

Nubia: An Abbreviated Chronology

ca. 1,000,000 – 10,000 BP	Palaeolithic period: stone tools; hunting, gathering, and fishing
ca. 8000 – 5000 BCE	Mesolithic period: seasonal, semi-sedentary camps
ca. 4900 – 3000 BCE	Neolithic period: animal husbandry and farming begins
ca. 3800 – 2900 BCE	A-Group: increase in social stratification
ca. 24/2300 – 1600 BCE	C-Group: documented interaction with Old Kingdom Egypt
ca. 3000 – 2500 BCE	Pre-Kerma period
ca. 2500 – 1450 BCE	Kerma period: first Nubian capital and kingdom
ca. 2055 – 1650 BCE	Egyptian Middle Kingdom fort construction
ca. 1500 – 1070 BCE	Egyptian New Kingdom colonization of Nubia
ca. 1070 – 800 BCE	Nubia ‘dark age’
ca. 800 – 300 BCE	Napatan period in Nubia
ca. 716 BCE	Official beginning of Nubian rule in Egypt, known as Dynasty 25
ca. 656 BCE	Ousting of Nubians by Assyrian invasion of Egypt
ca. 300 BCE – 350 CE	Meroitic period in Nubia
2 nd century BCE	First appearance of Meroitic writing system
21 BCE	Treaty of Samos between Rome and Meroe
Mid-4 th century CE	Invasion of Meroe by Aksumite Empire; fall of Meroitic Empire
ca. 350 – 550 CE	Post-Meroitic period: kingdoms of Nobadia, Makuria, and Alwa
Mid-6 th century	Christianization of Nubia
652 CE	Baqt treaty between Christian Nubia and Muslim Egypt
16 th century	Islamization of Nubia
1881 – 1898	Mahdist State
1899 – 1913	Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
1956	Sudan independence
2011	Referendum vote and recognition of Republic of South Sudan
2019	Arrest and removal from presidential palace of Omar al-Bashir
2022	Abdalla Hamdok resigns as prime minister; protests continue calling for a civilian government