

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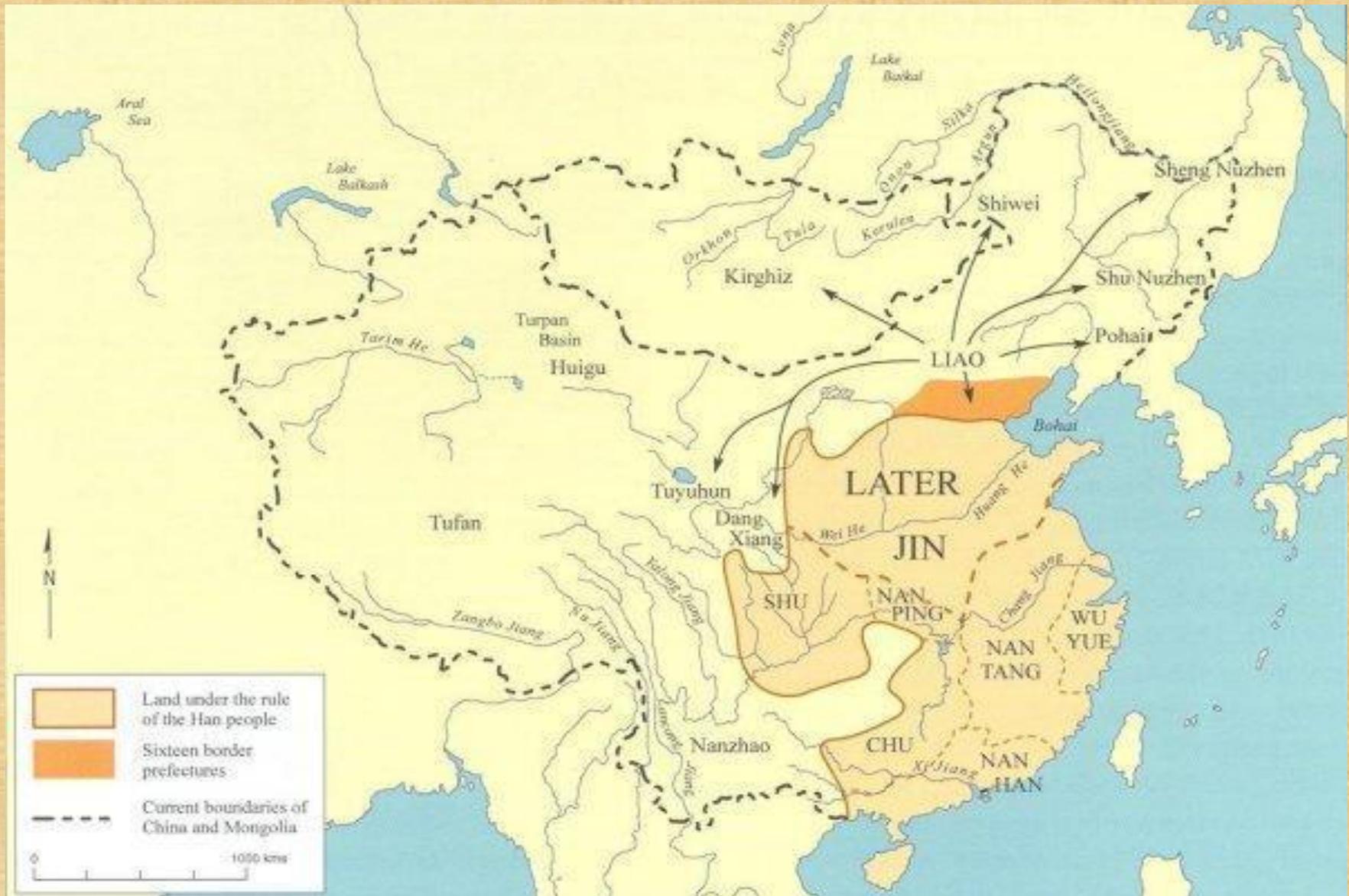
**Khitan were the first major nomadic tribe with which China had to deal.**

**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>**

**[http://www.wolverton-mountain.com/interviews/people/maury\\_kratvitz.htm](http://www.wolverton-mountain.com/interviews/people/maury_kratvitz.htm)**

**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*