

# The Exodus from Egypt

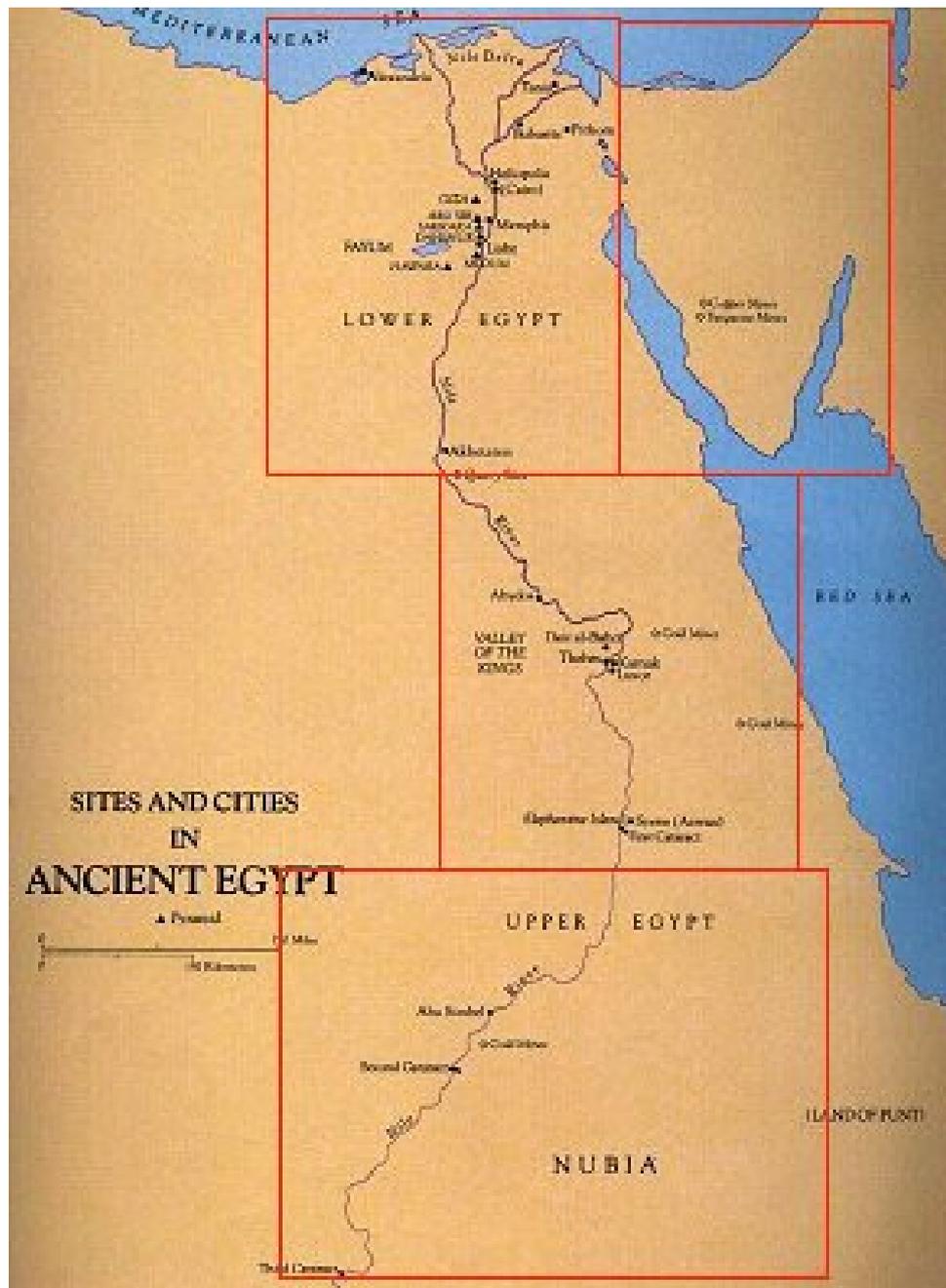
An analysis of relevant  
archaeological artifacts and texts

