

## #1226 America as Media-Persia – The Civil War: The Army of the Potomac, part 1, Rivers = Kingdoms

While the naming of the *Army of the Potomac* after the Potomac River (upon which Washington D.C. sits) seems quite clear in the natural, there are deeper spiritual/prophetic reasons why the major arm of the victorious Union Army was named the *Army of the Potomac*.

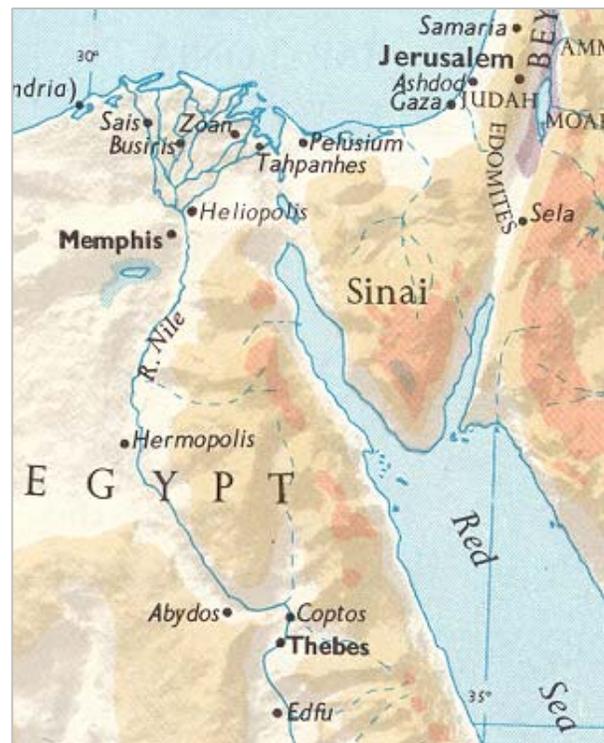
Today, a news presenter might use the term *Washington* to refer to the ruling government of the United States, or *Moscow* to refer to the ruling government of Russia. So it might be said, “*Washington* is concerned that *Moscow* won’t cooperate.”

**Key Understanding:**  
***Rivers = kingdoms.***  
Similarly, in scripture, major *rivers* represent *kingdoms*, for usually the capital cities of those kingdoms were built by the side of the river. The rising and falling of rivers in scripture are symbolic of the rising and falling of kingdoms, or the rising and declining of the power of those kingdoms.

Thus, the *rising of the Nile* (Jeremiah 46:7-8) represents the rising power or fortune of *Egypt*. Similarly, the *drying up of the Euphrates* refers to the declining power or death of the kingdom that is ruling over the Euphrates River region. Remember, we are covering this with the idea of returning to the subject matter of the *Army of the Potomac*. Just as the Nile River represents Egypt and the Euphrates River would represent Babylon in its day, the Potomac River represents Washington D.C. and the United States.



Washington D.C. sits on the Potomac River.  
The Pentagon, looking northeast with the Potomac River in the distance.



*Egypt rises like the Nile*

*Jeremiah 46:7-8 (KJV) Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?*

8 **EGYPT RISETH UP LIKE A FLOOD**, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

*Jeremiah 46:7-8 (NIV) "Who is this that rises like the Nile, like rivers of surging waters?*

8 **EGYPT RISES LIKE THE NILE**, like rivers of surging waters. She says, 'I will rise and cover the earth; I will destroy cities and their people.'

*Jeremiah 46:7-8 (NAS) Who is this that rises like the Nile, Like the rivers whose waters surge about?*

8 **EGYPT RISES LIKE THE NILE**, Even like the rivers whose waters surge about; And He has said, "I will rise and cover that land; I will surely destroy the city and its inhabitants."

*The drying up of the Euphrates* (referring to the declining of the power that rules the Euphrates River region)

*Revelation 16:12 (KJV) And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon **THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES; AND THE WATER THEREOF WAS DRIED UP, THAT THE WAY OF THE KINGS OF THE EAST MIGHT BE PREPARED.***

*Revelation 16:12 (NIV) The sixth angel poured out his bowl on **THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES, AND ITS WATER WAS DRIED UP TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE KINGS FROM THE EAST.***



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