



Islam as a Religion of Ethiopia

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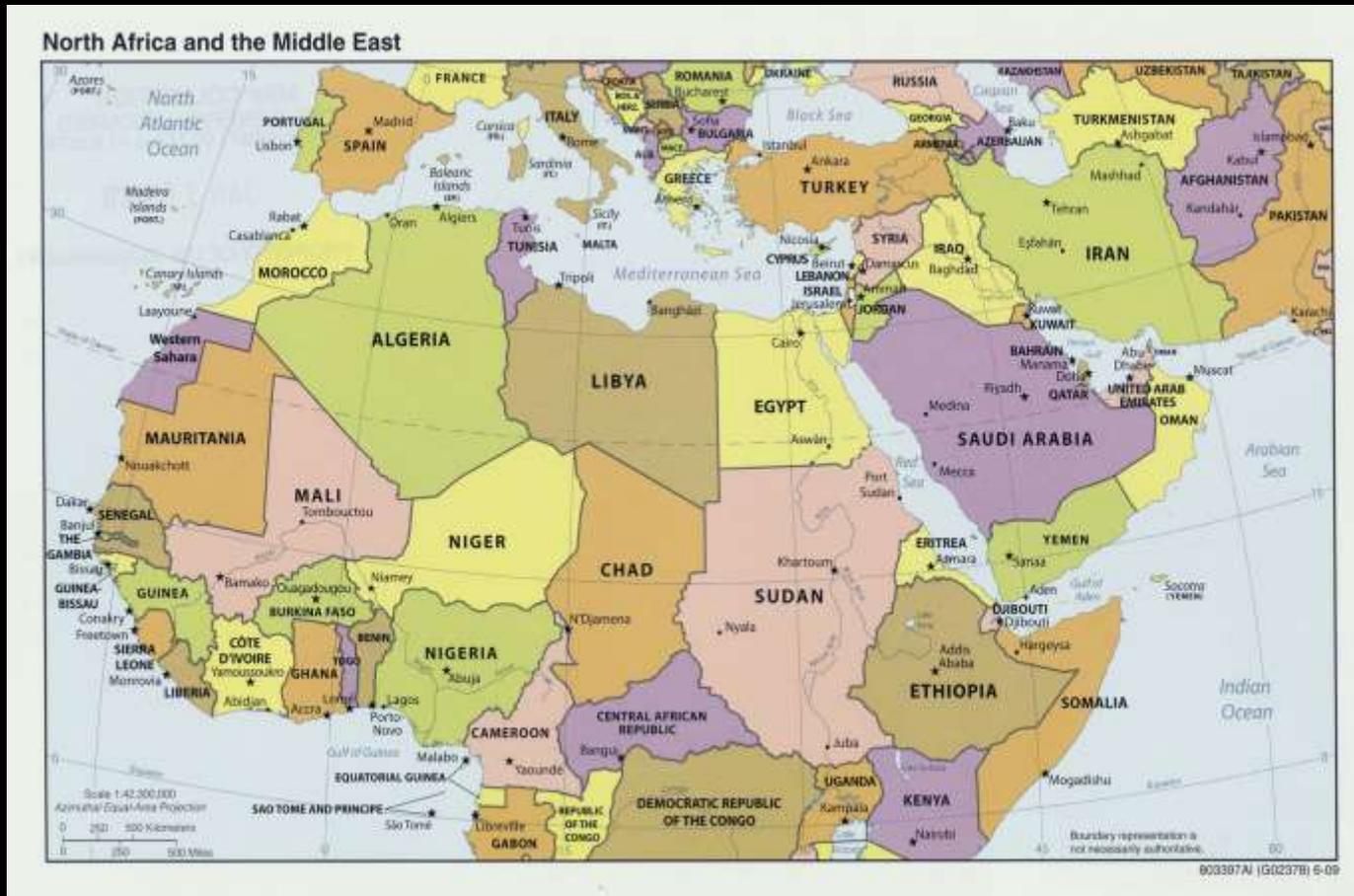
