

Kingdoms of Ancient Egypt

Ancient Egypt's first great period of power and accomplishments is known as the Old Kingdom. Most of the famous pyramids were built at this time, including Khufu's Great Pyramid, as well as the Sphinx at Giza. It was also a time when art, literature, and trade flourished.

During the Middle Kingdom period, rulers from Thebes reunited Egypt under one government and began a new and powerful dynasty. Amenemhet I, one of the first of these rulers, moved Egypt's capital north to a place near the city of Memphis. He and his successors built forts along the borders of Egypt to protect it from

invaders. They brought gold and copper into Egypt from mines in Nubia and Sinai. They also used their water resources from the Nile to build large irrigation works and reclaim 17,000 acres of land for farming. It was during the Middle Kingdom period (Genesis 41) that Joseph sustained the Egyptians during a severe famine.

The last great period of leadership was the New Kingdom. Egypt's borders expanded as its armies invaded parts of Asia. During the reign of Thutmose III, the Egyptian empire reached the height of its power, becoming the mightiest, wealthiest nation in the Middle East.

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