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Hundreds Of Perfectly Preserved Mummies And Bronze Statues Unveiled In Egypt

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Hundreds of beautifully painted coffins were found at Saqqara's "Cemetery of Ancient Animals" (Credit: Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities)

Few countries can **measure** up to Egypt when it comes to **fascinating** archaeological discoveries. A collection of 250 beautifully painted sarcophagi with well-preserved mummies is the latest to make headlines. The 2500-year-old **artifacts**, unveiled on May 31, 2022, were **unearthed** at Saqqara's "Cemetery of Ancient Animals," near Cairo. The temple **complex** was **dedicated** to Bast, the Egyptian goddess of protection and the bringer of good health. It was the **burial** place of choice for **affluent** residents of Memphis, the capital city of the Old Kingdom of Egypt.

The **excavation** team, led by Mohamed Al Saidi, also found 150 bronze statues. Many **represented** Egyptian gods. The most exciting discovery was a one-of-a-kind, well-preserved **papyrus** roll. Experts believe it contains chapters from the "Book of the Dead," an **ancient** Egyptian funerary **text**.

"In one of the wooden coffins, we found, for the first time, a complete and sealed papyrus. Immediately, this papyrus was moved to the Egyptian museum for **sterilization** and in order to **conduct** the needed studies," said Mostafa Waziri, the secretary-general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. "I think this papyrus is similar to the ones that were discovered 100 years ago that talk about the Book of the Gates and the Book of the Dead."

The **antiquities** will be **showcased** at the Grand Egyptian Museum, **scheduled** to open near the Pyramids of Giza in November 2022. They are the latest in a string of exciting **ancient** artifacts found

around Egypt.



Mummies with golden tongues were discovered in 2021 (Credit: Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities))

In February 2021, **archeologists** found 16 human burial chambers dating back 2000 years at the temple of Taposiris Magna in

Alexandria. Two mummies had been fitted with gold tongues. The **ancient** Egyptians believed they would enable the **deceased** to talk to Osiris, the Egyptian god of the afterlife.

In March 2021, **researchers** unearthed a 5,000-year-old brewery — most likely the world's oldest — in the southern city of Sohag. The discovery of a 3,000-year-old "lost golden city" in Luxor was announced a month later.

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