

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

A Chronological Overview of the Pharaonic Eras

3100 - 2686 BCE

Early Dynastic Period

Unification of Upper and Lower Egypt by King Menes. Foundation of Memphis.

2686 - 2181 BCE

Old Kingdom

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

2181 - 2055 BCE

First Intermediate Period

Political chaos and decentralized rule following the collapse of the Old Kingdom.

2055 - 1650 BCE

Middle Kingdom

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

1650 - 1550 BCE

Second Intermediate Period

The Hyksos, foreign rulers from Asia, control Lower Egypt.

1550 - 1069 BCE

New Kingdom

Egypt's expansionist peak. Reign of Ramses II, Hatshepsut, and Tutankhamun.

1069 - 332 BCE

Late Period

Frequent foreign invasions by Assyrians, Persians, and Macedonians.

332 - 30 BCE

Ptolemaic Period

Rule by Greek successors of Alexander the Great. Ends with the death of Cleopatra VII.

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