

The Kingdom of Kush

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Introduction

There are many great kingdoms that have risen and fallen over the years, and we can tell by what was left behind that they flourished. This civilization was shown to be a very strong society. The kingdom of Kush was very rich in resources and in culture and I can only hope that I do it the proper justice when speaking on it.

The Rise of Kush

The kingdom was thought to have been developed in 1069 BCE when Egypt was in a declining stages at the end of the new kingdom period. The Kushites were able to then take control of Egypt in 727 BCE and ruled from there until Assyria took over.

Location

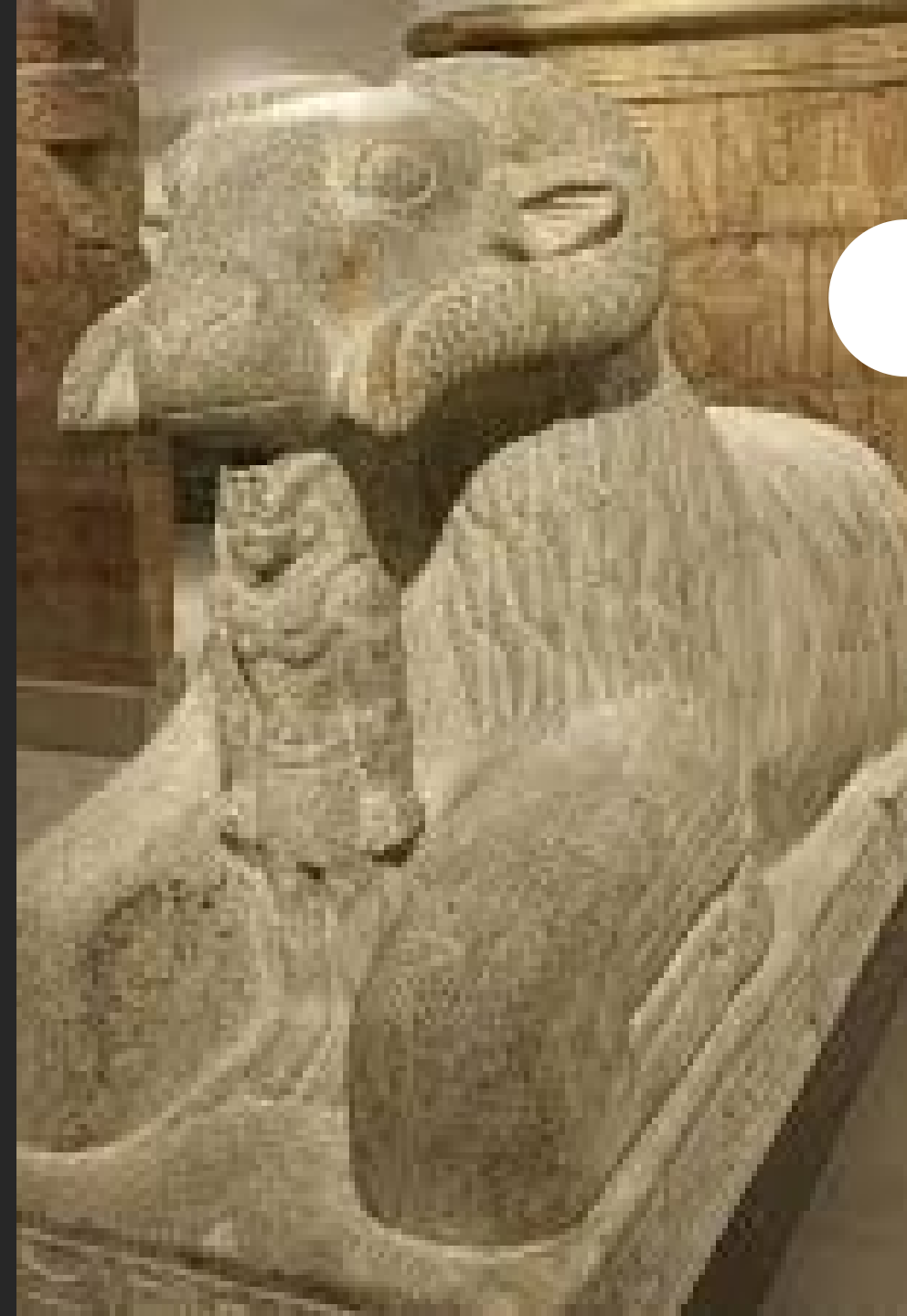
- This kingdom that was located in the area of Ancient Nubia, which was in the northeastern part of Africa below lower Egypt and in the southern part of upper Egypt.
- Kush was also located along the upper Nile River and because of its location it made it a very sought after trade route.



Religion

The people of Kush were polytheistic in their beliefs like the way Egypt was in their beliefs

The principal state deity was Amun, whose cult was celebrated at the great state temples of Napata and Meroe, and at many other places. Other Egyptian deities who are depicted in Kushite temple reliefs include the moon god Khonsu, the ibis-headed Thoth, and the goddesses Isis, Hathor, and Mut.



