

The Hyksos and the Early New Kingdom

Foreign Rulers and the Creation of an Empire

End of the Middle Kingdom: The South



- Dynasty 13 (1759-1630 BC): gradual loss of Egyptian influence in Nubia and in Syria-Palestine
- Capital relocates to Thebes
- Nile levels no longer recorded at Egyptian forts in Semna
- Southern border returns to Elephantine

End of the Middle Kingdom: The North



- Steady infiltration of Semites from the Northeast
- New settlement in east delta
- Brooklyn Museum papyrus shows Semites in Egypt

Who were the Hyksos?



- Greek form of Egyptian “Hekau-Khasut” “Rulers of Foreign Lands”
- Same name used of Beduin tribes
- Established capital at Avaris
- Became Egyptianized making Baal=Seth

Palestinian Material Culture



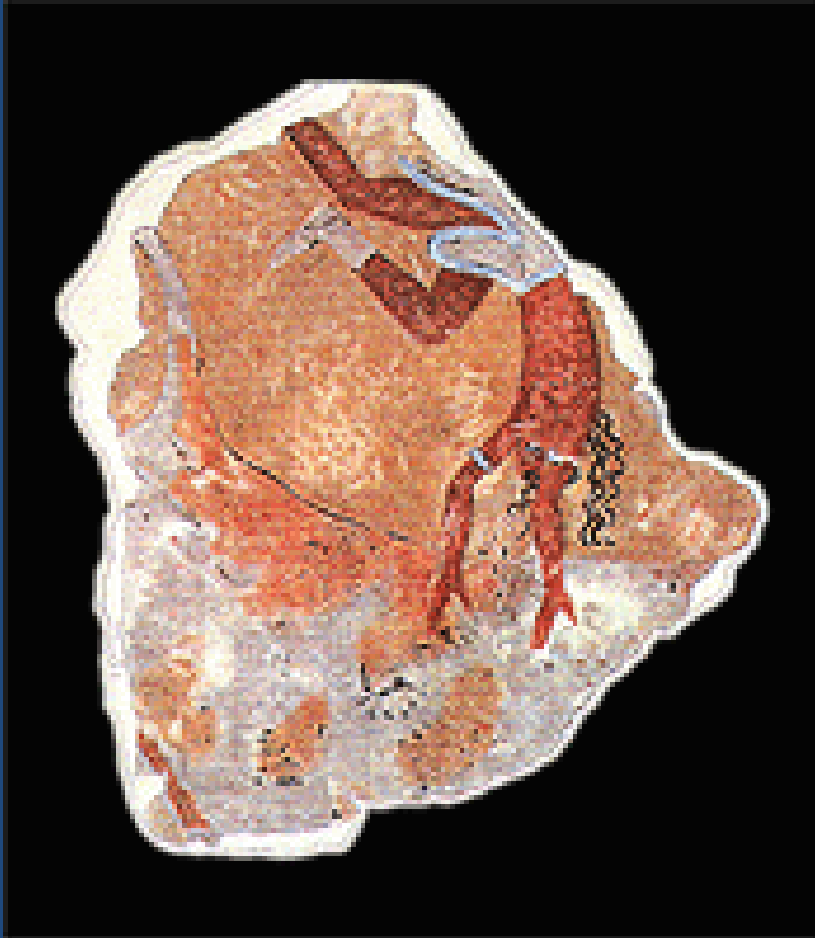
- Contracted burial inside a house

Palestinian Material Culture

The “four room house”



Minoans in Avaris



Reconstructed Minoan Fresco from Avaris



Egyptian Customs at Avaris

- Kings have “Son of Re” before name
- Scarab seal inscriptions suggest government based on Egyptian forms

Nubians at Avaris

- Ample evidence of trade with Nubia in the pottery

Avaris

- Shows a definite mixture of Palestinian, Egyptian, Nubian cultures with kings who have Semitic names.
- Ex. Yacoub-el

War Between Thebes and Avaris

- Theban princes of Dynasty 17 had continued since the end of Dynasty 13 at the end of the Middle Kingdom
- Theban Princes continue Egyptian customs
- War between the two areas lasts 30 years

Ahmoose



Drives Hyksos from
Avaris

Follows them to
Sharuhen (Gaza?)

