Timeline of Historical Events

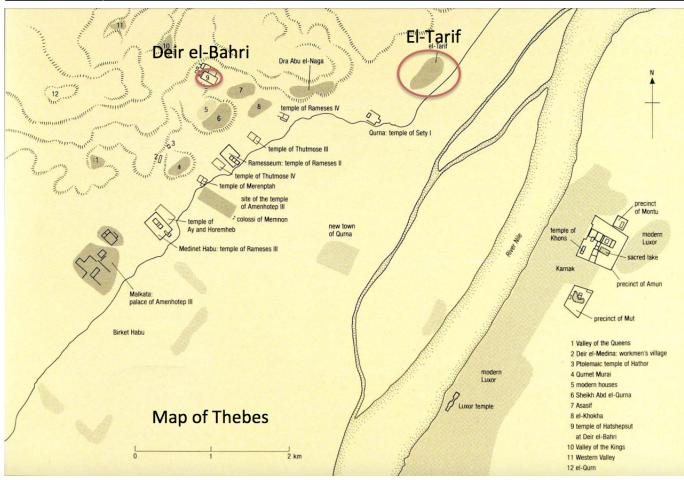
- 730 Piye takes nearly all of Egypt, becoming first Pharaoh of the 25th Dynasty. Lower Egypt, under a vassal king, tends to run itself.
- 720 Piye foements rebellion in Philistia and Gaza against the Assyrians, but these are put down. This begins the Sargonite's hatred of the Egyptians.
- 714 Piye dies, and Shebitku becomes Pharaoh.
- 712 710 Shebitku conquers Lower Egypt. Burns Bakenranef (last heir of the 24th dynasty) alive.
- 706 Shebitku extradites a rebel to Sargon in a bid to appease him. This is an unpopular maneuver.
- 705 Shabaka becomes Pharaoh after Shebitku dies under mysterious circumstances.
- 705 Sargon II dies in battle. Sennacherib consolidates power of the next 3 years.
- 703 Sennacharib puts down a Babylonian revolt.
- 701 Shabaka allies with Babylon and the kings of the Levant. Sennacharib destroys many of the city-states of the Levant, and then lays seige to Jerusalem. Shabaka comes to their aid, sending Taharqa as general of his armies, and a huge Assyrian army is destroyed.
- 694 Sennacharib's eldest son is eliminated as king of Babylon. Sennacharib names Esarhaddon his crown prince, to his older brother's dismay.
- 690 Taharqa becomes Pharaoh after the death of his uncle Shabaka
- 689 Sennacharib destroys Babylon, very unpopular, seen as sacriligious
- 681 Sennacharib dies, assasinated by his elder son. Esarhaddon returns to Nineveh, defeats his brothers and becomes king.
- 675 Preliminary Advance by Esarhaddon turned back
- 673 First real invasion by Esarhaddon
- 672 Ashurbanipal's eldest brother dies, and his other older brother is King of Babylon, so he becomes crown prince. He is not liked (especially by the priesthood), so Esarhaddon has to make deals with families to ensure loyalty to him.
- 671 Esarhaddon brings full on war to Taharqa, takes Memphis, and captures his heir. Taharqa flees south to Thebes.

Visuals

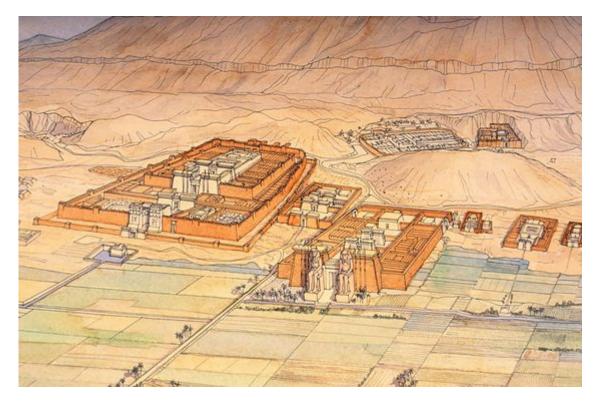
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Map of Thebes:





South end of the Necropolis (West Bank, Thebes). Includes the Temple of Millions of Years of Ramses III, which has been the palace for royals and visiting Pharaoh's for a couple of centuries:



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