

## *THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT EGYPT*

During February and March 2017, 12 episodes of a DVD series on the History of Ancient Egypt were presented. The 2017 lectures ended with the “First Intermediate Period” and “The Middle Kingdom – Dynasty XI”. There are 12 lectures scheduled during 2018 to continue this fascinating series. These lectures are subdivided into 3 sessions of 4 lectures each.

The first session of 4 lectures commences on Friday 2 February. The titles presented during February are as follows:

**Friday 2 Feb:** “The Second Intermediate Period” including the Hyksos invasion of Egypt and archaeological evidence of “Biblical Joseph in Egypt”.

**Friday 9 Feb:** The rise of “The Fabulous XVIII<sup>th</sup> Dynasty” - Egypt is one of the few civilisations that was able to recover after two periods of collapse – followed by the rule of the enigmatic “Queen Hatshepsut”.

**Friday 16 Feb:** The exploits of “Tuthmosis III” – the greatest military pharaoh of all who eventually became king after the 20-year reign of his stepmother Hatshepsut followed by the heretic pharaoh Akhenaten and his wife Nefertiti who established the first monotheistic religion in the world.



**Friday 23 Feb:** “Tutankhamen and his wife, his half-sister Ankhesenamen” – son of Akhenaten. It includes the story of the discovery of his tomb and the circumstances that led to his murder.

Two tracks of the DVDs will be presented at each lecture. The sessions will therefore last slightly longer than 1 hour.