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Old Kingdom - 2700-2200

1st Intermediate Period - 2200-2033

Middle Kingdom - 2033-1710

2nd Intermediate Period - 1710-1540

New Kingdom - 1550-1069

XIXth dynasty ~ 1295-1186

Ca. 1183 Trojan War (according to tradition). Legendary visit of Helen of Troy and Menelaus, king of Sparta, brought into the Nile delta by Canōpos.

3rd Intermediate Period - 1069-664

XXIst dynasty ~ 1069-945

Division of Egypt into two. Tanis capital under Psusennes I.

XXIInd dynasty ~ 945-715

XXIIIrd dynasty ~ 818-715

XXIVth dynasty ~ 727-715

Saite dynasty, resistance to the Kushites of Tefnakht and Bocchoris.

VIIIth century: foundation of Thonis-Heracleion.

Homer writes the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*.

XXVth dynasty ~ 780-656

Kushite or Ethiopian dynasty; empire of the kings of Napata (Shabaka, Taharqa, Tanutamun); artistic renaissance; opposition to the Assyrians in Asia.

671: Conquest of northern Egypt by Assarhaddon, Memphis taken.

664: Assyrian conquest (pillage of Thebes), followed by retreat after conclusion of an alliance with the Saite princes.

Late Period 664-332

XXVIth dynasty saite 664-525

Egypt reunited under king Psamtic I; Memphis becomes the capital again; Greek influence, cultural and artistic traditionalism; economic development, rising Persian menace.

• **Psamtic I 664-610**

• **Nekau 610-595**

• **Psamtic II 595-589**

• **Wahibre (Apries) 589-570**

• **Ahmose II (Amasis) 570-526**

• **Psamtic III 526-525**

VIIth century: visit by Solon the Athenian.

XXVIIth dynasty 525-404

(First Persian occupation)

Egypt becomes a Persian province (satrapy).

• **Cambyses 525-521**

• **Darius I 521-485**

Digging of the canal of the Red Sea.

• **Xerxes 485-464**

~ 450: Herodotus of Halicarnassus visits Egypt; his *Book II* of 'The Persian Wars' describes Egypt.

• **Artaxerxes I 464-423**

• **Darius II 423-404**

XXVIIIth Saite dynasty 404-399

• **Amyrtaeus 404-399**

XXIXth dynasty 399-379

• **Nefaarud I 398-379**

• **Hakor 392-379**

• **Nefaarud II 378**

XXXth dynasty 378-341

• Last independent dynasty; consolidation of royal power.

• **Nakhtnebef I 378-361**

• **Djedhor 360-359**

• **Nakhtoreb 358-341**

Seconde domination perse 340-332

Ptolemaic Period 332-30

• **Alexander the Great 332-323**

331: Alexander founds Alexandria. The economies of Thonis-Heracleion and Canopus decline, but they continue as sanctuaries.

323: Alexander dies at Babylon. His body is buried in Alexandria.

323-305: Ptolemy, one of Alexander's generals and satrap of Egypt, becomes pharaoh Ptolemy I

Soter and creates the Lagid dynasty.

• **Ptolemy I Soter 305-282**

Organisation of the cult of Serapis, creation of the Great Library and the Museum at Alexandria.

• **Ptolemy II Philadelphus 283-245**

283: Inauguration of the lighthouse, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Construction of the Heptastadion and the palace district.

• **Ptolemy III Euergetes I 246-222**

(Re-)foundation of the temple of Heracleion. 238: Decree of Canopus.

• **Ptolemy IV Philopator I 222-205**

• **Ptolemy V Epiphanes 205-180**

196: Decree of Memphis (the Rosetta Stone).

• **Ptolemy VI Philometor 180-145**

• **Ptolemy XII Neos Dionysos Auletes 80-51**

~ 60: Visit by Diodorus Siculus.

• **Ptolemy XIV Philopator II 47-44**

• **Ptolemy XV Caesar (Caesarion) 44-30**

• **Cleopatra VII 51-30**

48-47: Caesar re-establishes Cleopatra VII on the throne. War of Alexandria. Great fire. 44: Caesar assassinated.

41-31: Mark Anthony and Cleopatra VII reorganize the Orient with Alexandria as capital.

40: Mark Anthony settles in Alexandria.

34: Mark Anthony celebrates his triumph in Armenia.

31: Octavian wins the Battle of Actium.

30: Mark Anthony and Cleopatra commit suicide. Murder of the 17-year old Caesarion.

Roman Period 30 BC - 395 AD.

30 BC: Octavian in Alexandria. Egypt becomes a Roman province. Strabo visits Egypt.

Julio-Claudian dynasty 27 BC - 69 AD.

• **Augustus 27 BC - 14 AD.**

Flavian dynasty 69-96

~ 70: Plutarch stays in Egypt.

Antonine dynasty 96-192

• **Hadrian 117-138**

125-134: Construction of Hadrian's villa at Tivoli in Italy as a replica of the Serapeum of Canopus.

130: Hadrian in Egypt.

• **Marcus Aurelius 161-180**

~ 170: Claudius Ptolemy dies.

Constantinian dynasty 306-364

• **Constantine I the Great 306-337**

323: Saint Pachomius, one of the 'fathers of the desert', establishes monks near Canopus.

330: Constantine I founds Constantinople,

the new capital of empire in the Orient.

Valentinian and theodosian dynasties 364-455

371: Invasions of the empire by barbarian tribes like the Huns, the Goths and the Vandals, etc.

• **Theodosius I, emperor in the Orient 378-395**

391: Theodosius I declares Christianity the official religion of the Empire and decrees the closing of pagan temples. Destruction of the Serapeia

of Alexandria and Canopus and creation of a Christian monastery dedicated to Saint John and Saint Cyril.

Byzantine Period 395-641

Arab and Ottoman Period 641-1798

Abassid Caliphate 750-969

VIIIth century: Successive natural catastrophes end up swallowing Heracleion, Canopus and the grand harbour of Alexandria.

Mamelouk Sultanate 1250-1517

~ 1300: An earthquake destroys the Alexandria lighthouse.

1798-1801: Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian expedition. Battle of the Nile.

1805-1952: Autonomous kingdom under British protectorate. 1828-1829: Champollion's scientific mission.

1933: Prince Omar Toussoun begins to explore the Bay of Aboukir. 1952: Proclamation of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

1991: IEASM re-discovers the sunken ruins of Alexandria's grand harbour and of the towns of Canopus and Heracleion.

Modern Egypt from 1798 . . .

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