



THE KINGDOM OF KUSH

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Archaeologists also learned about Kush from records of ancient Egypt. The Egyptians lived north of Kush. They were in contact with the Kush and wrote of them using their **hieroglyphics** (hye•ruh•GLIH•fiks). Hieroglyphics were pictures and symbols that made up the Egyptians' system of writing.



This Egyptian painting of the Kush has hieroglyphics to the left.



Archaeologist Charles Bonnet discovered these Kush figures.

KUSH FACT

Swiss archaeologist Charles Bonnet spent 44 years excavating in northern Africa. He discovered the earliest Kush capital. Claude Rilly, a French archaeologist, also made important discoveries. From 2009 to 2012, he dug up 35 Kush pyramids that had been covered by sand.