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Extracts from Egyptologists on the lack of accurate
historical remains from Egyptian History

I. Lack of History.

From Sir Alan Gardiner, Egypt of the Pharaohs, p.53:

Obscure

"It must never be forgotten that we are dealing with a civilization thousands of years old and one of which only tiny remnants have survived. What is proudly advertised as Egyptian history is merely a collection of rags and tatters."

Plutarch understood about the paucity of Egyptian historical remains:

"There are after all some slight and obscure traces of true history here and there to be found, as they lie scattered up and down in the ancient writings of Egypt. But it requires a person of uncommon address to find them out; one, who can deduce great truths from scanty remains" (Plutarch, EROTICA, p. 762 - quoted by Bryant, vol. 5, p.401).

II. Manetho's arbitrary (supposedly) arrangements of pharaohs.

From Sir Alan Gardiner, p.48: (Showing differences with Turin Canon)

"the points at which a fresh family (usually called dynasty) is begun do not always coincide in the two authorities."

From Sir Alan Gardiner, p.61:

"In the earlier days of Egyptology its adepts accepted the evidence of Manetho with a childlike credulity which had as its only excuse the absence or shortage of more trustworthy information, and today there are still certain scholars not wholly innocent of this erroneous mode of calculation. It is useless here to repeat what had been stated above as to the untrustworthiness of Manetho, at least in the form which it has come down to us."

From Sir Alan Gardiner, p.62:

"Of far greater chronological value is the Turin Canon of Kings, or would be if it had extended further and had been better preserved. Here not only were the years of each reign recorded, but also the number of months and days above the full years completed. It is evident that the compiler had at his disposal sources of information not only relatively free from gaps, but also on the whole accurate and reliable."

III. On Egyptian Chronology.

From Cyril Aldred, The Egyptians, p.13:

"The subject of chronology is still a thorny one, despite much recent research..."

From Sir Alan Gardiner, p.47:

"With the mass of material now at our disposal there still remain many doubts with regard to the order of the different reigns, worse of all in what we shall come to know as the First and the Second Intermediate Periods, and then again between Dyns. XXI and XXIV."

From Sir Alan Gardiner, p.53:

"Even when full use has been made of the king-lists and of such subsidiary sources as have survived, the indispensable dynastic framework of Egyptian history shows lamentable gaps and many a doubtful attribution."

"If in dating their inscriptions and ~~navri~~ the Egyptians had employed a consecutive era like our own or like that which the Muhammedans reckon from the Flight of the Prophet of Mecca to Medina, no serious chronological problem would have arisen. Unfortunately for us from Dyn XI onwards each king counted only by the years of his own reign, and for the earliest dynasties there are still further complications."

IV. Monumental inaccuracies.

From James Breasted, A History of Egypt, pp.23, 24:

"Monumental sources even when full and complete are at best but insufficient records, affording data for only the meagrest outlines of great achievements and important epochs."

"Imagine writing a history of Greece from the few Greek inscriptions surviving."

From Sir Alan Gardiner, pp.55, 56, 57:

"In general it may be said that anything sinister or unsuccessful in the careers of the Pharaohs is carefully suppressed, thus depriving us of just that information which gives authentic history its colour and complexion."

"Every Egyptian king was represented as a conqueror alike in the ancient writings and in the reliefs on the temple walls."

"Not only did certain kings ruthlessly quarry stone from the buildings of their predecessors, with the result that many valuable inscriptions and scenes remained hidden behind temple walls claimed by them as their own, but also they did not hesitate to ascribe to themselves deeds of heroism or piety in reality borrowed from others."

V. Select Proofs to Show Contemporaneous Dynasties.

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Syncellus says: "It seems, moreover, that different kings held sway in different regions, and that each dynasty was confined to its own nome: ^{there is evidence} thus it was not a succession of kings reigning at the same time in different regions" (Manetho. p.9).