Government

- The government that Kush had was a monarchy and it was different from other governing forces around the world, because women were able to hold positions of power.
 - The Kingdom of Kush allowed one person to rule over Kush one at a time.
 - The laws of the land were made by priests
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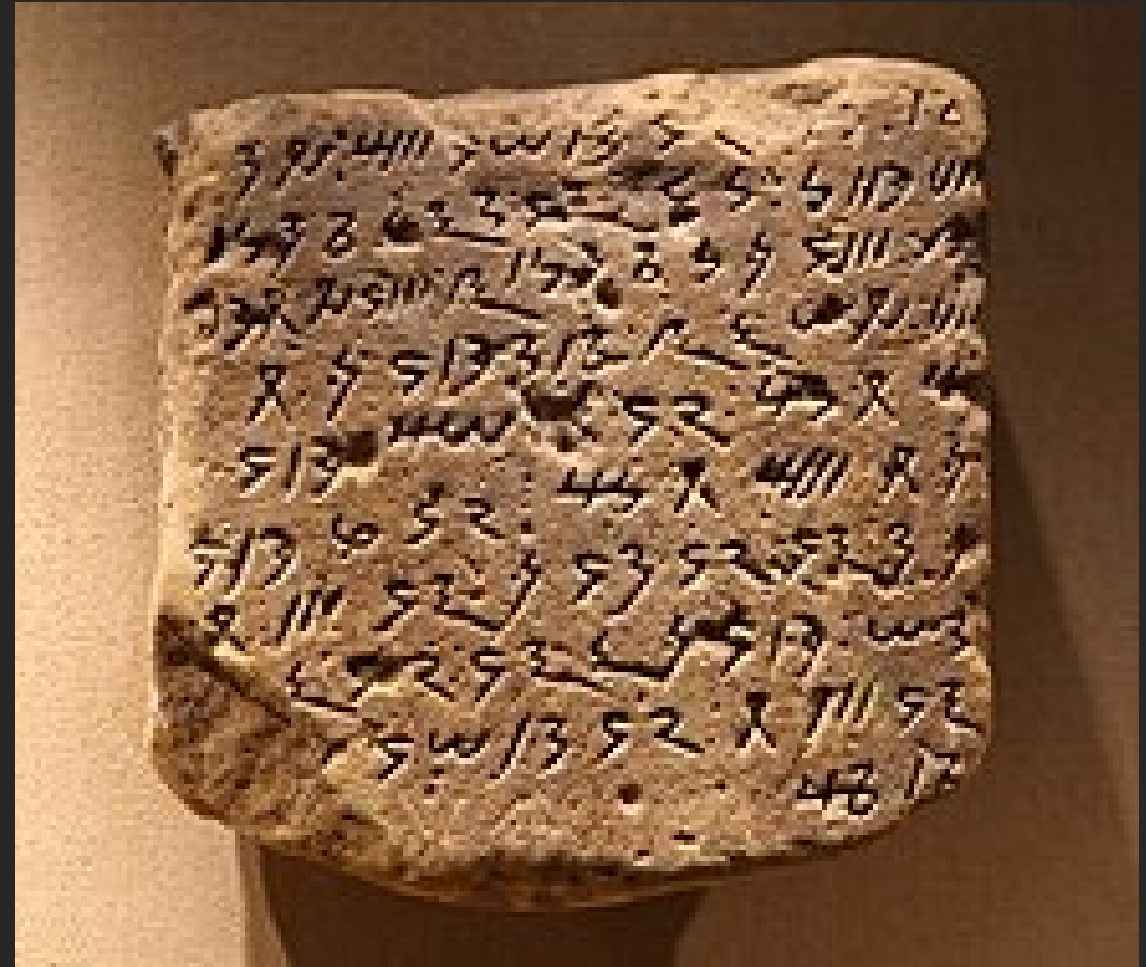
Architecture

- The architecture of the Kushites was based off the Egyptians , and they also built pyramids like their neighbors.
- The pyramids that the Kushites built were above the graves of the Pharaoh while the Egyptian pyramids had the Pharaoh inside of the structure



Language and Writing

- The Kushites had spoken and wrote in Meroitic script which was written on stone tablets and had come from the kingdom of Kush.
- Along with the Meroitic Script there was also the Meroitic hieroglyphics and they have yet to be fully deciphered by historical linguists



Military

- The kingdom of Kush was not only a very beautiful and wealthy place, but also had a very mighty military that put fear into their enemies.
- The Kingdom of Kush was able to challenge the army of the romans with a Candace (queen) named Amaniremas
- The military would use long bows with poisonous tips along with actual elephants going into battle and they often did not wear



Mathematics

- The people of the kingdom of Kush had an advanced understanding of mathematics and built their pyramids using trigonometry and geometry
- They adopted the mathematics from Egypt and used it to build many pyramids

Egyptian hieratic numerals (mathematical papyrus, c. 1600 BC)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
units	𐎍	𐎎	𐎏	𐎐	𐎑	𐎒	𐎓	𐎔	𐎕
tens	𐎖	𐎗	𐎘	𐎙	𐎚	𐎛	𐎜	𐎝	𐎞
hundreds	𐎠	𐎡	𐎢	𐎣	𐎤	𐎥	𐎦	𐎧	𐎨
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