Re-establishes Theban
rule over all of Egypt

Founder of Dynasty 18
and the New Kingdom

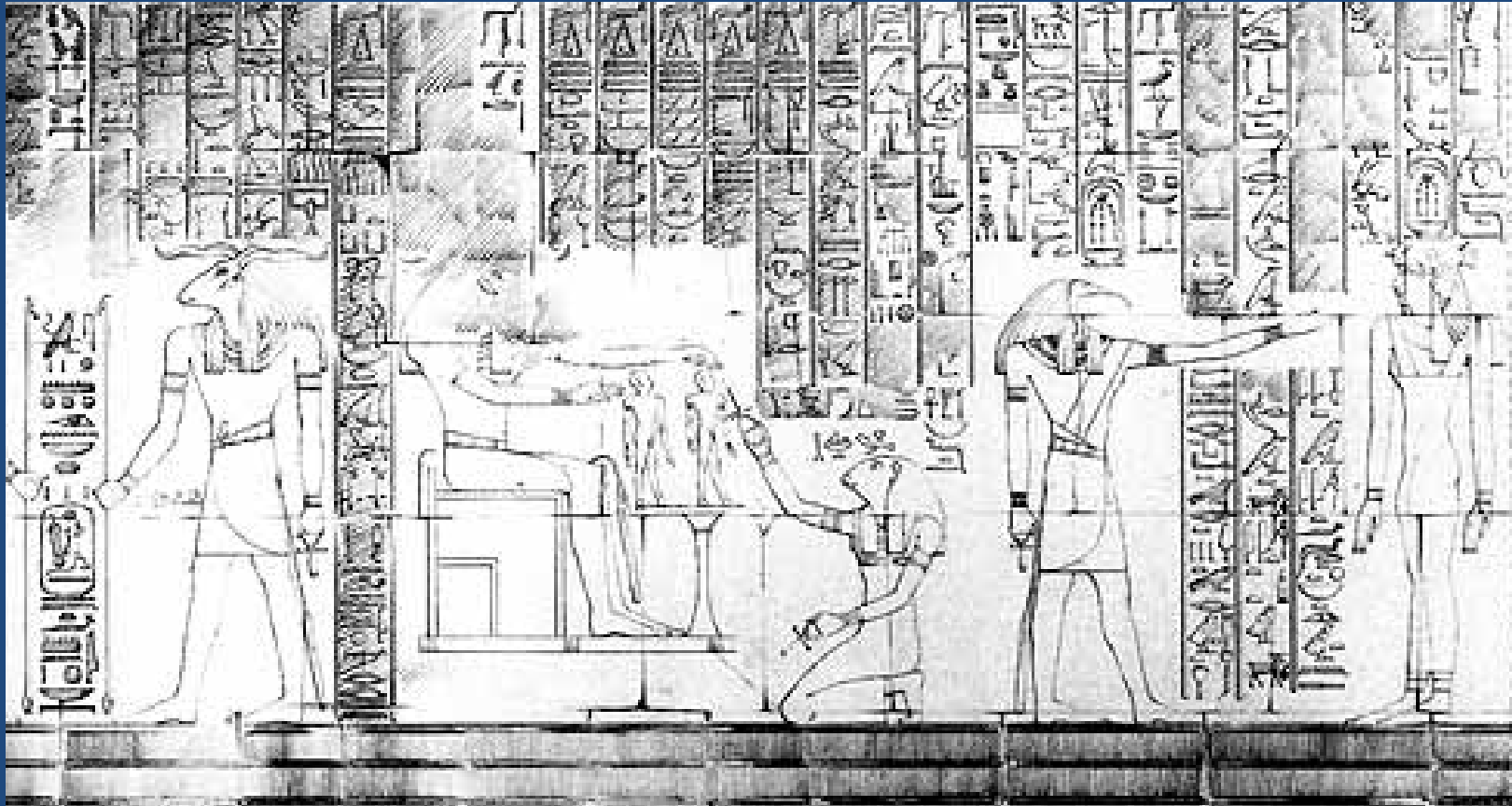
Early Dynasty 18 Kings

- Ahmose, 1539-1514 BC
- Amenhotep I, 1514-1493 BC
- Thutmose I, 1493-1482 BC
- Thutmose II, 1482-1479 BC (not royal, no male heir with his Queen, Hatshepsut)
- Hatshepsut , 1479-1458 BC
- Thutmose III, 1479-1426 BC

