

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY RAMSES THE GREAT

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Ramses was the son of Sety I and Queen Tuya. Sety was a warrior king; he rebuilt Egypt's military strength, which had deteriorated during the time of Akhenaten and Tutankhamun.

During his father's reign, young Ramses went south down the Nile River to Nubia. Nubia was ruled in the king's name by Viceroy of Kush, Amen-em-ope.



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Ramses was a good student, and often studied the kings of former times. At age 10, Sety made him Commander-in-Chief. In 1286 Sety allowed Ramses to rule with him as regent or co-ruler. Ramses began building temples covered with splendid sculptures.

Ramses was about twenty five years old in 1279 B.C. when he began to rule alone.

In 1275 B.C. Ramses went a-conquering through Canaan and Phoenicia towards Syria. He took Amurru (modern Lebanon), which belonged to the Hittite's, whose land was where Turkey is today. Ramses built a long line of forts in Lybia and possibly went there again in 1273 B.C. to adjust some troubles. Ramses II is called "The Great" because of the battles he fought, as well as the magnificent, huge buildings which were made or expanded during his rule.

Reading about Great African Kings and Queens only reinforces my belief that we are a royal and proud people; this is something that I have been taught as a child—to try to be the best that one can be; to always carry oneself in a proud and strong manner.

I say to my brothers; love yourself before you can love others. This not having love for self is the root cause of hate (dislike), disparity, disagreement, quarreling, betraying, fighting and killing one another.

Love yourself and your kind. Refrain from doing evil to each other. Your Black skin is the best and never try to change it's color.

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Brothers Behind Bars

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My Beautiful Black Brothers
Locked Away from your Queens
Morning, Noon, and Night
Forever and ever it seems
Get your act together
So you can return to your
Rightful throne most high
To pull your family back together
And stop the children from asking why

My Brother, My Brother
There are so many single sisters
Out here alone
take advantage of your situation
To better yourself and get an education
One that will uplift your spirits
Free your mind and
help you to stand on your own

Sisters are awaiting all across this land
For you to claim a rightful place
as your home
Get yourself together, so none more will be alone
The Black family is on the brink
of extinction
Due to drugs, AIDS, homosexuality
Racial mixing and incarceration

Do as Brother Malcolm did
Study and teach yourself
Because without all
Our Beautiful Black Brothers
Our people and
Especially Sisters would
Have nothing left.
Love Yourself!

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