Speaking of the time of Moses, Artapanus (c. 1st B.C.) said:

"For there were at that time several kings in Egypt" (Cory's Fragments, p.162).
(3 dynasties remain)

Also T. Nicklin in his Studies in Egyptian Chronology, p.39, says:
"The Manethonian Dynasties are not lists of rulers over all Egypt, but lists partly of more or less independent princes, partly of princely lines from which later sprang rulers over all Egypt. Some were mere Mayors of the Palace or princelets maintaining a precarious independence, or even more subordinant Governors of nomes, from whom, however, descended subsequent monarchs."

And further, "for the contemporaneous existence of a number of petty kingdoms in Egypt, see the Piankhi stele, Breasted, Ancient Records, IV, 830, 878" (Manetho, p.8).

Kendrick, Ancient Egypt, vol. II, p. 185, records Manetho's political description of Egypt in Josephus. We are told that there were "those (pl.) who commanded the country," also, "the kings of the Thebaid and the rest of Egypt rose up against them." See Josephus, Contra Apion, para. 85.

"The kingdoms of Thebes and Memphis divided Egypt between them for several centuries; and it is certain from Herodotus and Diódorus, that there were at least two kings in that country at the time of the invasion of the

VI. Polyglot titles of Egyptian kings.

The Goddess names:

- a) Hawk name denoted the goddess of Upper Egypt.
- b) Cobra " " " " " Lower Egypt.

The Geographical names:

- c) Reed name: Upper Egypt (White Crown).
- d) Bee (hornet) name: Lower Egypt (Red Crown).

Deity names (gods):

- e) Horus name: Upper Egypt.
- f) Set(h) name: Lower Egypt.
- g) As later gods were adopted, kings assumed other names i.e.
Ra (the sun god), etc.

N.B. A ruler may have any number of names depending upon his authority, etc. This list excludes foreign names for the Pharaohs or names applied to them for bravery, exploits, etc.

VII. Mythological confusion in later Egyptian records:

From Bunson's Egypt.

Isis is the (mother)
 (sister) of OSIRIS
 (wife)
 (daughter)

Osiris is the (son)
 (brother) of ISIS
 (husband)
 (father)

Horus is the (son) of OSIRIS
 (brother)

Horus is OSIRIS himself (re-incarnated), who is cut in pieces.

THE KING LIST OF MANETHO

Africanus Heads This - "The Egyptian Dynasties After the Deluge"

BOOK I

Version
Africanus

Version
Eusebius

Armenian Version
Eusebius

DYNASTY I AT THIS

	Yrs		Yrs		Yrs
1 Menes	62	Menes	60	Menes	30
2 Athothis	57	Athothis	27	Athothis	25 & 27
3 Kenkenes	31	Kenkenes	39	Kenkenes	39
4 Unephes	23	Unephes	42	Vavenephis	42
5 Usaphais	20	Usaphais	20	Usaphaes	20
6 Miebis	26	Miebaes	26	Niebâes	26
7 Semempses (MEM)	18	Semempses	18	Mempses	18
8 Bieneches	26	Bienthes	26	Vibestes	26
Added Total	<u>263</u>	Added Total	<u>258</u>	Added Total	<u>226 & 228</u>
Stated Total	<u>253</u>	Stated Total	<u>252</u>	Stated Total	<u>252</u>

DYNASTY II AT THIS

1 Boethos	38	Bochos	-	Bochos	-
2 Kaiechos	39	Choos	-	Cechous	-
3 Binothis	47	Biophis	-	Biophis	-
4 Tlas	17	-	-	-	-
5 Sethenes	41	-	-	-	-
Chaires	17	-	-	-	-
7 Nephercheres	25	-	48	-	-
8 Sesochris	48	Sesochris	-	Sesochris	48
9 Chenneres	30	-	-	-	-
Added & Stated Total	<u>302</u>	Stated Total	<u>297</u>	Stated Total	<u>297</u>

DYNASTY III AT (MEMPHIS)

1 Necherophes	28	Necherochis	-	Nécherochis	-
2 Tsorthos	29	Sesorthos	-	Sesorthos	-
3 Tyreis	7	-	-	-	-
4 Mesochris	17	-	-	-	-
5 Soyphis	16	-	-	-	-
6 Tosertasis	19	-	-	-	-
7 Achès	42	-	-	-	-
8 Saphuris	30	-	-	-	-
9 Kerpheres	26	-	-	-	-
Added & Stated Total	<u>214</u>	Stated Total	<u>198</u>	Stated Total	<u>197</u>

