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Egypt, Dynastic change, Dynasty 17–18 c. 1560–c. 1504 BC (the wars against the Hyksos to Amenhotep I) and Dynasty 18–19 (Ay to Rameses II)
c. 1327–c. 1213 BC

SOURCE 1

Now as regards the time of Muwatallis the Great Ruler of Hatti, my brother, he fought with [Ramses II], the Great Ruler of Egypt. But now, as from today, behold Hattusil ... [makes] a treaty to establish the relationship which Re made and which Seth made – the land of Egypt with the land of Hatti – to prevent hostilities arising between them, forever. Behold Hattusil III ... binds himself by treaty to Rameses II [Ramses II] ... beginning from today, in order to create peace and good brotherhood between us forever – he being friendly and at peace with me, and I being friendly and at peace with him, forever ... The Great Ruler of Hatti shall never trespass¹ against the land of Egypt, to take anything from it. Rameses II ... shall never trespass against the land of Hatti, to take anything from it. As for the standing treaty that was current in the time of Suppiluliuma [I] ... likewise the standing treaty which existed in the time of Muwatallis, I now adhere² to it. Behold, Rameses II ... [also] adheres to it. The peace which has become ours together, beginning from today, we adhere to it and we shall act in accord with this regular relationship.

Extract from the official treaty between Egypt and the Hittites. Two Egyptian copies were found inscribed on stelae (stone monuments) and one Hittite version was found inscribed on a clay tablet.

Reproduced in K.A. Kitchen, (1982), p. 78.

¹**trespass** – act unlawfully

²**adhere** – literally to uphold it.

SOURCE 2



Image showing Rameses II attacking a Hittite fortress.
The image was located on the walls of the Ramesseum at Karnak.

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Source 1 Kitchen, K.A. (1982). *Pharaoh triumphant: The life and times of Ramesses II*. Warminster, UK: Aris & Phillips, p. 78.

Source 2 Cheyne, T.K., & Black, J.S. (Eds). (1903). *Encyclopaedia Biblica*. New York: Macmillan.
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