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## P R E F A C E

THIS volume has been prepared for the use of visitors to the monuments of Upper Egypt, that is to say, all those situated between Balianeh, the southernmost town of Middle Egypt, and Adendân, the last Egyptian village on this side of the Sudan frontier. The majority of visitors, after leaving Cairo and its neighbourhood, do not make more than one or two excursions in Middle Egypt; and the fact that the present writer has not the opportunity to describe the ancient sites between Cairo and Balianeh, will not be found greatly to lessen the scope of the book.

The only claim which is made for this Guide is that each chapter has been written actually in, or in a few cases a stone's throw away from, the temples or tombs therein described. The information supplied is derived from careful and prolonged personal observation and thought, checked and augmented by the study of the handful of pertinent books which alone could be carried; and there is no antiquity or ancient site, however small,

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here recorded which has not been personally seen and examined.

The object of the Guide being alone the describing of the ancient remains and the explaining of their purpose, no other information has been given, except a few hints as to the best methods of visiting the various sites.

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LUXOR, 1909

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A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF THE  
PHARAOHS OF EGYPT

*(The dates here given are those of Professor Breasted)*

DYNASTY 0

At this period Egypt was divided into the two kingdoms of the Upper and Lower country. The names of several of the Kings of the Delta are known, and those of two or three of the Upper Egyptian kings have been found. The latter dynasty seems to have ended with :

Selk . . . . .	B.C. 3450
Narmer . . . . .	B.C. 3425

DYNASTY I

Narmer and his son(?) Mena united the two kingdoms, and their successors reigned over Upper and Lower Egypt, their capital being Memphis.

1. Mena . . . . .	B.C. 3400
Seven other kings.	

DYNASTY II

Nine kings who reigned at Memphis. . . . . B.C. 3200

DYNASTY III

Nine kings who reigned at Memphis . . . . .	B.C. 3000
3. Zeser . . . . .	B.C. 2980
10. Sneferu . . . . .	B.C. 2900

DYNASTY IV

This was the great age of the pyramid builders of Gizeh.

1. Khufu . . . . .	B.C. 2900
3. Khafra . . . . .	B.C. 2850
4. Menkaura . . . . .	B.C. 2825
7. Shepseskaf . . . . .	B.C. 2750

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DYNASTY V

The kings of this dynasty are said to have been of Heliopolitan origin.

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Userkaf     | . . . . . | B.C. 2750 |
| 2. Sabura      | . . . . . | B.C. 2743 |
| 3. Neferarkara | . . . . . | B.C. 2731 |
| 8. Asesa       | . . . . . | B.C. 2683 |
| 9. Unas        | . . . . . | B.C. 2655 |

DYNASTY VI

During this dynasty, which ruled at Memphis, the princes of the various provinces of Egypt obtained a degree of power which they had never before possessed ; and the period has a distinctly feudal character.

- |                |           |           |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Teta        | . . . . . | B.C. 2625 |
| 2. Userkara    | . . . . . | B.C. 2600 |
| 3. Pepy I.     | . . . . . | B.C. 2590 |
| 4. Merenra I.  | . . . . . | B.C. 2570 |
| 5. Pepy II.    | . . . . . | B.C. 2565 |
| 6. Merenra II. | . . . . . | B.C. 2475 |

DYNASTY VII

Very little is known of this dynasty, which ruled at Memphis.  
B.C. 2475

DYNASTY VIII

Very little is known of this dynasty, which also ruled at Memphis . . . . . B.C. 2450

DYNASTY IX

This dynasty is also very obscure. The family is said to have been of Herakleopolitan origin . . . . B.C. 2445

DYNASTY X

This dynasty, though obscure, is better known than the last. It was also Herakleopolitan . . . . . B.C. 2300

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DYNASTY XI

This is the first Theban dynasty, the ruling family being originally princes of Thebes.

1. Antef I.	}	B.C. 2160-2110
2. Antef II.		
5. Nebtaura Mentuhotep		B.C. 2076-2030
6. Nebhapetra Mentuhotep		B.C. 2030-2002
7. Seankhkara Mentuhotep		B.C. 2002-2000

DYNASTY XII

Egypt was very prosperous under this second Theban dynasty ; and the ruins of many buildings of this period are known.

1. Amenemhat I.	B.C. 2000-1970
2. Senusert I.	B.C. 1970-1935
3. Amenemhat II.	B.C. 1935-1903
4. Senusert II.	B.C. 1903-1887
5. Senusert III.	B.C. 1887-1849
6. Amenemhat III.	B.C. 1849-1801
7. Amenemhat IV.	B.C. 1801-1792
8. Sebekneferura	B.C. 1792-1788

DYNASTY XIII

This dynasty is still rather obscure. It was also Theban.