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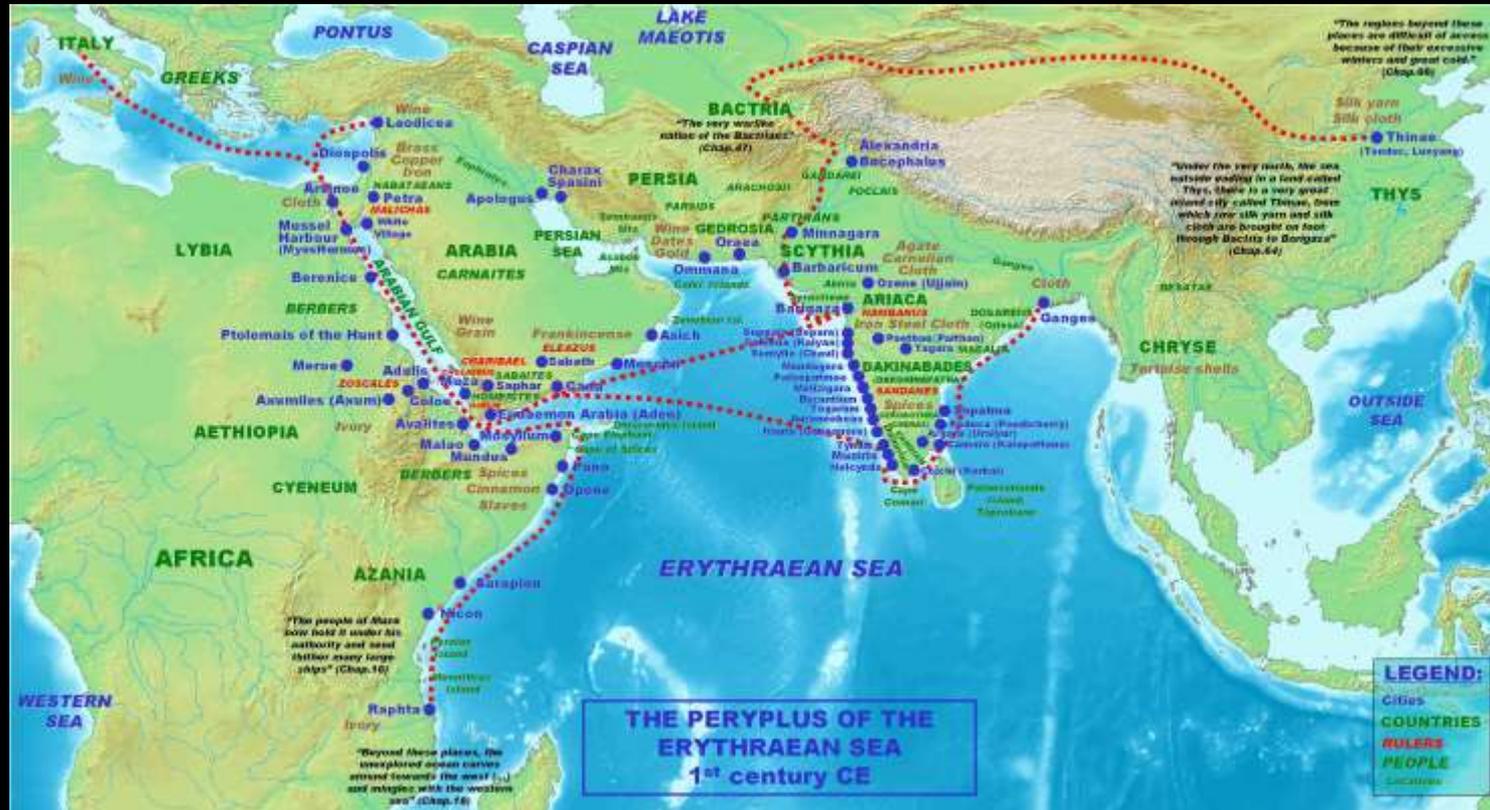




