



### **Golden Coffins**

*Protective Coverings for the Pharaoh*

The coffins provide protective covers for the mummy. All three coffins depict the late king mummiform and are wrapped in a feather dress, holding insignia of power in crossed hands. The patron goddesses of Upper and Lower Egypt, the vulture and the snake, adorn the forehead.



### **Canopic Shrine & Mummification**

*Preserving the Body for Eternal Life*

The ancient Egyptians believed that the body was still needed in the afterlife. During mummification, the bowels were removed from the body and buried in four jars, called canopic jars. The body itself was dried with sodium salt for several weeks to preserve it and wrapped in linen bandages.



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**Wall Paintings**  
*The House of Eternity*

Today, the original tomb and burial treasure can only be seen separately: the tomb is located in the Valley of Kings and the objects, apart from the outer coffin, the stone sarcophagus and the mummy, are housed in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. The four walls of the burial chamber were decorated with beautiful wall paintings that have been reconstructed for the exhibition.



**The Golden Throne**  
*A Symbol of Divine Royal Power*

Tutankhamun's throne is an expression of the absolute power of the King, a power that encompasses both the worldly and the divine. As the royal names on the struts on the reverse of the backrest show, the famous gold throne was commissioned when Tutankhamun became king aged about nine and was still known as Tutankhaten.



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**Tutankhamun's Chariot**  
*A King Appears as the Sun*

The lavishly decorated chariot is unsuitable for battle and probably served as Tutankhamun's state coach. The shining gilding and the sun hawk on the shaft indicate that the King appeared in it as the sun god incarnated on earth.



**Figures of Gods and the King**  
*Ritual Helpers for the Afterlife*

The mysterious and beautifully gilded figures of gods and the King probably served ritual purposes at the resurrection of the dead King in the afterlife. They were found wrapped in linen in the treasury in small black boxes.



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**Jewelry and Furniture**  
*An Elegant Home without Cupboards*

An upper-class Egyptian household consisted mostly of furniture for sitting and reclining, as well as boxes and chests in which primarily textiles and jewelry were stored. Cabinets were unheard-of even in a royal household.



**Travel in the Afterlife**  
*Model Ships and Ritual Vessels*

In the treasury, Howard Carter found a whole fleet of model ships. Many different types were found in Tutankhamun's tomb: travel, sailing and cargo ships, and also ritual vessels such as the sun and moon barks. The Egyptians believed that there was water in the afterlife that could be navigated by boats and ships. So the Pharaoh was also provided with ships for his life after death.



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