

Alien Rule

Liao, Jin, and Yuan Dynasties 907-1368



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The Song dynasty defeated by the Mongols in 1276.

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Mongolian Steppe



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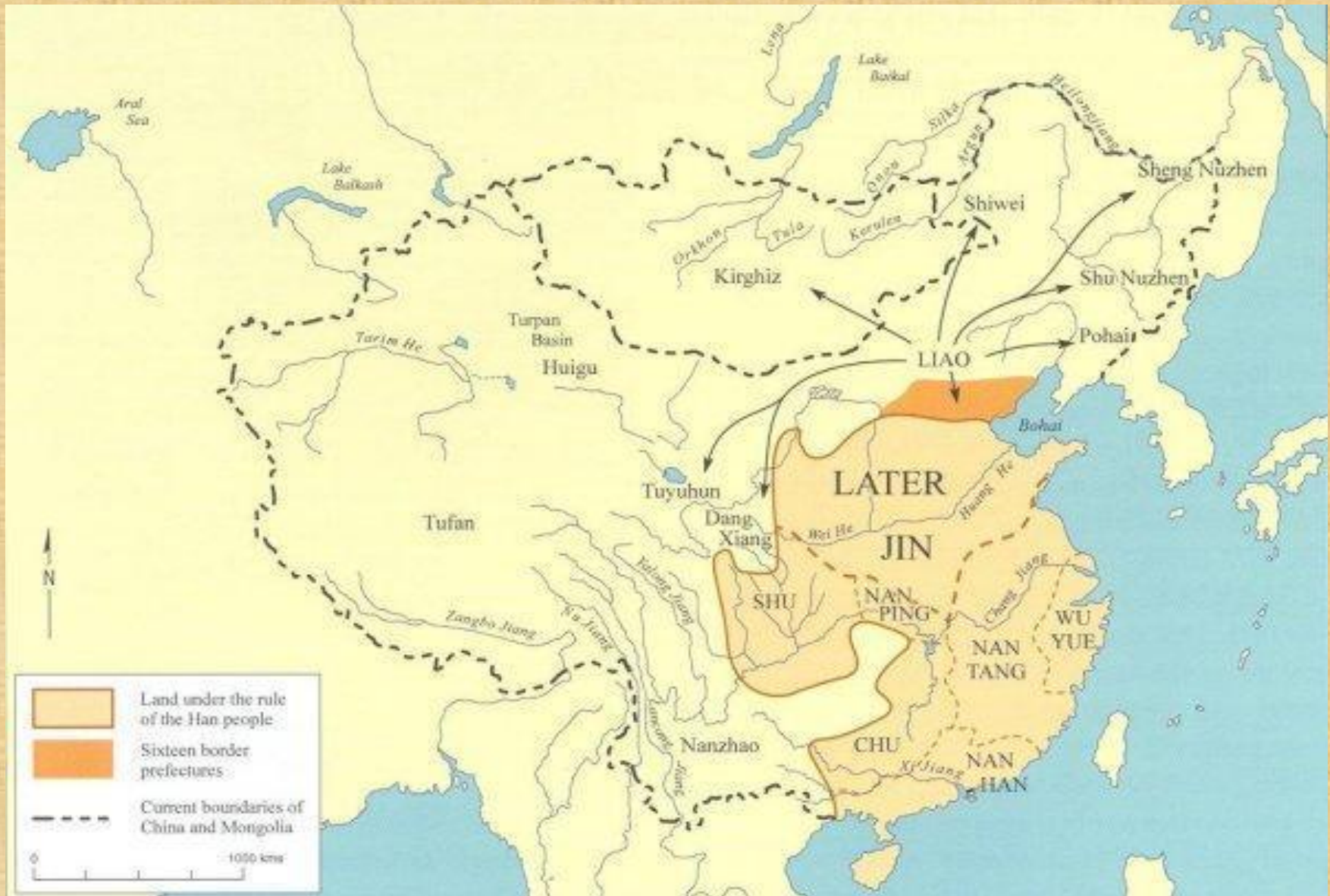
Khitan were the first major nomadic tribe with which China had to deal.

Abaoji created the Liao dynasty.

The Jurchens lead by Aguda founded the Jin dynasty, ousted the Khitans and then went after the Song dynasty.

Chinggis Khan unites the Mongol tribes, and then he goes off to conquer the world.

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Expansion of Liao Dynasty 907 to 960

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Examples of Mongol warriors



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Chinggis Khan (ca. 1162-1227) was extremely aggressive in making war with massive areas surrounding Mongolia. You would be given an option to be with him or else....

It is estimated that nearly 20 million Asian share Chinggis' Y-chromosome pattern because of his alleged policy of impregnating of conquered women.

