

place, as we shall show, in 1198 B.C.; consequently Minptah, who was in communication with Baal-merom-gabu, king of Tyre, in his 3rd year, must have commenced to reign after 1198 B.C. According to our chronology, the rebuilding of Tyre, and the transference of the seat of government from Sidon, must be placed in the 66th year of Ramessu II. There seems to be an allusion to the occasion for this rebuilding in the travels of the Egyptian Mohar, in the latter part of the reign of this king, for he states that Tyre had then been recently burnt.¹

(c) Riel² has shown that the Ramesseum indicates that the rising of Sothis took place on the 16th day of Thoth, in the reign of Ramessu II. This indicates the years 1265-62. In our table Ramessu II. begins to reign in 1263 B.C.

(d) Sethos I. has a title, *nem mesu*, which has been interpreted to mean the "new birth," and has been supposed by Brugsch to refer to the Sothic epoch of 1322 B.C. It is seen by our table that this conjecture is correct, and it is probable that the name Seti (= Set, the Egyptian name of the dog-star) was assumed on his association with his father in the latter's 2nd year, in the last year of the coincidence of July 20 with Thoth I. of the vague year.

(e) The astronomer Theon says the Sothic cycle, beginning July 20, 1322 B.C., was called by the Egyptians the era of *Menophres*. This is an exact transcription of *Menpehora*, the throne-name of Ramessu I., who associated his son Sethos with him in 1322 B.C. Hincks was the first to point out this identification, and his conclusion is adopted by Mr. Basil Cooper.³

(f) "On the first day of Athyr, in the year 11 of Amenophis III., the king ordered an immense basin to be dug, and on the 16th of the same month he celebrated a great panegyry of the waters."⁴ "If," as Browne observes on this extract, "the waters were let in when the Nile had reached its

¹ Sayce, *Anct. Emp. of the East*, 183.

² *Sonnen u. Sirius-Jahr der Ramessiden*.

³ In E. de Bunsen, *Chronol. of the Bible*.

⁴ Hincks, as quoted by Browne, art. "Manetho," in *Kitto's Cycl. of Bibl. Lit.*, v. 3.