**מְצָרִים**

XXX-ים

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# Narmer Palette



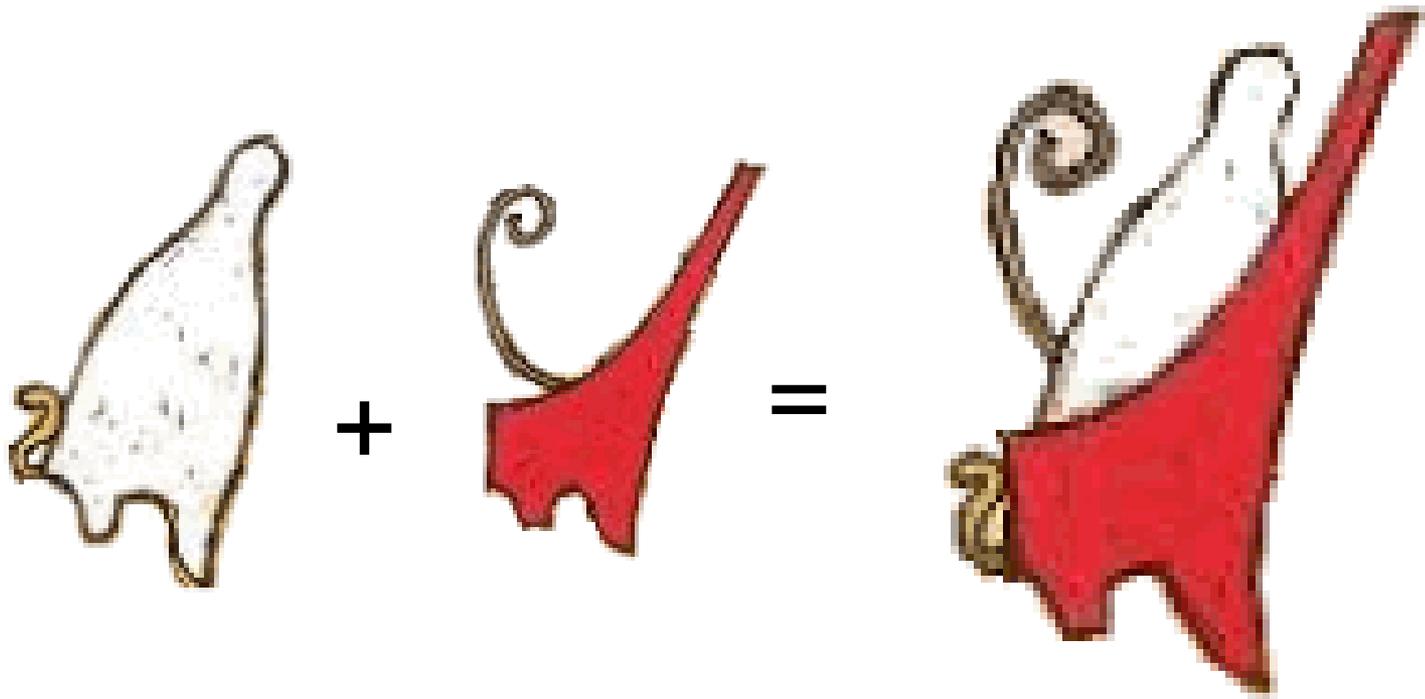
# Red Crown of Lower Egypt



# White Crown of Upper Egypt

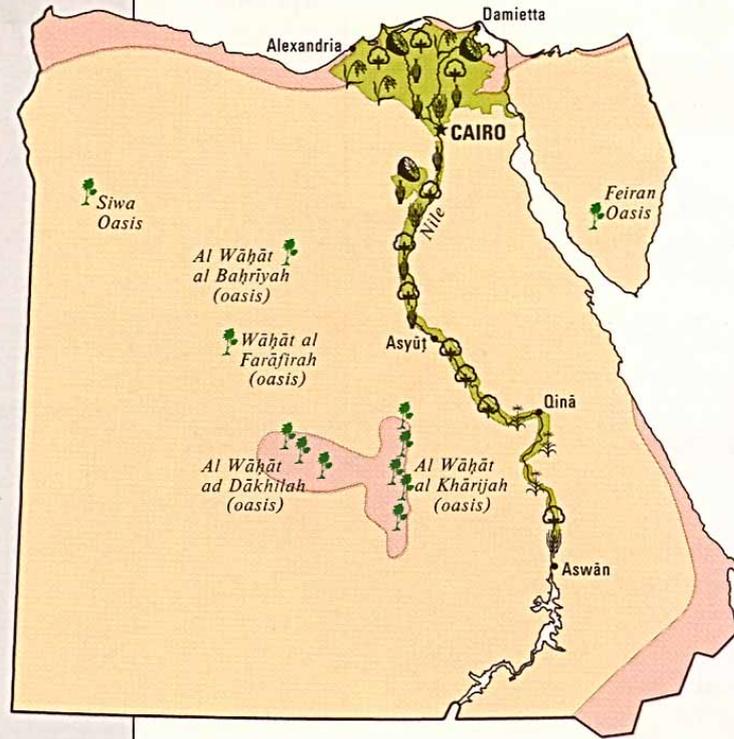


# Evolution of Egyptian Royal Crown

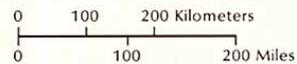


וַיִּשָׂא-לוֹט אֶת-עֵינָיו וַיַּרְא אֶת-  
כָּל-כְּפַר הַיַּרְדֵּן כִּי כָלָה מִנְשֻׁקָה--  
לְפָנָיו שַׁחַת הִיא אֶת-סֹדֹם וְאֶת-  
עַמּוֹרָה כְּגֵן-הַכְּנָעַן מִצְרַיִם

# Land Use



-  Irrigated farming
-  Rough grazing/nomadic herding
-  Wasteland
-  Oasis
-  Citrus
-  Corn
-  Cotton
-  Rice
-  Sugarcane
-  Wheat

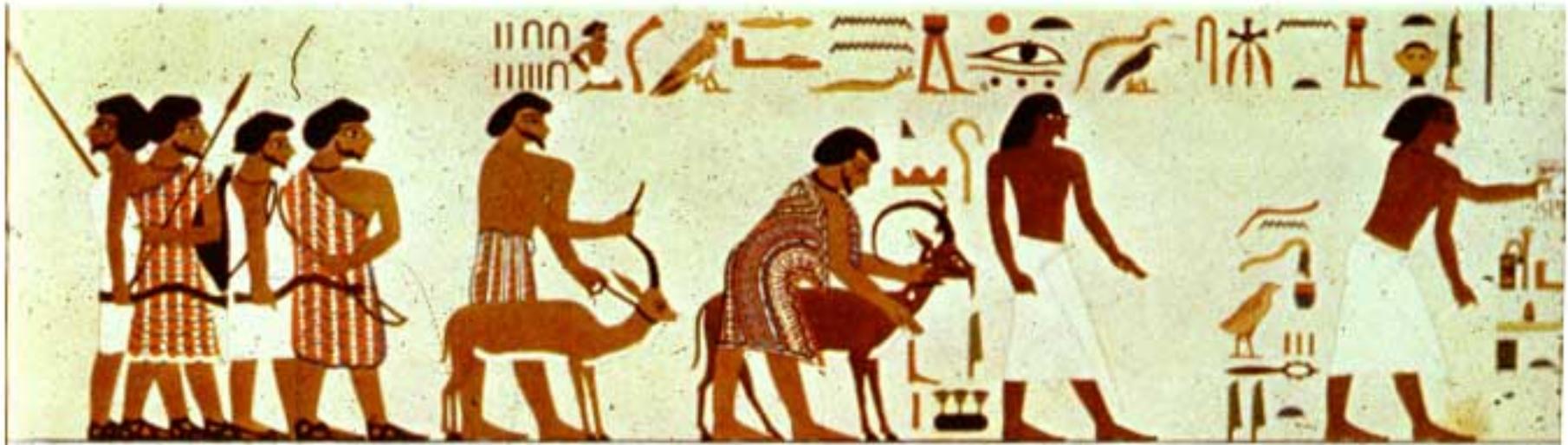


וַיֹּאמֶר פְּרַעֲהַ אֶל-יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר: אָבִיךָ  
וְאֶחָיִךָ בָּאוּ אֵלַיךָ  
אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לְפָנֶיךָ הוּא  
--בְּמִיטֵב הָאָרֶץ, הוֹשִׁיב אֶת-אָבִיךָ וְאֶת-  
אֶחָיִךָ יֹשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ גִּשְׁן



ויאסור יוסף מרכבתו, ויעל  
לקראת-ישראל אביו גושנה

# Beni Hasan Wall Painting



# Letter about Edomite Shepherds in Egypt

" Another communication to my [lord], to [wit: We] have finished letting the Bedouin tribes of Edom pass the Fortress [of] Mer-ne-Ptah Hotep-hir-Maat--life, prosperity, health!--which is (in) Tjeku, (56) to the pools of Per-Atum [of] Mer-[ne]- Ptah Hotep-hir-Maat, which are (in) Tjeku, to keep them alive and to keep their cattle alive, through the great ka of Pharaoh --life, prosperity, health!--the good sun of every land, in the year 8, 5 [intercalary] days, [the Birth of] Seth." I have had them brought in a copy of the report to the [place where] my lord is, as well as the other names of days' when the Fortress of Mer-ne-Ptah Hotep-hir-Maat --life, prosperity, health!--which is (in) [Tj]ek[u], may be passed

