

## **The Afterlife**

- I. The Egyptians believed that to live comfortably in the afterlife, you needed to bring some items with you.
  - A. These were buried within chambers of the tomb
    1. Food- real or painted on the wall, family members also brought offerings to the mortuary temple
    2. Clothing and Jewelry
    3. Furniture
    4. Weapons
    5. Tools
    6. Shabtis- dolls of servants that will come to life
    7. Pets- animals were mummified
    8. Leisure- games, musical instruments
    9. Transportation- boats and chariots
- II. The book of the dead was written and left as a guidebook for the Underworld
  - A. Scenes of Horus leading the person to Anubis who is waiting by the scale of truth
    1. The heart (soul-ba) is judged and weighed against a feather
      - a. if the soul was lighter than a feather the person joined Osiris, who is waiting in the afterlife.
      - b. if the soul is heavy, Ammut (a monster part dog, part crocodile, part hippo) will devour it

## **The Funeral**

- I. The funeral of the deceased was a procession.
  - A. Boats floated down the Nile from the East bank to the West
    1. The West was associated with the setting sun and death
    2. The body's boat was pulled while the others were oared
  - B. Family, priests, professional mourners (dressed in blue), servants bearing offerings and objects for the tomb and the afterlife followed.
    1. Women wailed
    2. Men stopped shaving and eating
- II. The ritual "Opening of the Mouth" was performed by the priest
  - A. The priest tapped the mouth of the mummy which was thought to give the body back its sense so that it could see, eat and speak in the afterlife.
- III. The mummy was placed into the tomb
  - A. The body was placed in its coffin, then into the sarcophagus.
  - B. Offerings were made.
  - C. A banquet was held outside the temple.
  - D. Items buried in the chambers.
  - E. Tomb was sealed and the funeral was over.