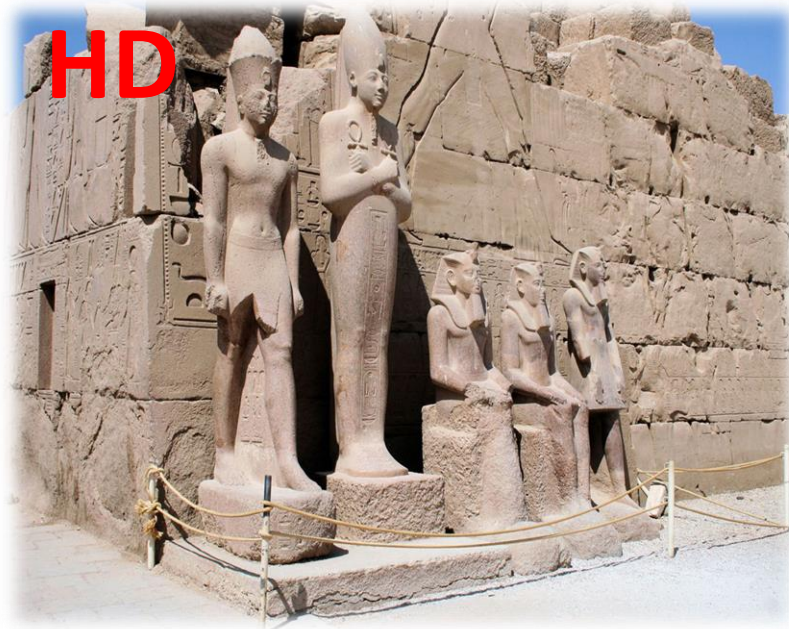




Lost Civilizations Egypt : The temple of Karnak



The temples of Karnak are three kilometres north of Luxor. It is without a doubt the greatest site of the Egypt of the Pharaohs.

Dating back 4700 years, it remains the largest religious structure ever built. The major part of it was constructed during the New Kingdom era. Karnak was an immense building site for over two thousand years.

It was not a temple, rather an entire religious complex, a bustling city where thousands of people were constantly building from the Middle Kingdom until the Ptolemaic era.

Since the Franco-Egyptian Research Centre of the Temples of Karnak started its dig in 1967, much has been revealed on the ancient society, its history, its population and its cults.

The site is made up of several temples organised into three compounds. The Amun-Re compound includes the famous hypostyle hall of 134 columns.

With spectacular temples, kiosks, pylons and obelisks, it is dedicated to the Theban triad (the Gods Amun, Mut and Khons) and to the glory of the Pharaohs.

Construction of the great Temple of Amun-Re, known as the Temple of the Kingdom, started with the beginning of the 12th dynasty in 1991 B.C.

In its time of glory, only clergymen were allowed into its vicinity. Laymen could not enter the Temple.

Throughout the generations, it gained in size and magnificence as each pharaoh wanted to embellish and enlarge it.

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