

EGYPTIAN HISTORY

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LATE PERIOD c. 1,100 to 336 BCE

Alexander the Great 336 BC

Ptolemaic Egypt and Cleopatra c.335-30 BC

Conquest by Alexander the Great

Ptolemaic Egypt

A Macedonian Dynasty, the last is **the** Cleopatra
Much temple building to placate the Egyptians

Roman and Byzantine Egypt 30 BC -- 639 AD

Octavian(Augustus) conquers Egypt 30 BC
Egyptian temples maintained until 395 AD when
Theodosius I and
Christianity becomes the state religion; fundamental
changes in art and intellectual life
Philae closed 550 AD, all knowledge of ancient Egypt dies

Islamic Egypt 641 -- present

Arabs conquer Egypt, Islam quickly becomes the dominant religion
Copts at first enjoy freedom of worship
642 Fustat founded
656-661 civil war between Caliph Ali (Muhammed's son-in-law)
and Omayyads of Damascus

Umayyads 658--750
a brilliant period

Abbasids 750--868
first none Arab dyn. (Persian); est. capital at Baghdad
Copts now oppressed, frequent revolts in Eg.

TULUNIDS 868--905
brief period of Eg. independence

great building period under Ibn Tulun (Syrian style Mosque)
905--969 several short lived periods

FATAMIDS 969--1171

Shiites who trace lineage thru Fatima (M's dgtr)
970 El-Azhar Mosque & Univ. founded
El-Hakim declares himself reincarnation of Ali; disappears
in Moqattam hills; Druse believe he withdrew to reappear as the
Messiah

1074--94 building stone walls and gates of Cairo

1094--1101 First Crusade

SALADIN

AYYUBIDS 1171--1250

Reign of Saladdin most brilliant medieval period in Cairo

1218 5th Crusade

1229 Frederick & 6th Crusade/Sal. concludes treaty

MAMELUKES

1250--1517

much building in Cairo (now a dominant Islamic city)

Selim The Grim conquers Egypt

TURKISH RULE

1517--1882

=new Mosque style

1798 Napoleon Bonaparte; battle of pyramids

Muhamed Ali 1805-82 (Albanian)

1811 banquet for 450 Mameluke leaders

1869 Suez Canal opens = French & English interest

1881 first "Egypt for the Egyptians" war

1882 England takes over; thus nationalism = Islam

British Administration

1882 --1922

1922 -- 52 Kingdom of Egypt (Farouk); Br. mandate still

REPUBLIC 1922 -- now

Nasser and socialism;

Sadat and rapprochement;

Mubarak

Arab Spring

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

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