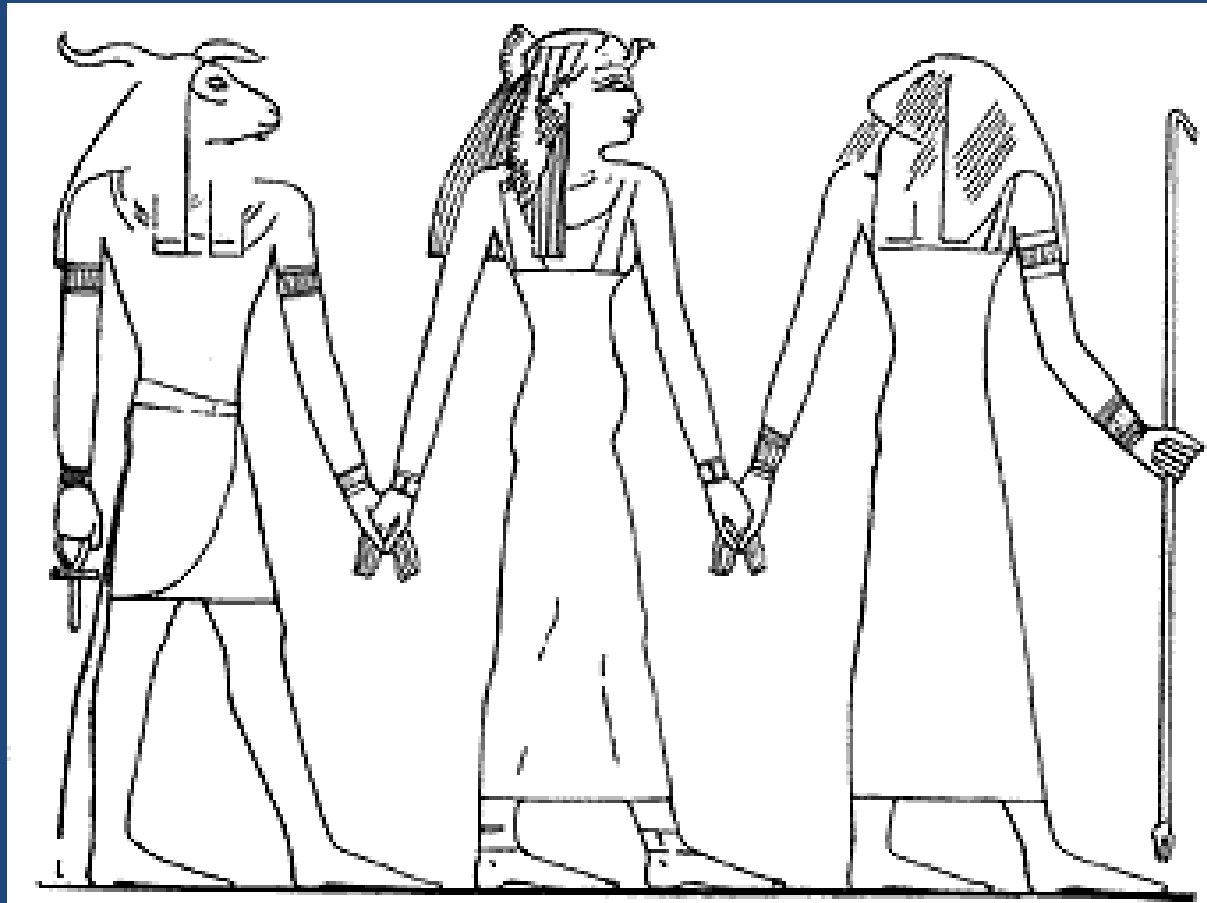
Joint Reign



Divine Birth of Hatshepsut



Queen Ahmose led to birth room







Variety of Images



Traditional King Hatshepsut



Deir el Bahri





Hathor Shrine



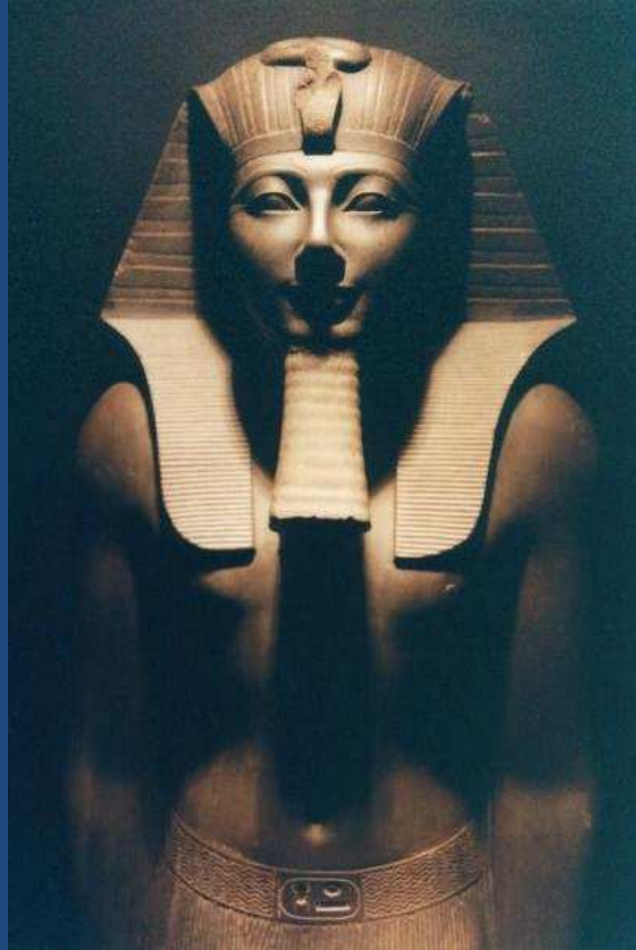
Punt Relief



Recarving



Sole Reign of Thutmose III



Warrior King

