription from the time of Nebuchadnezzar shows that Puqudu was under the control of Babylon. Therefore, when Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians, this must also have affected **Pekod**.