Ramesses II

Ramesses II was one of the greatest Ancient Egyptian pharaohs who reigned in the 19th Dynasty. Sometimes referred to as “Ramses the Great” his reign lasted over 90 years. During this time he achieved far more than any other pharaoh before or after him.

Ramesses II was a great warrior, builder, family and religious man. We know this because of the many temples that are still standing today. The temples are covered with pictures and hieroglyphics which tell us about all the things he did.

He reigned during a difficult time politically. We know this from the many writings that have survived the test of time. These writings tell us of how he managed to keep control of his kingdom and how he managed to outsmart many of his enemies. It is these writings that also tell us of the many great monuments that he left behind which were built under his reign.

It is said that he fathered over 100 children and had many wives; his chief wife was Nefertari. Today, we know that he outlived at least 12 of his sons and most probably countless wives and grandchildren during his lifetime.