

ANCIENT EGYPT TIMELINE

Chronological Overview of the Pharaonic Eras

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

Old Kingdom

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

c. 2055 - 1650 BCE

Middle Kingdom

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

c. 1550 - 1069 BCE

New Kingdom

The Egyptian Empire. Reign of famous pharaohs including Hatshepsut, Akhenaten, Tutankhamun, and Ramesses II.

c. 664 - 332 BCE

Late Period

Periods of Persian rule and the final eras of native Egyptian pharaohs before Alexander the Great.

332 BCE - 395 CE

Greco-Roman Period

Ptolemaic dynasty ending with Cleopatra VII. Egypt becomes a province of the Roman Empire.