Sebekhotep II.	} Between B.C. 1788 and B.C. 1700
Neferhotep	
Sebekhotep III.	
Sebekemsaf.	
Many other kings.	

DYNASTY XIV

Very little is known of this dynasty, which is said to be of Xoïte origin . . . . . About B.C. 1700

DYNASTIES XV AND XVI

These are the Hyksos, or "Shepherd," dynasties, when Egypt was under the dominion of Asiatics.

Khyan.	B.C. 1700
Apepa I.	B.C. 1650

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DYNASTY XVII

This was the Theban dynasty which revolted against the Hyksos.

- 3. (?) Sekenenra III. . . . . B.C. 1600
- 4. (?) Kames . . . . . B.C. 1590

DYNASTY XVIII

Under this Theban dynasty the power of Egypt reached its zenith.

- 1. Aahmes I. . . . . B.C. 1580-1557
- 2. Amenhotep I. . . . . } B.C. 1557-1501
- 3. Thothmes I. . . . . }
- 4. Thothmes II. . . . . } B.C. 1501-1447
- 5. Hatshepsut . . . . . }
- 6. Thothmes III. . . . . }
- 7. Amenhotep II. . . . . B.C. 1447-1420
- 8. Thothmes IV. . . . . B.C. 1420-1411
- 9. Amenhotep III. . . . . B.C. 1411-1375
- 10. Amenhotep IV.: Akhnaton . . . . B.C. 1375-1358
- 11. Smenkhkara . . . . . } B.C. 1358-1350
- 12. Tutankhamen . . . . . }
- 13. Ay . . . . . }

DYNASTY XIX

After the reign of Rameses II. the power of Egypt began to decline. This dynasty was also Theban.

- 1. Horemheb . . . . . B.C. 1350-1315
- 2. Rameses I. . . . . B.C. 1315-1314
- 3. Sety I. . . . . B.C. 1313-1292
- 4. Rameses II. . . . . B.C. 1292-1225
- 5. Merenptah . . . . . B.C. 1225-1215
- 6. Amenmeses . . . . . B.C. 1215
- 7. Septah . . . . . B.C. 1215-1209
- 8. Sety II. . . . . B.C. 1209-1205

DYNASTY XX

This was the last Theban dynasty. Except for Rameses III. the Pharaohs were nonentities.

- 1. Setnekht . . . . . B.C. 1200-1198
- 2. Rameses III. . . . . B.C. 1198-1167
- 3. Rameses IV. . . . . B.C. 1167-1161
- 4. Rameses V. . . . . B.C. 1161-1157



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5. Rameses VI.	. . . . .	} B.C. 1157-1142
6. Rameses VII.	. . . . .	
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9. Rameses X.	. . . . .	B.C. 1123-1121
10. Rameses XI.	. . . . .	B.C. 1121-1118
11. Rameses XII.	. . . . .	B.C. 1118-1090

DYNASTY XXI

This dynasty was Tanite. The power of the High Priests of Amen was now at its height.

1. Herhor	. . . . .	} B.C. 1090-1085
2. Nesubanebbed	. . . . .	
3. Pasebkhennu I.	. . . . .	B.C. 1085-1067
4. Painezem I.	. . . . .	B.C. 1067-1026
5. Amenemapt	. . . . .	B.C. 1026-976
6. Seamen	. . . . .	B.C. 976-958
7. Pasebkhennu II.	. . . . .	B.C. 958-945

DYNASTY XXII

This dynasty was Bubastite, but some traces of its activities are found in Upper Egypt.

1. Sheshonk I.	. . . . .	B.C. 945-924
3. Takeloth I.	. . . . .	B.C. 895-874
4. Osorkon II.	. . . . .	B.C. 874-853
6. Takeloth II.	. . . . .	B.C. 860-834
Other kings.		

DYNASTY XXIII

This dynasty was Tanite, but it is somewhat obscure.  
B.C. 745-718

DYNASTY XXIV

This dynasty, which was Saite, is of little importance.  
B.C. 718-712

DYNASTY XXV

We here have three Ethiopian kings, during whose rule Egypt was invaded by the Assyrians.

1. Shabaka	. . . . .	B.C. 712-700
2. Shabataka	. . . . .	B.C. 700-688
3. Taharka	. . . . .	B.C. 688-663

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DYNASTY XXVI

During this dynasty, which was of Saïte origin, there was an attempt to remodel the country on the lines of the Old Kingdom.

