

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

Chronological History of the Nile Civilization

3100 - 2686 BCE

Early Dynastic Period

Unification of Upper and Lower Egypt by King Menes. Establishment of Memphis as the capital.

Key Highlights: Hieroglyphic script development, First Dynasties.

2686 - 2181 BCE

The Old Kingdom

The "Age of the Pyramids." Centralized government and absolute power of Pharaohs.

Key Highlights: Great Pyramid of Giza, The Sphinx, Djoser's Step Pyramid.

2055 - 1650 BCE

The Middle Kingdom

A period of reunification, literary growth, and territorial expansion into Nubia.

Key Highlights: Classic Egyptian Literature, Mentuhotep II.

1550 - 1069 BCE

The New Kingdom

The "Imperial Age." Egypt reaches the height of its power and global influence.

Key Highlights: Ramses II, Tutankhamun, Hatshepsut, Valley of the Kings.

664 - 332 BCE

The Late Period

Cycles of foreign rule (Persian, Assyrian) and brief periods of indigenous independence.

Key Highlights: Cultural preservation, Alexander the Great's arrival.

332 - 30 BCE

Ptolemaic Dynasty

Greek-Macedonian rule following Alexander's death. Blending of Hellenistic and Egyptian culture.

Key Highlights: Library of Alexandria, Rosetta Stone, Cleopatra VII.