1	Soris	29	-	-	-	
2	Suphis I. <i>Kaf a class</i>	63	-	-	-	
3	Suphis II.	66	Suphis	-	Suphis	
4	Menkheres	63	-	-	-	
5	Ratoises	25	-	-	-	
6	Bicheris	22	-	-	-	
	Sebercheres	7	-	-	-	
8	Thamphthis	9	-	-	-	
	Added Total	<u>284</u>				
	Stated Total	<u>274</u>	Stated Total	<u>448</u>	Stated Total	<u>448</u>

Eusebius gives "17 Kings for 448 Years"

		<u>DYNASTY V AT ELEPHANTINE</u> <i>Revised Memphis + 448</i>				
1	Usercheres	28	Othoes	-	Othius	-
2	Snephres	13	-	-	-	-
3	Nephercheres	20	-	-	-	-
4	Sisires	7	Phiops	-	Phiops	-
5	Cheres	20	27 Others	-	27 Others	-
6	Rathures	44				
7	Menkheres	9				
8	Tatcherer	44				
	Onnos	33	Eusebius states "31 Kings for		Years"	
	Added Total	<u>218</u>				
	Stated Total	<u>248</u>				

DYNASTY VI AT MEMPHIS

1 Othoes	30	30	-	-	Stated
2 Phios	53	53			Total
3 Methusuphis	7	7			203
4 Phiops	100	95+			Years
5 Menthesuphis	1	1			
6 Nitokris	12	12	Nitokris	-	Nitokris
Added Total	203	198+			
Stated Total	203				

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DYNASTY VII AT MEMPHIS

70 Kings in 70 Days 5 Kings in 75 Days 5 Kings in 75 Years

DYNASTY VIII AT MEMPHIS

27 Kings in 146 Years 5 Kings in 100 Years 9(or 19) Kings in 100 Years

DYNASTY IX AT HERAKLEOPOLIS

Akhthoes	-	Akhthoes	-	Akhthoes	-
18 Others	-	3 Others	-	3 Others	-
Stated Total	409	Stated Total	100	Stated Total	100

DYNASTY X AT HERAKLEOPOLIS

19 Kings in 185 Years 19 Kings in 185 Years 19 Kings in 185 Years

DYNASTY XI AT THEBES

16 Kings in 43 Years 16 Kings in 43 Years 16 Kings in 43 Years
 Ammenemes 16 Years Ammenemes 16 Years Ammenemes 16 Years

TOTAL YEARS BOOK I

Africanus	Eusebius	Eusebius Armenian Version
Stated Book I	Various alternative summations	Various alternative summations

Cory	2308		
Bunsen	2300	1842 & 1848	1880 & 1882
Added	Stated	Combined 1841,1847,1916,1917,1922&1923	
Totals	2293		

By Alternative) 2258, 2264, 2268, 2273, 2278
 Additions) 2283, 2288, 2298, 2303, 2308, 2313

BOOK II

Version
Africanus

Version
Eusebius

Armenian Version
Eusebius

DYNASTY XII AT THEBES

	Yrs		Yrs		Yrs
1 Sesonchosis	46	Sesonkhosis	46	Sesonchosis	46
2 Ammanemes	38	Ammanemes	38	Ammanemes	38
3 Sesostris	48	Sesostris	48	Sesostris	48
4 Lamaris	8	Lamaris	8	Lampares	8
5 Ammeres	8	-)	-)
6 Amenemes	8	-) 42	-) 42
7 Skemiophris	4	-)	-)
Added Total)		Added Total	<u>182</u>	Added Total	<u>182</u>
Stated Total)	<u>160</u>	Stated Total	<u>245</u>	Stated Total	<u>245</u>

DYNASTY XIII AT THEBES

60 Kings in 453 Years 60 Kings in 453 Years 60 Kings in 453 Years

DYNASTY XIV AT XOIS

76 Kings in 184 Years 76 Kings in 184 Years 76 Kings in 484 Years

DYNASTY XV

1 Saites	19	(-	(-
2 Bnon	44	6	(6	(
3 Pachnan	61	Theban -----	(Theban-----	(
4 Staan	50	Kings	(Kings	(
5 Archles	49		((
6 Aphobis	61		((
Stated & Added Total	<u>284</u>	Stated Total	<u>250</u>	Stated Total	<u>250</u>