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Papyrus Anastasi VI

נגד אבותם, עשה פלא; בארץ מצריים

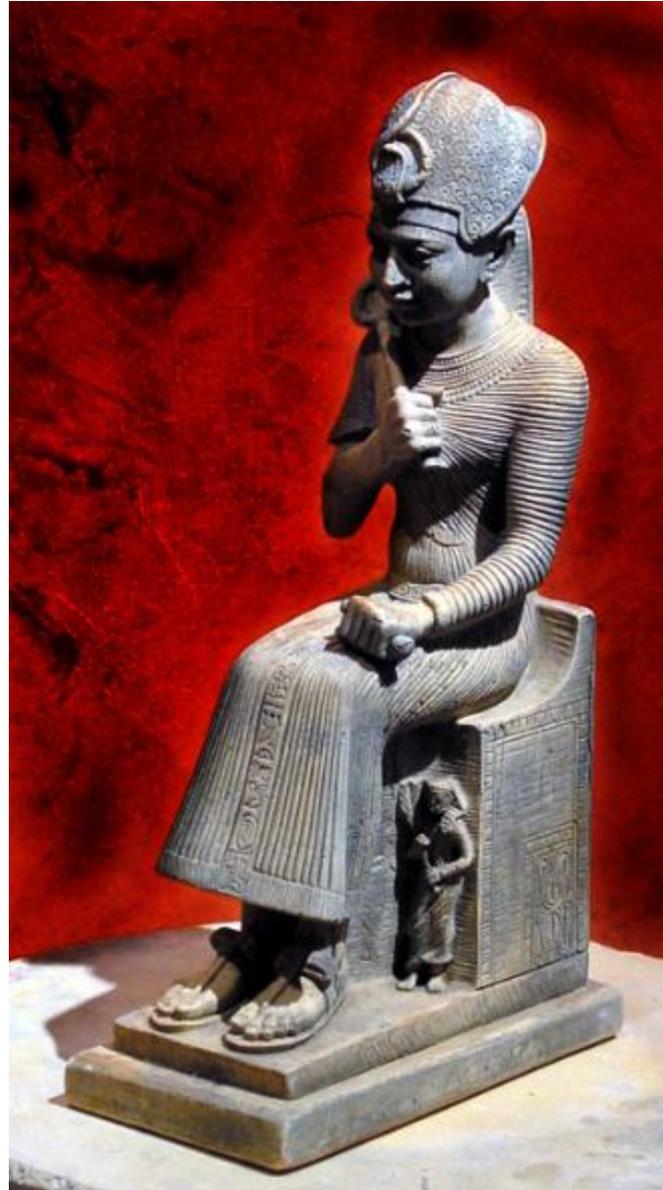
שדה-צוען

אשר-שם במצריים, אותותיו; ומופתיו,

בשדה-צוען

תהילים עח יב, מג

# Ramses II



וייבן ערי מסכנות, לפרעה--  
את-פיתום, ואת-רעמסס

# The Temple at Abu-Simbel



# Great Pyramid of Giza (made of limestone, basalt and granite)



# The Great Sphinx- carved from stone



# Pyramid of Sesostris-24.5 million bricks!



”He is dirtier than vines or pigs from treading under his mud. His clothes are stiff with clay, his leather belt is going to ruin. Entering into the wind he is miserable... His sides ache, since he must be outside in treacherous wind...His arms are destroyed with technical work...What he eats is the bread of his fingers, and he washes only once a season. He is simply wretched through and through...”

-from “The Satire on the Trades”

# Drawing of Brick-Making from Tomb of Rekhmire



לא תוסיפון לתת תבן לעם ללבון הלבנינים--  
כתמול שלשום: הם ילכו, וקוששו להם  
תבן.