Ethiopia at the periphery of the Islamic world?

Totius Africae tabula, & descriptio uniuersalis, etiam ultra Ptolemæi limites extensa.









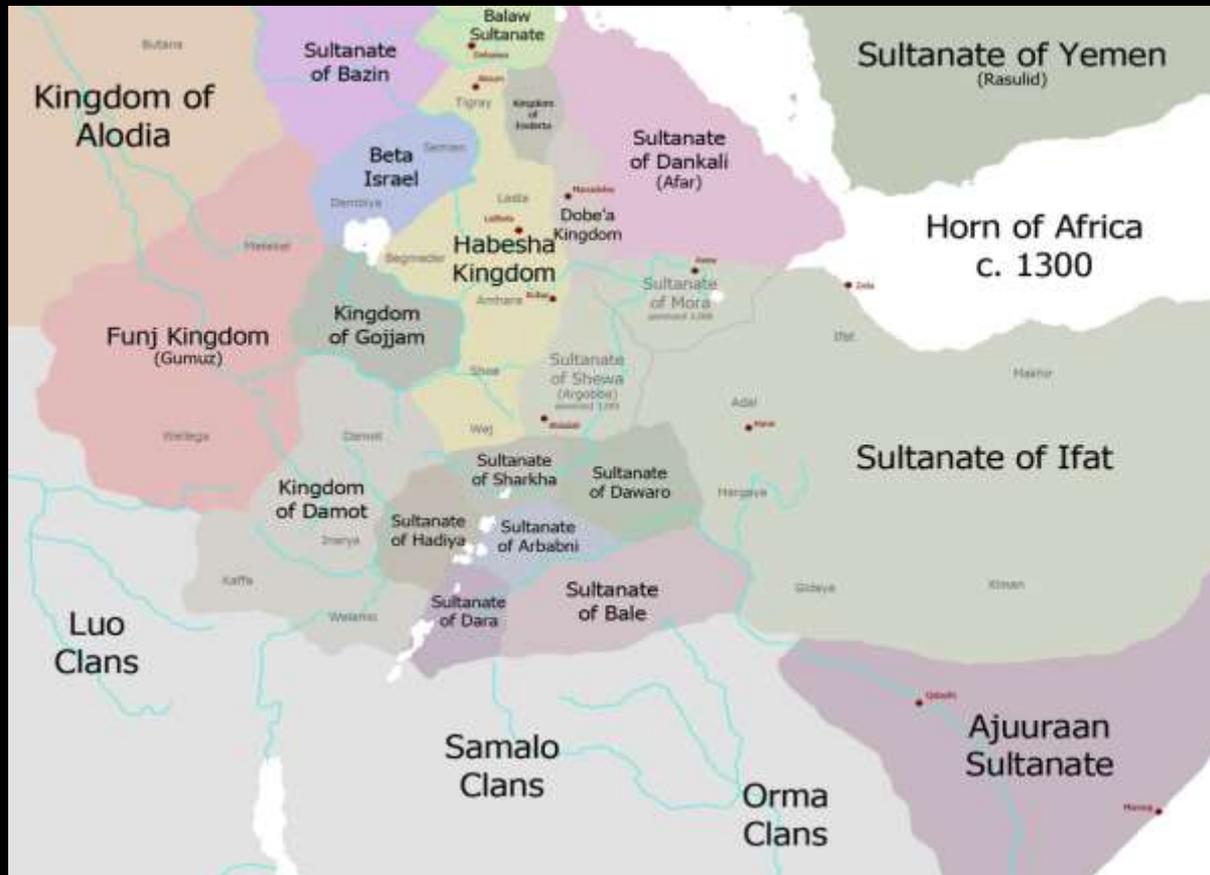
Sub and trans-Saharan trade routes



Sources for the history of Islam Ethiopia

- European traveller's accounts: like the one of Jacopo de Varthema
- Arabic historiographical and geographical treatises, like Yaqūt (d. 1229), al-`Umarī (d. 1349); al-Maqrīzī (d. 1442)
- Local chronicles, both Christian and Islamic:
 - the *Meshafe Milad* of Zar`a Yaqob (d. 1468) for Christians
 - the *Futūḥ al-Ḥabaša* (16th century) along with the *Fatḥ Madīnat Harar* (probably 19th century) for Muslims





Kindoms of Ethiopia 14^o century





Relics of the *Mosque of the Two Qiblas*, Zaila, 7^o century CE.

