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About this same time [23 B.C.] the Ethiopians¹, who dwell beyond Egypt, advanced as far as the city called Elephantice, with the Candace² as their leader, ravaging everything they encountered. At Elephantine, however, learning that ...the governor of Egypt, was already moving, they hastily retreated before he arrived, hoping to make good their escape. But being overtaken on the road, they were defeated and thus drew him after them into their own country. There, too, he fought successfully with them, and took Napata, their capital, among other cities. This place was razed to the ground, and a garrison left ...Thereupon the Ethiopians attacked the garrisons, but [the Roman leader] rescued his own men, and compelled the Candace to make terms with him.

¹The Greeks and Romans referred to the people of Nubia as Ethiopians.

²Candace was a name given to Nubian queens.

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