

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

A Chronological Guide to the Land of the Pharaohs

EARLY DYNASTIC PERIOD *c. 3100 - 2686 BCE*

- **c. 3100 BCE** Unification of Upper and Lower Egypt by King Menes (Narmer).

THE OLD KINGDOM *c. 2686 - 2181 BCE*

- **c. 2630 BCE** Djoser's Step Pyramid is constructed at Saqqara.
- **c. 2550 BCE** The Great Pyramid of Giza is built for Pharaoh Khufu.

THE MIDDLE KINGDOM *c. 2055 - 1650 BCE*

- **c. 2055 BCE** Mentuhotep II reunites Egypt; Thebes becomes the capital.
- **c. 1878 BCE** Reign of Senusret III; peak of Middle Kingdom military power.

THE NEW KINGDOM *c. 1550 - 1069 BCE*

- **c. 1473 BCE** Hatshepsut begins her reign as one of the few female pharaohs.
- **c. 1332 BCE** Tutankhamun ascends the throne, restoring the old gods.
- **c. 1279 BCE** Ramesses II (The Great) begins a 66-year reign of expansion.

LATE PERIOD & HELLENISTIC *c. 664 - 30 BCE*

- **332 BCE** Alexander the Great conquers Egypt; Alexandria is founded.
- **30 BCE** Death of Cleopatra VII; Egypt becomes a Roman province.