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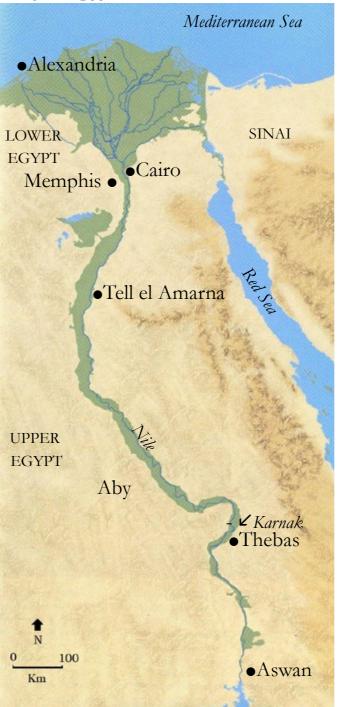
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Egyptian chronology

Palaeolithic - 500000-55000 BC Predynastic - 5500-3050 BC Early Dynastic I Dynasty - 3100-2900 BC II Dynasty - 2900-2750 BC Old Kingdom III Dynasty - 2750-2680 BC IV Dynasty - 2680-2544 BC V Dynasty - 2544-2407 BC VI Dynasty - 2407-2260 BC First Intermediate Period VII and VIII Dynasties - 2260-2175 BC IX and X Dynasties - 2175-2061 BC Middle Kingdom XI Dynasties (final) - 2061-1991 BC XII Dynasty - 1991-1784 BC Second Intermediate Period XIII Dynasty - 1784-1668 BC XIV Dynasty - 1720-1665 BC XV Dynasty (Hyksos) - 1668-1560 BC XVI Dynasty (Hyksos) - 1665-1565 BC XVII Dynasty - 1668-1570 BC New Kingdom XVIII Dynasty - 1570-1293 BC XIX Dynasty - 1293-1185 BC XX Dynasty - 1185-1070 BC Third Intermediate Period Theban High Priests – 1080-945 BC XXI Dynasty (Tanis) - 1070-946 BC XXII Dynasty (Tanis/Bubastis/Libya) - 946-712 BC XXIII Dynasty (Libya) - c 828-665 BC XXIV Dynasty (Sais) - 718-685 BC XXV Dynasty (Kush) - 767-656 BC Saite Period XXVI Dynasty - 685-525 BC Late Period XXVII Dynasty (I Persian Period) - 525-404 BC XXVIII Dynasty - 404-399 BC XXIX Dynasty - 399-380 BC XXX Dynasty - 380-343 BC II Persian Period - 343-332 BC Ptolemaic Period - 305-31 BC

Map of Egypt



- Abydos Upper Egyptian religious centre dedicated to Osiris in Western bank of the Nile. Its origin dates back to Predynastic times and its main temple was constructed by Sethy I and Rameses II.
- Alexandria founded by Alexander the Great in the Mediterranean coast in 332 BC. Capital and residence of the Ptolemaic Kings, the city became famous by its lighthouse and library.
- Aswan a city near the First Cataract in the Eastern Nile bank in Upper Egypt. It was a cult centre of the gods Khnum and Satis.
- Cairo modern capital of Egypt, founded by the Arabs in 641 D.C.
- Karnak was the most famous temple of ancient Egypt, located 2km north of Luxor. Its temples were dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut, Khonsu and Montu.
- Memphis Old Kingdom's capital and later an administrative centre localised 20km south of Cairo. There remains the Saqqara necropolis.
- Thebes religious capital of ancient Egypt from the New Kingdom onwards. It comprises the two banks of the Nile. On the Eastern side there remains the temples of Karnak and Luxor, while on the Western side we can find the Funerary Temples of the Pharaohs, the Valley of the Kings, the Valley of the Queens and many private tombs.
- Tell el-Amarna was the ancient capital city constructed by Pharaoh Akhenaton in the Eastern bank of the river. Its ancient name was Akhet-Aten, the Horizon of the Sun Disc.