DYNASTY XVI

32 Grecian Shepherds for 518 Years 5 Theban Kings for 190 Years 5 Theban Kings for 190 Years

DYNASTY XVII

		Phoenician Shepherds			
43 Shepherd Kings & 43 Theban Kings Reigned together for 151 years		1 Saites	19	Saites	19
		2 Bnon	40	Benon	40
		3 Aphophis	14	Archles	14
		4 Archles	30	Aphophis	30
Stated Total	<u>151</u>	Stated & Added Total	<u>103</u>	Stated & Added Total	<u>103</u>

DYNASTY XVIII AT THEBES

1 Amos		25	1 Amosis	25	25	Amoses	25
2 Khebros	13	13	2 Khebron	13	13	Chebron	13
3 Amenophthis	21	21	3 Ammenophis	21	21	Amophis	21
4 Amensis	22	22					
5 Misaphris	13	13	4 Miphres	12	12	Mephres	12
6 Misphragmuthosis	26	26	5 Misphragmuthosis	26	26	Mispharmuthosis	26
7 Tuthmosis	9	9	6 Tuthmosis	9	9	Tuthmosis	9
8 Amenophis	31	31	7 Amenophis	31	31	Amenophis	31
9 Oros	37	37	8 Oros	36	38	Orus	28
10 Acherres	32	32	9 Achencherses	16	12	Achencheres	16
11 Rathos	6	6					
12 Khebros	12	12	10 Acherres	8	8	Ancheres	8
13 Akherres	12	12	11 Cherres	15	15	Cheres	15
14 Armesses	5	5	12 Armais	5	5	Armais	5
15 Ramesses	1	1	13 Ramesses	68	68	Ramesses	68
16 Amenophath	19	19	14 Ammenophis	40	40	Menophis	40
Added Totals	<u>259</u>	<u>284</u>	Added Totals	<u>325</u>	<u>323</u>	Added Total	<u>317</u>
Stated Totals	<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>	Stated Totals	<u>348</u>	<u>348</u>	Stated Total	<u>348</u>

DYNASTY XIX AT THEBES

1	Sethos	51	Sethos	55	Sethus	55
2	Rapsakes	61	Rampses	66	Rampses	66
3	Ammenephthes	20	Ammenephthes	40	Amenephthis	8
4	Ramesses	60				
5	Ammenemes	5	Ammenemes	26	Ammenemes	26
6	Thuoris	7	Thuoris	2	Thuoris	7
	Added Total	<u>204</u>	Added and		Added Total	<u>162</u>
	Stated Total	<u>209</u>	Stated Total	<u>194</u>	Stated Total	<u>194</u>

TOTAL YEARS BOOK II

Africanus		Eusebius	Eusebius Armenian Version
Stated Total	2121	Added)	Added)
Added Stated)	2222	Stated)-----1967	Stated)-----2267
Totals)		Totals)	Totals)
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Primary)	2213	ive)1881,1904	of)2141
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additions)			

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TABLE IV.

THE KING LIST OF MANETHO
AFRICANUS HEADS THIS - "THE EGYPTIAN DYNASTIES AFTER THE DELUGE"

BOOK I

Main table with columns for Africanus, Greek, Eusebius, Armenian, and Eusebius versions across various dynasties (I-VI). Includes sub-sections for Dynasty I at This, Dynasty II at This, Dynasty III at Memphis, Dynasty IV at Memphis, and Dynasties V-VI at Elephantine and Memphis. Includes a 'TOTAL YEARS BOOK I' section at the bottom right.

* DYNASTY I - VIII LASTED 955 YEARS. 2254 - 1299 BC
DYNASTY III AND IV ARE CONTEMPORANEOUS - THE PYRAMID AGE
PART OF DYNASTY II IS INCLUDED IN PART OF THIS RANGE OF CONT. DYNASTIES