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Why Capital Change?

EGYPT- The new city was named Memphis. It was on the border of the reunited Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt, founded by King Narmer (AKA King Menes). Menes made the great city of Memphis under God Ptah, the creator god. The streets of this new city were filled with joy, prospering craftsman, and wonderful stores. Of course, this city would become Egypt's capital, and it did.

On the banks of the Nile, around 1500 BCE, the legendary hero *Kadmos* with an unknown number of *Phoenicians* came and founded *Thebes*. On a high ground, the so-called later *Kadmeia*, he built a splendid palace and probably introduced the neat Phoenician alphabetical writing, although the art was not used, until centuries later. Thebes got known more and more to the outer Egypt. Soon, the city became almost like Memphis. Many craftsmen were around, lots of jewelers too. The population went up like a steep hill.

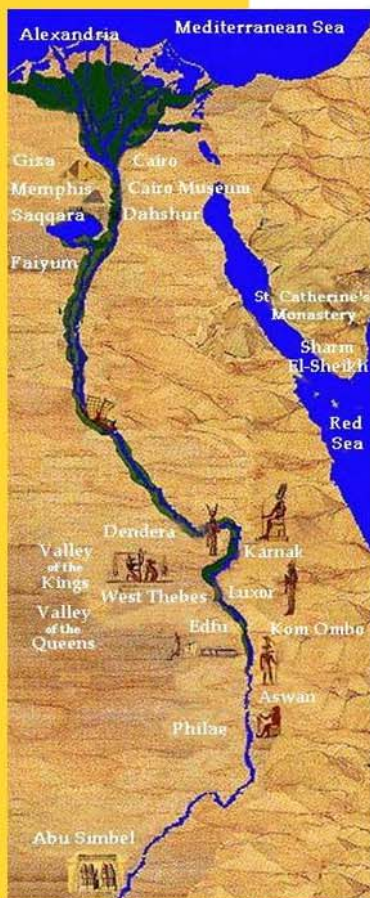
Memphis, on the other hand, was dying. It would never collapse

totally, but even population was dropping. People thought that the capital of Egypt couldn't stay like this, as you might have. So action was taken. Thebes was a city very powerful in the days around 1600

BCE. So, Thebes was made the new capital. It prospered even more, as Egypt's capital. A long time later, after the capital changed again, Thebes sadly got invaded and totally destroyed. It was known as **The Seven Against Thebes**. Also, Memphis was gaining in population and business again. It was reviving with a new life. The ancient city was never capital again, but it was for sure, a huge part to Ancient Egypt.

You may have known about it before, but you probably didn't know why this usual capital change occurred. The rise and fall of one city can always affect the economics, capital, and population of Egypt.

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Fashion, Clothes, and... Fashion

In the Middle Kingdom, there have been many styles of clothing and hairstyles. The hot and sunny climate of Egypt means that simple lightweight linen clothes are the preferred choice of most people. Men usually dress in short linen kilts with a band of cloth worn over the



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The only exception is a man's thin mustache or goatee."

—Pharaoh

shoulders, and women in long fitted linen dresses. More material was used in the masculine skirt, making it longer—sometimes down to the ankles—and fuller.

The men also wear elaborate and ornamental pendants which were attached to their belts. Men and women often shave their hair and wear wigs, usually made from human hair and braided and styled in countless different ways, from the simple to sheer elaborate. High officials and noblemen wear

mid-calf kilts with a large apron stiffened to maintain its triangular shape. They also wear very elaborate necklaces. Female servants wear simple sheath dresses. Cosmetics, perfumes and other rituals are an important part of our dress. Us Egyptians think that an abundance of facial hair is a sign of uncleanness. The pharaoh commented that there is an exception to this. He said that a man's thin mustache or goatee. Tweezers pull out individual hairs. Oils and creams are very important against the hot sun and dry, sandy winds. The oils keep skin soft and supple and prevent ailments caused by dry cracked skin. People always paint their eyelids black to reflect of the sun. As you can see, appearance is important here in Egypt.



Inside Story Headline



Dear Minkah...

Advice Column

By Sameer Bansal



Dear Minkah,

My name is Sadiki. My daughter Halima is very ill. I have her in bed because she is always moaning and feeling bad. I am worried. What shall I do. Please help my daughter. I don't want anything to be done to her.

--Sadiki

Dear Sadiki,

Don't panic. You can take her to get a medicine. Also get an amulet for dear Hamila and take her to a priest to do spells over her. I will cure her. I hope she gets well. Take it easy.



Your advisor,

Minkah

Dear Minkah,

I am a very poor man who only owns a small hut. I barely have enough food or money to feed myself, what about my wife and three starving children. I barely had enough money to write this letter to you. Luckily, I live near papyrus. Is there a way to get money or grow plants? Can we eat wild plants? My families life is in your hands.

Help

us,

Maskini

Dear Maskini,

I have an idea. You live near papyrus. Pick them and make stalks. Have your kids and you take the stalks to town and sell them. That is a way to make money. If



you live near plants like the lotus, you can eat the roots of plants. They are good cooked. You have to come up with ideas based on your surroundings. You can use your skills to get a job. Until you get a job, or sell papyrus, or even get wild roots, hold in there.

**Don't give up,
Minkah**



Ads & More

Missing Bread!
By Sameer Bansal

Local citizen Salih is being robbed of bread!

If you know anything, tell Salih – lives next to goldsmith shop.



Coffin Sale!
By Sameer Bansal

Get Pink Granite Coffins with lid for 20% cheaper!

Come to your stonecutting shop with coupon today!

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