ואת-מתכונת הלבנינים אשר הם עושים תמול  
שלשום, תשימו עליהם--לא תגרעו ממנו

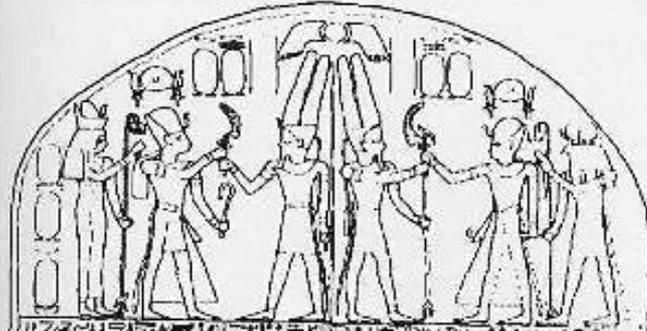
# Merneptah Stele



## Last Stanza:

- 1 The princes are prostrate saying: "Mercy!"
- 2 Not one raises his head above the Nine Bows:
- 3 Desolation is for Tehenu, Hatti is pacified,
- 4 Plundered is the Canaan with every evil.
- 5 Carries off is Ashkelon, seized upon is Gezer,
- 6 Yanoam made as that which does not exist;
- 7 **Israel is laid waste, his seed is not,**
- 8 Hurru is become a widow for Egypt!
- 9 All lands together, they are pacified;
- 10 Everyone who was restless, he has been bound
- 11 By the King of Upper and Lower Egypt...

# The 'Israel Stela' of Merenptah



[26] *wrw pḥd hr dd š3rm bn w' hr f3 tp.f m t3 pdt*  
 9 *ḥf n tḥnw ḥ3k p3 k3nn m bin nb* [27] *inw lskrny*  
*mḥw m kḡr ynw'm ṛ.w m tm wn ysri3r fk.ṫ bn prt.f*  
*ḥ3rw ḥpr.w m ḥ3rt n* [28] *t3-mri t3w nbw dmd st m*  
*ḥpw p3 nty nb m šm3 iw.tw hr w'f.f*

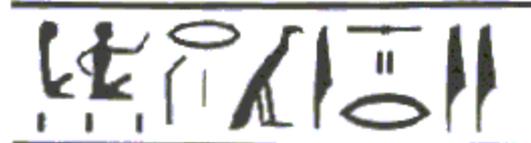
'Much has been made of the second phrase "his seed (*pr.t*) is not" ... But this phrase is found five times elsewhere in the inscription referring to a number of other peoples ... The words are, therefore, a conventional phrase applicable to any defeated and plundered people, and cannot possibly designate an incident peculiar to the history of Israel ...'

J. H. Breasted: *Ancient Records of Egypt* Vol. 3 (Chicago, 1906), pp. 257-58.

*The phrase belongs to a convention of New Kingdom monumental texts which contrasts the impotence of a foreign land with the overwhelming potency of the king of Egypt. It is perhaps to be translated: 'Israel lies fallow, and it has no seed.'* - Eds.



The name 'Israel' as it appears in the hieroglyphs of the stela: reading from right to left - Y-s-r-ṯ-3-r/1. The name is followed by the throw-stick denoting a foreigner and then by the sign-group of a seated man and woman and the three plural strokes (i.e. denoting a population or people?). [Illustration: P. van der Veen]



ויהי, בשלח פרעה את-העם, ולא-נחם  
אלוקים דרך ארץ פלשתים, כי קרוב  
הוא: כי אמר אלוקים, פן-יינחם העם  
בראותם מלחמה--ושבו מצריימה

# Papyrus Anastasi V

“Another matter, to wit: I was sent forth from the broad-halls of the palace--life, prosperity, health!--in the 3rd month of the third season, day 9, at **the time of evening**, following after these two slaves. Now when I reached the enclosure-wall of **Tjeku** on the 3rd month of the third season, day 10, they told [me] they were saying to the south that they had passed by on the 3rd month of the third season, day 10.(xx 1) [Now] when [I] reached the fortress, they told me that the scout had come from the desert [saying that] they had passed the walled place north of the **Migdol** of Seti Mer-ne-Ptah--life, prosperity, ~health!--Beloved like Seth.” When my letter reaches you, write to me about all that has happened to [them]. Who found their tracks? Which watch found their tracks? What people are after them? Write to me about all that has happened to them and how many people you send out after them.  
[May your health] be good!”

# Egyptian Personal Names

- Moses
- Pinchas
- Shifrah
- Puah

# Canopic Jars



# The Judgment of the Dead



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וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֱלֹהֵי-מִטְשָׁה, כָּבֵד לֵב פִּרְעֹה