

# ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

A Chronological Guide to the Land of the Pharaohs

**3100 - 2686 BCE**

## Early Dynastic Period

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

[ ILLUSTRATION: NARMER PALETTE ]

**2686 - 2181 BCE**

## The Old Kingdom

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

[ ILLUSTRATION: GREAT PYRAMIDS ]

**2055 - 1650 BCE**

## The Middle Kingdom

A golden age of literature and art. Mentuhotep II reunites the nation after a period of chaos.

[ ILLUSTRATION: OSIRIDE STATUE ]

**1550 - 1069 BCE**

## The New Kingdom

Egypt's expansion into an empire. Era of Ramses II, Akhenaten, and King Tutankhamun.

[ ILLUSTRATION: BUST OF NEFERTITI ]

**664 - 332 BCE**

## The Late Period

Characterized by various foreign rules (Persian) ending with the conquest of Alexander the Great.

[ ILLUSTRATION: PERSIAN HELMET ]