

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

A Chronological Guide to the Land of the Pharaohs

c. 3100 - 2686 BCE

Early Dynastic Period

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

c. 2686 - 2181 BCE

The Old Kingdom

The "Age of the Pyramids." Construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza and the Great Sphinx.

c. 2055 - 1650 BCE

The Middle Kingdom

A golden age of literature and art. Mentuhotep II reunites the country.

c. 1550 - 1069 BCE

The New Kingdom

Egypt's most prosperous time. Reign of Hatshepsut, Akhenaten, Tutankhamun, and Ramesses II.

c. 664 - 332 BCE

The Late Period

The final era of native Egyptian rulers before the conquest by Alexander the Great.

332 - 30 BCE

Ptolemaic Period

Greek rule under the Ptolemy dynasty, ending with the death of Cleopatra VII and Roman annexation.