Two interviews with people looking for Chinggis Khan's burial site:

<http://www.wolverton-mountain.com/interviews/people/woods.htm>

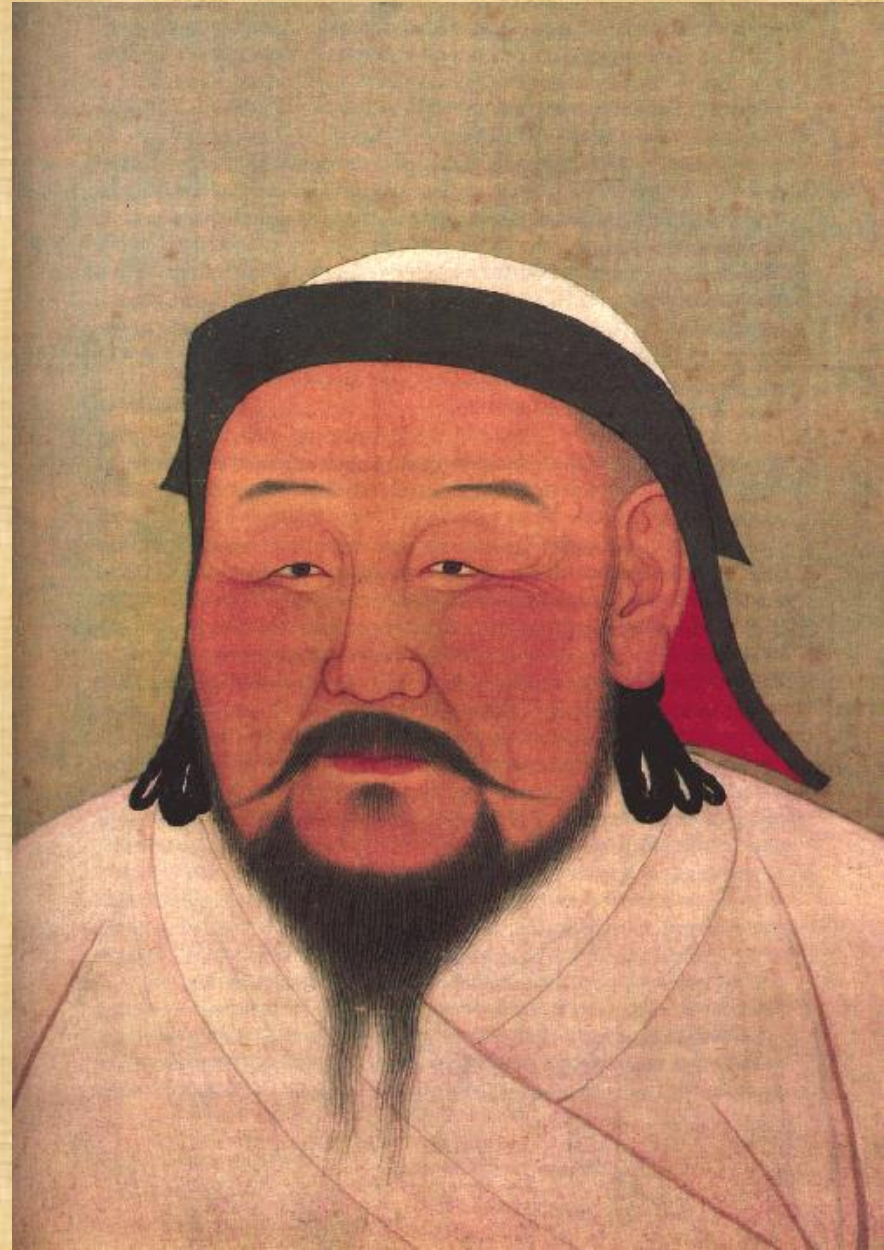
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Chinggis Khan

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**Khubilai named his dynasty, Yuan.
He succeeded in conquering the Song
dynasty with the help of a massive
river siege.**

Khubilai Khan



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Life in China Under Alien Rule

- **Mongols didn't force a new culture on the Chinese. It was a *laissez faire* attitude paralleling the way the north dealt with new ideas.**
- **However, life for the ordinary peasant was often harsh—especially taxes.**
- **Massive inflation resulted.**
- **On the brighter side, the Mongols reunited the north and south.**
- **The Mongol societal caste system was very elaborate with each level treated differently than the ones above or below.**
- **Civil service exams resumed in 1315 but were weighted in favor of the Mongols.**

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Examples of Chinese ghosts and demons—
all a part of the cult of Zhong Kui



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Ethnicity, Loyalty, and Confucian Universalism

- **The Chinese culture was what made Chinese better than all others—not their race per se. Although, there are elements of racism present.**
- **Example: the text talks about the “Confucian theory of the transformative power of Chinese culture”.**
- **The attitude toward assimilation into Chinese culture, etc. is an important concept. However, one could not server two masters...either you looked to the Mongols or to mother China.**
- **NB Centuries later, Mao attempted to rid China of all things foreign.**
- **Chinese self-awareness grew as a result of the Mongol dominance.**

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Zhao Mengfu *Horse and Groom in the Wind*