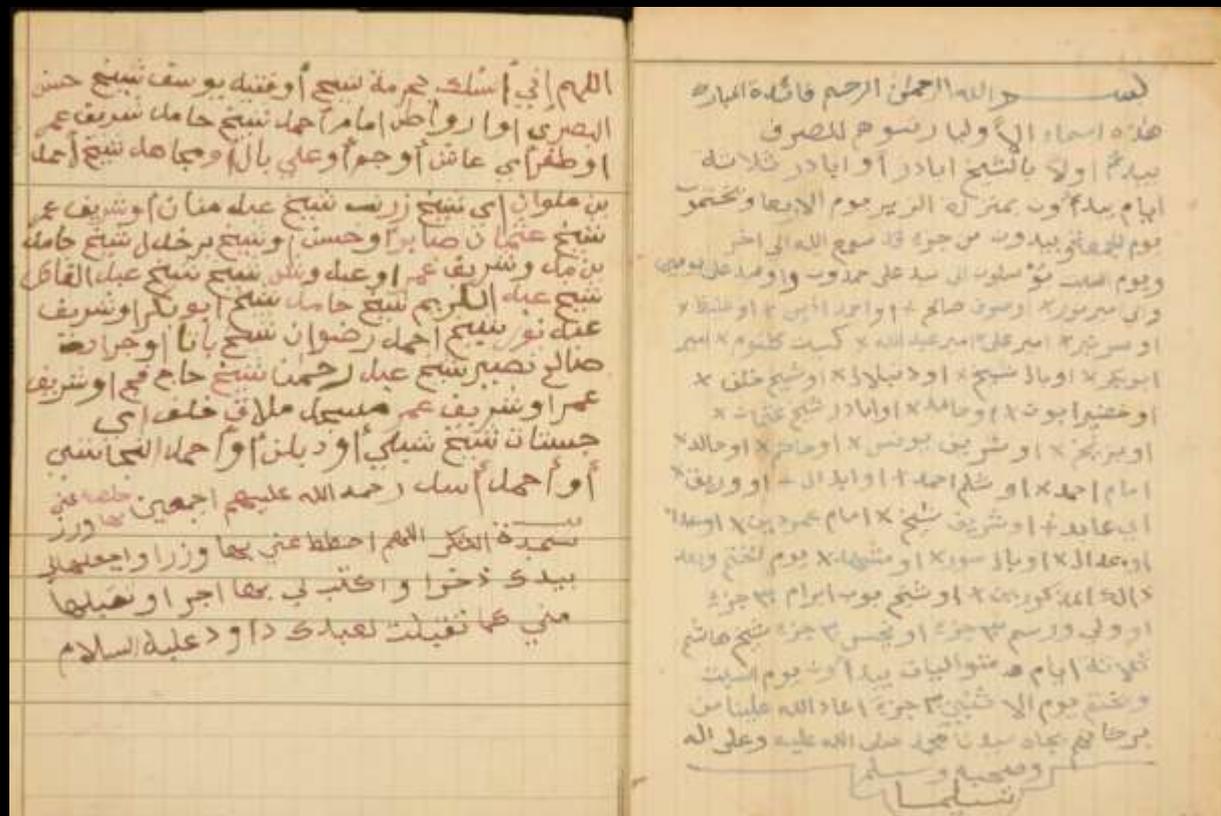


View of the city of Harar, from Sir R. F. Burton, *First Footsteps in East Africa; or, An Exploration of Harar*. London: Longman, Brown, Green and Longmans, 1856, pp. 291-92.





View of one of the doors of the city of Harar.



Lists of the saints of Harar, IES 276, ff. 46v-47r.