




**Take a seat and
lets travel back in
time to the
kingdom of Axum.**

Map of the Kingdom of Axum



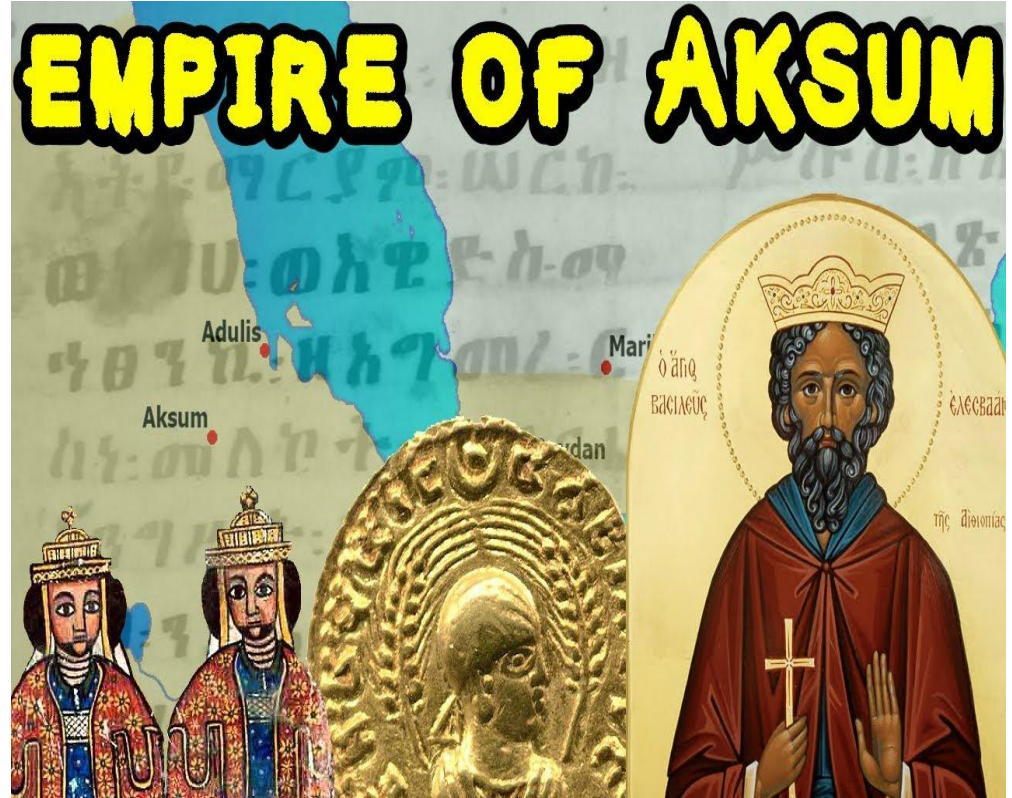

 This is a map before the kingdom was destroyed.


 This where the kingdom of Axum would have been located today

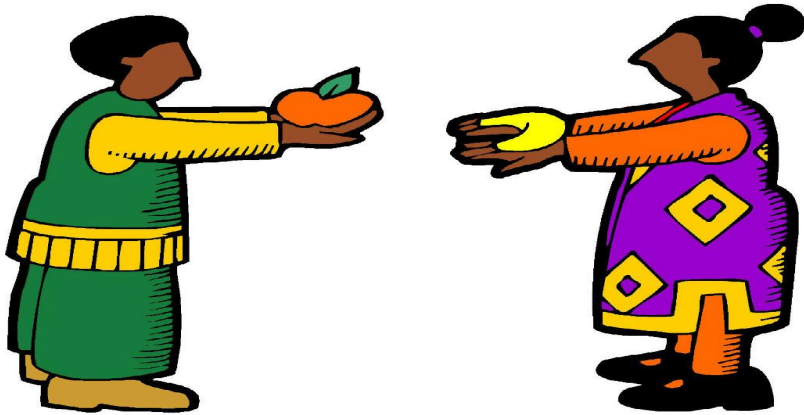
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Introduction

- the Kingdom of Aksum existed for a long time before rising to power about 220 CE
- The kingdom of Aksum is also known as the Axum Empire.
- The kingdom had a great location due to being surrounded by water
 - The kingdom is said to have minted its own currencies and spoken in its own language, Ge'ez.
 - Ruler were called nagisa nagisa meaning king of kings



When it came to trading the people of Axum had no problem since they had access to multiple waterways. Places that they traded with include: India and the Mediterranean (Rome, later Byzantium).



Trading

1

Gold



silk and spices



Ivory



Emeralds

King Ezana

1

Christianity

First convert and made it as state religion

2

Coins

He was the first person to ever put a cross on coins



3

Gold Age

During his rule he was able to bring Axum into a golden period

4

Written documents

HE made sure they had written documents it show that he was organized

What was Unique

1

They had their own alphabet system.

2

Their main language they spoke was Ge'ez but knew other languages.

3

They were writers. they wrote about their thoughts, religion, and relationships with other people.



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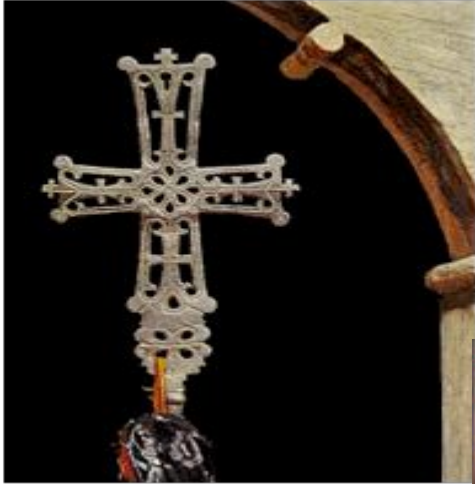
Government



The Aksum were ruled by a dynasty based on the feudal system. It was made up of small landlords who paid taxes to the king. Basically the king gave lands to people in exchange of loyalty and service. society consisted of an upper class of kings and lords, a lower elite of minor nobles as well as rich merchants and fishermen, and a tier of common citizens such as small farmers, craftsmen, and traders.

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Christianity



Under the rule of King Ezana, the Kingdom of Aksum had been converted to Christianity. The Kingdom of Aksum was one of the first to convert into Christianity. Religion became an important aspect of the people in the Kingdom of Aksum. Axum's ancestors had formerly practiced an indigenous polytheistic faith. They came to know the religion by trading. Many temples were found throughout the kingdom.

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Art

Temples

They had perfectly smooth surfaces, long cut blocks of stone, straight rigid joints, and perfectly rounded corners.

Writings

If you look at their script it's art



Pots

Aksum potters made plain red and black terracotta goods without the use of a wheel. The finish on the wares is usually matt, though others are painted with a red slide. Basic cups, pots, and spouted jugs are used as types.

Cross

The Christian cross is by far the most popular artistic symbol.

Conclusion

Prior to this lecture, I knew so little about Africa and its diverse society. This class opened my eyes to the fact that Africa has made significant contributions to the world. Axum was a kingdom that many of us were unaware of, but after today, I hope you are. Axum was a tiny kingdom, but it was influential. The Kingdom of Axum had accomplished plenty. They had their own alphabet, became the first to get a cross on their coin, and several other innovations. People still follow some of the Axum findings.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME UNTIL NEXT TIME WITH AYLEEN ZAPATA

Questions?



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