

Scribe #33 – King Tut

In 1922, Howard Carter, a British archeologist, discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen. Tutankhamen, also known as King Tut, was an ancient Egyptian King who died at the age of 18 or 19. Carter spent fifteen years looking for his tomb.

Carter thought there must be undiscovered tombs in ancient Egypt's royal burial ground. He was sure that a small part of it had not been searched, but most people disagreed.

A few days after his crew started digging around, they found the beginning of a staircase which seemed like the entrance to a tomb. When the staircase was cleared, they saw the top of the doorway.

Carter drilled a small hole through the door. The glint of gold could be seen everywhere. Weapons, vases, and chariots were strewn about. The tomb had been broken into. Carter thought it had been robbed twice, probably soon after the burial.

A few months later, the Burial Chamber of the tomb could be entered. King Tut's body was enclosed in three coffins. The inner coffin was solid gold. When it was opened, they saw King Tut's head and shoulders covered with a fabulous, gold funeral mask. Attached to the body and its wrappings were 143 jewels and amulets.

Carter and his staff worked ten years to clean and preserve the treasures of this four-room tomb.

What would you have done with all the treasures found in King Tut's tomb?