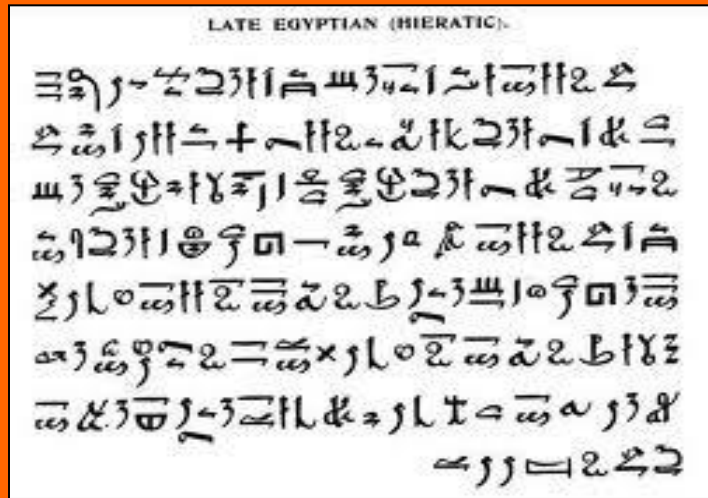


The Rosetta Stone and Hieroglyphs



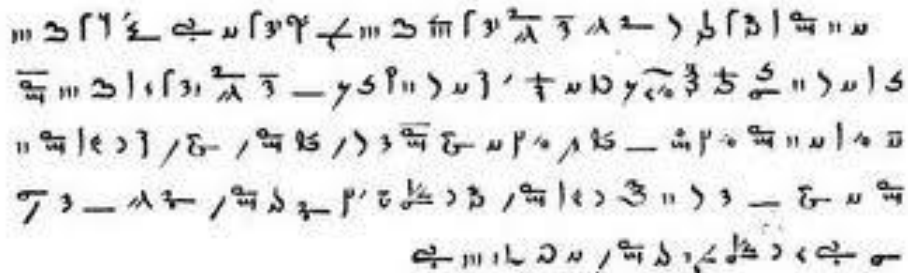


Three Types of Ancient Egyptian Writing



- **Hieroglyphs**- Fancy, religious text (tombs, sarcophagi)
- **Hieratic**- Cursive writing done by priests (prayers, religious texts)

LATER EGYPTIAN (DEMOTIC).



- **Demotic**-Casual, everyday writing (documents, messages)

Does The Rosetta Stone unlock the secrets of the universe? Sadly, no...

II.—ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE DEMOTIC TRANSLATION

[THE DATE OF THE DECREE]

1 [In the 9th year, the fourth day of the month ḲSNṬḲS ,] which makes (*i.e.* is equivalent to) the eighteenth day of the second month of the season PER-T, of the PHARAOH¹, the Young One, who as PHARAOH hath appeared upon the throne of his father, the lord of uraei-crown, whose renown is great, who hath established EGYPT, having beautified it, whose heart is disposed benevolently towards the

¹ The Demotic texts adds $\bar{a}-u-s = \bar{a}nk\ hutch\ senb$, 𐤀 𐤁 𐤂 , *i.e.* "life, strength, health [be to him]," after the manner of the old Egyptian inscriptions.