

#1229 America as Media-Persia – The Civil War: The Army of the Potomac, part 4, Lee’s escape across the Potomac

President Abraham Lincoln was distraught over the fact that General George Meade did not pursue and destroy the retreating army of Robert E. Lee after the Battle of Gettysburg. His desire was that Lee’s forces be overtaken before they crossed the Potomac River into Virginia.

Here is #1229–Doc 1, about General George Meade, and Abraham Lincoln’s distress over the fact that Meade failed to pursue and overtake the army of Robert E. Lee.

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Key Understanding: *The Potomac River.* Robert E. Lee’s Confederate army crossed the Potomac River both going to and retreating from the Battle of Gettysburg. Not only was George Meade the general of the Army of the Potomac at the Battle of Gettysburg, but after the battle the issue of the Potomac River was significant because President Abraham Lincoln desired that Meade overtake and destroy Lee’s army before it crossed the river into Virginia. The point is that the Army of the Potomac was very much connected to the Potomac River, even as a part of the story of the Battle of Gettysburg. The victorious Army of the Potomac would eventually represent America in complete victory not at Gettysburg, but at Appomattox. While ancient Egypt would rise like the Nile, America would rise like the Potomac.



A map showing the retreat of Robert E. Lee’s Confederate army from Gettysburg across the Potomac River



Lee’s army fords the Potomac River on the way to Gettysburg, June 25, 1863

*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.'*



Earlier in the Civil War: Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson watch as their troops cross the Potomac River, September 19, 1862

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