

~PIBESETH (44)

(Pi-be'seth) [from Egyptian, meaning, House of the goddess] Bastet]

- A city mentioned along with On or Heliopolis at;
- As for the young men of On and **Pibeseth**, by the sword they will fall, and into captivity the cities themselves will go. (**Ezekiel 30:17**)
- In a prophecy directed against Egypt. The **Septuagint** rendering of the text identifies **Pibeseth** with **Bubastis**, an ancient city of the Delta region, the remains of which are at **Tell Basta**, about 70 kilometers (43 miles) North-Northeast of Cairo, near the modern city of Zagazig.
- The name of the ancient city as it appears on Egyptian inscriptions shows a clear similarity to the **Hebrew Pibeseth**.
- While **Pibeseth** was the capital of the 18th nome or district of Lower Egypt, it reached its greatest political prominence with the line of Libyan rulers over Egypt begun by Pharaoh Shishak, a contemporary of Solomon and Rehoboam.
- And Solomon began seeking to put Jeroboam to death. So Jeroboam got up and went running off to Egypt to Shishak the king of Egypt, and he continued in Egypt until Solomon's death. (**1 Kings 11:40**)
- And it came about in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. (**1 Kings 14:25**)
- And he got to take the treasures of the house of Yehowah and the treasures of the house of the king, and everything he took. And he went on to take all the gold shields that Solomon had made. (**1 Kings 14:26**)
- **Pibeseth** was a royal city of Shishak. Ezekiel's prophecy relates to the Babylonian conquest of Egypt when Pibeseth would be overrun. The Persians later destroyed the city, and today only ruins remain on the ancient site.

