

Egypt and the Old Testament

Name of Era	Dates BC	Dynasties	Features	Bible links
Predynastic	From 12,000		Early settlers	post flood
Early dynastic	c. 3100-2686	1-2	Large scale irrigation, brick tombs, central administration, wealthy grew into First nation .	
Old Kingdom	c. 2686– 2181	3-6	Pyramid age , large scale building & sculpture	
1 st Intermediate period	c. 2181-2025	7-10	Civil war - split kingdom	Abraham leaves Ur, moves to Canaan; visits Egypt due to a famine in Canaan.
Middle Kingdom	c. 2025-1700	11-13	Egypt reunited; nobles suppressed	Joseph comes to power. Israelites move to Egypt in mid 1800's
2 nd Intermediate period	c. 1700-1550	14-17	The Hyksos , a Semitic people controlled the north, south ruled by princes	Israelites living in Egypt
New Kingdom	c. 1550-1069	18-20	Ahmosé expelled the Hyksos. Egypt became an imperial power until c.1200 when it began to decline	Moses & the exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt & slavery. c. 1446
3rd Intermediate period	c. 1069-664	21-25	Assyrians invaded Egypt 677-663; became a vassal state	Solomon married Pharaoh's daughter, Naamah c. 960
Late period:	664-525	26-32	609 Egypt defeated Josiah. 605 Babylon defeated Assyria & Egypt at Carchemish	586 Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians. Jews into exile
Persian period	525-404; 343-332		Persians conquered Babylonians & Egypt	539 Persians defeated Babylonians & Cyrus II allowed Jews to return from exile to Israel
Late Dynastic Period	404-343	28-30	Last native Egyptian rulers	
Greek & Macedonian era	332-31		Egypt conquered by Alexander the Great	Also conquered Palestine
Roman period	31 BC - 640 AD		Romans conquered Egypt	Romans conquered Palestine 63 BC

c. = circa = approximate. It is difficult to be certain about early dates

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