

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

3100 - 2686 BCE

Early Dynastic Period

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

2686 - 2181 BCE

The Old Kingdom

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

2055 - 1650 BCE

The Middle Kingdom

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

1550 - 1069 BCE

The New Kingdom

The Egyptian Empire reaches its peak. Reign of Hatshepsut, Akhenaten, Tutankhamun, and Ramesses II.

664 - 332 BCE

Late Period

Frequent foreign dominance by Assyrians and Persians followed by brief periods of native rule.

332 - 30 BCE

Ptolemaic Period

Conquest by Alexander the Great. Rule of the Greek Ptolemaic dynasty ending with Cleopatra VII.