



# 24 HOURS IN ANCIENT EGYPT

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE  
PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

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Have you ever wondered what it was like to live and work in Egypt, the most powerful kingdom of the ancient world? Spend a day with 24 Egyptians to see Egypt through their eyes - the sights, the smells, the struggles and the conflicts.

Ancient Egypt wasn't all pyramids, sphinxes and gold sarcophagi. For your average Egyptian, life was tough, and work was hard, conducted under the burning gaze of the sun god, Ra.

During the course of a day in the ancient city of Thebes, Egypt's religious capital, we meet 24 Egyptians from all strata of society - from the king to the bread-maker, the priestess to the fisherman, the soldier to the midwife - and get to know what the real Egypt was like by spending an hour in their company.

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