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Red indicates people who ruled as kings
Ahmose: first king of the 18th Dynasty
Son of Seqenenre and Ahhotep
Probably brother of Kamose

Reunifies Egypt, extends warfare outside of Egypt
Ahmose Pyramid complex at Abydos
Fragments of war-related reliefs from Ahmose’s mortuary temple at Abydos
Ahhotep: women as regents and warriors
Ahmose-Nefertari, wife of Ahmose
First “God’s Wife of Amun”
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Amenhotep I statue from Sai Island
Karnak: Temple of Amun in the New Kingdom
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Thutmose II from a festival court at Karnak
Karnak in the reign of Hatshepsut
Hatshepsut’s mortuary temple at Deir el-Bahri

1 First court
2 Ramp
3 Lower colonnade
4 Second court
5 Hathor shrine
6 Middle colonnade with scenes showing the expedition to Punt
7 Middle colonnade with scenes showing the divine birth of Hatshepsut and her ka
8 Anubis shrine
9 Upper colonnade
10 Cult chapel of Hatshepsut
11 Cult chapel of Thutmose I
12 Upper court
13 Sun court
14 Sanctuary
Fig. 73. Plan of Hatshepsut’s cliff tomb in Gabbanat el-Qurud, Wadi A1, western Thebes. Drawing by Julia Jarrett
Fig. 76. Plan of Hatshepsut’s tomb in the Valley of the Kings (KV 20). Drawing by Julia Jarrett
Plan of the Temple of Luxor

Ramses II only built the pylon and the first court. A change in the direction of the axis indicates their later construction. The colonnade, second court, colonnaded hall and innermost temple rooms were built in the time of Amenhotep III as the “harem” of Amun. This was the place to which Amun came from Karnak once a year to celebrate his divine marriage.

1. Outer court with obelisks and colossal statues
2. Pylon
3. Court of Ramses III
4. Temple of Tuthmosis III
5. Colonnade of Amenophis III
6. Court of Amenophis III
7. Colonnaded hall
8. Sanctuary of the barque
9. Inner sanctuary
Thutmose III as a warrior
Tomb of Thutmose III in the Valley of the Kings (and the head of its original occupant, found in one of the mummy caches)
Temple de Thoutmôsis III

Temple de Mentouhotep

1. Bab el-Hosan
2. Vestibule inférieur
3. Terrasse avec colonnade
4. Tumulus
5. Salle hypostyle
6. Sanctuaire

7. Cour
8. Premier portique d’Amon
9. Première terrasse
10. Second portique solaire
11. Chapelle d’Hathor
12. Chapelle d’Anubis d’Hatshepsout
13. Cour
14. Sanctuaire
15. Temple d’Hatshpsout et Thoutmôsis I
Thutmose III at Karnak
The military position of Egypt in the early 18th Dynasty
Late reign of Thutmose III, changing attitudes to Mitanni?

3 foreign wives indicate new level of diplomacy?
Amenhotep II, Thutmosis IV, Amenhotep III: managing an Empire – the military/diplomatic aspects

• No written treaties are attested for 18D, but some correspondence (late: Amarna letters)
• Exchange of gifts and envoys
• Diplomatic marriages (Amenhotep III to Gilu-Hepa)
• Royal children raised in Egyptian court
• Egyptian garrisons and officials in Syria-Palestine
• Vassal states send tribute

Marriage scarab of Amenhotep III

The Amarna Letters
Amenhotep II
Amenhotep II temple to Hor-em-akhet (Horus in the horizon: the sphinx)
Bringing of foreign tribute, tomb of Rekhmire (vizier of Thutmose III and Amenhotep II)
Tomb of Rekhmire
Thutmose IV: Building Program
“Dream Stela” of Thutmose IV
Tomb of Thutmose IV
From the tomb of Sobekhotep (TT 63)
Reign of Thutmose IV
Royal women of Thutmose IV: not emphasized during his reign
Left: Iaret (great royal wife) from a Nubian temple
Below: Mutemwiya, mother of Amenhotep III, from the birth scene the later had carved at Luxor Temple