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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Psametik I.   | B.C. 663-609 |
| 2. Necho         | B.C. 609-593 |
| 3. Psametik II.  | B.C. 593-588 |
| 4. Apries        | B.C. 588-569 |
| 5. Aahmes II.    | B.C. 569-525 |
| 6. Psametik III. | B.C. 525     |

DYNASTY XXVII

During this dynasty Egypt was under the rule of the Persian kings, who were regarded as Pharaohs . . . . . B.C. 525-415

DYNASTY XXVIII

This was a Saïte dynasty of no importance . . . . . B.C. 415-399

DYNASTY XXIX

This dynasty was of Mendesian origin . . . . . B.C. 399-378

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|----------|--------------|
| 2. Hakar | B.C. 393-380 |
|----------|--------------|

DYNASTY XXX

This is the last Egyptian dynasty. It was of Sebennyte origin, and attained to some power.

- |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Nectanebo I.  | B.C. 378-361 |
| 2. Nectanebo II. | B.C. 359-342 |

DYNASTY XXXI

This marks the second dominion of the Persians over Egypt.  
B.C. 342-332

DYNASTY XXXII

During this period Alexander the Great, Philip Arrhidæos, and Alexander II. ruled over Egypt as Pharaohs . . . . . B.C. 332-305

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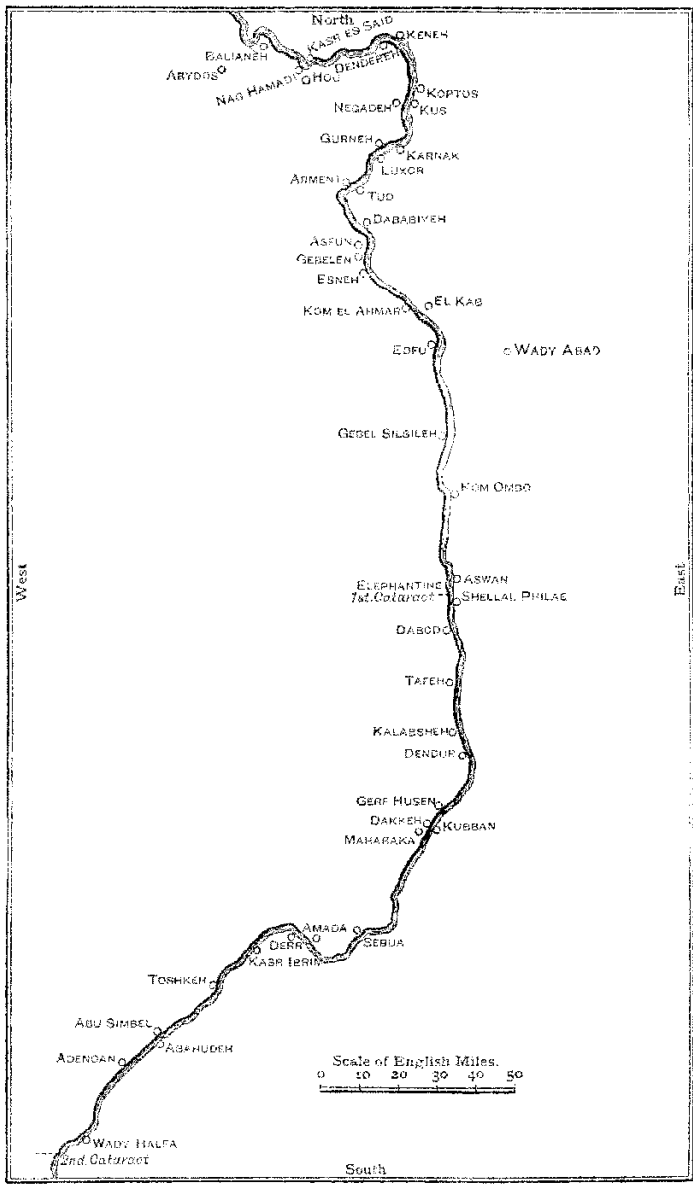
This is the well-known Ptolemaic period, when Egypt once more became a nation of some power.

1. Ptolemy I., Soter I.	B.C. 304-283
2. Ptolemy II., Philadelphus	B.C. 283-246
3. Ptolemy III., Euergetes I.	B.C. 246-222
4. Ptolemy IV., Philopator	B.C. 221-205
5. Ptolemy V., Epiphanes	B.C. 205-181
6. Ptolemy VI., Philometor	B.C. 181-170
7. Ptolemy VII., Eupator	
8. Ptolemy VIII.	
9. Ptolemy IX., Euergetes II.	B.C. 170-116
10. Ptolemy X., Soter II. Lathyrus	B.C. 117-106
11. Ptolemy XI., Alexander I.	B.C. 106-87
12. Ptolemy XII., Alexander II.	B.C. 87-80
13. Ptolemy XIII., Neos Dionysos	B.C. 80-51
14. Ptolemy XIV.	B.C. 51-23
15. Ptolemy XV.	
16. Ptolemy XVI., Cæsarion	

DYNASTY XXXIV

Egypt was ruled by the Emperors of Rome, each of whom became Pharaoh B.C. 30-A.D. 394

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