

## EGYPT

**THE NILE RIVER.** Navigable for larger boats 2900 mi; smaller, 4000. Means "dark blue."

Source in heart of Africa. Blue Nile and White Nile join at Khartoum.

Usually rises from July 15 thru Oct. Fields dry by Jan. Famine under Joseph due to lack of this inundation. From Memphis (near Cairo) to Sea great  $\Delta$ elta. Rosetta is one of the mouths. Stone discovered there resulting in deciphering hieroglyphics.

Scripture references. Baby Moses, Ex. 2:3. Papyrus production, Isa. 19:7.

To bleed, Ex. 7:20. Goshen was NE area of Delta where Abr migrated, Gen. 12:10ff.; 46:3 ff (Joseph's family). Joseph and Mary fled there, Matt. 2:13ff. Baby Moses site not the place. Bulrushes are papyrus plants. Traditional site on Roda Island in Nile. Little park on shore now. In Jewish Ghetto at Ben Ezra Synagogue is site where Moses went out of city and prayed that plague of hail might cease, Ex. 9:33.

**EGYPT.** Abr went to (Gen. 12:10). Jacob and sons (Gen. 46:6). Plagues and exodus c. 1441

B.C. Solomon married an Egyptian princess, 1 Kg 11:1. Reigned to border of Egypt, 1 Kg 4:21. Shishak invaded Judah under Rehoboam, 2 Chron 12:2ff. Called Sheshonk I, c. 945. Assyria subdued Egypt from about 680 to 650 when withdrew and Necho II reigned, 609-593. He slew Josiah at Megiddo, c. 608, 2 Chron 35:20ff. Necho routed by Nebuchadnezzar who captured Jerusalem. Jeremiah (43:8) went there during Babylonian captivity.

Cyrus conquered Egypt in 525 B.C. and under Persians until 332 when Alexander conquered. At his death under Ptolemies till death of Cleopatra (30) when province of Rome. Number of Jews settled there under Ptolemies esp in Alexandria. Septuagint translated in Alex. under Ptolemy Philadelphus (285-247).

Pop. Egypt 22mill. Cairo, ~~3~~<sup>2</sup>mill. Land of Goshen was Cairo area the capital was Thebes.

**PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX.** Gizeh, 5 mi. s. Cairo. 1 of 7 wonders. (Cheops). Erected 45 centuries ago, 3733 B.C. 2,300,000 stone blocks, averaging 2½ tons each (some 15 tons. 13 acres. Could build a wall 4 ft high around France. If stones sawed into 1 ft. blocks could build wall 2/3 around earth. Originally 481' high; now 451' bec top removed. 20 yrs, 100,000 men worked in 3 month relays. Past Cheops is Sphinx, human-headed lion representing sun god Harmachis. c. 2400 B.C. Cut out of natural stone. Alongside temple built in 3600 B.C. and rediscovered in 1816. Sphinx 240' high, paws out 50'. Carved out of stones thrown over from pyramids. Some say Sphinx is portrait of pharaoh Khafre. Other pyramids called Chephren and Mycerinus.

**COPTIC CHURCH.** Orthodox Xn ch in Egypt. Number 1/14. Early the diff centered (cf. western churches) in Coptic espousal of Monophysitism (X had 1 nature in incarnation). Now emphasize deity of X and do not do full justice to humanity. Worship is ritual. Many converts to evangelicalism in Egypt came from Coptic churches. Mohammedanism is chief and protected. Coptic ch claims to have been founded by Mark who supposedly came to Alexandria in 44. Perhaps 1 mill Copts in Egypt.

**OLD CAIRO.** Church of Abou Sarga (Saltin Sergius). Stands on reputed site of house where Jesus' family stayed in Egypt. Building is 5th c. 4th c crypt. Where family stayed. Museum. Treasures from 5000 B.C. thru Graeco-Roman period. Most imp are those from Tutankhamen's tomb in upper Egypt. Two life-sized black wooden statues of Pharaoh with gilded aprons which guarded door to tomb. Two gold coffins, mummy mask, tomb furniture, ornaments. Died c. 1350 B.C. Illustrates luxury and pomp Pharaohs surrounded selves with. Exodus was 1441 B.C. Many statues and busts of kings, etc. Also imp collection of cuneiform documents. Tell el-Amarna letters found in upper E. 1887. 400 inscribed clay tablets the scattered in various museums of world. Correspondence of rulers with lesser officials, 14th c B.C. Show conditions (1412-1375) in Palestine bec written by kings of Palestinian and Syrian cities to rulers of Egypt. Illuminate and confirm Bible picture of period of conquest of Canaan. Tell of conquest by Habiri whom many think = Hebrews.

*Cairo - 3½ mill.*