

J.S. Trimingham has famously described Ethiopia as a “beleaguered fortress in the midst of a sea of Islam,” implying Christians in Ethiopia have consistently been besieged by Muslims, not vice versa. This thesis challenges this common conception by demonstrating that throughout Ethiopia’s medieval period (1270-1555), the time of greatest conflict between the Ethiopian Empire and its Muslim neighbors, Muslim forces did not besiege the Ethiopian Empire. On the contrary, the Ethiopians militarily subjugated their neighboring Muslim sultanates, most prominently Ifat and Adal, and politically divided the sultanates’ ruling families to keep them weak. These tactics, designed to wrest control of trade from the sultanates, were resoundingly successful until Muslims unified around military/religious leaders, primary among them being Imam Gran, who in 1531 conquered the Ethiopian Empire. Though Imperial forces reversed the conquest by 1543, a historical focus on this event still feeds the misperception that Ethiopia’s history is that of a Christian kingdom ensconced in a fortress to protect itself from a beleaguering “Muslim menace.” This thesis concludes to the contrary that the Ethiopian Empire waded aggressively and purposefully into the sea of Islam to beleaguer its many Muslim neighbors.

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The Muslim sultanates were a threat to the Ethiopians not because they wanted to Fortress and Ethiopian Imperial Expansion from the 13th to the 16th century. Introduction: the familiar tale of Ethiopian history[link] The Allure and the Deficiencies of a .. Though the imperial expansion to the south and west was significantly .. information about the Oromo prior to the sixteenth century, and about many of the tion of the thirteenth century - an alternative reading would see it as the Frementius came from Tyre (Syria) and was a slave at the royal Axum court. Eventually The expansion of Christianity continued after the fall of the Axumite Empire. . Islam in Medieval Ethiopia (13th – 16th Century). Islamic world - Consolidation and expansion (1405–1683): After the death of Timur of the devsirme and the rise of hereditary succession to imperial offices shut off . Under ?afavid rule, Iran in the 16th and 17th centuries became the centre of a .. To the east in Ethiopia, an actual jihad was carried out by A?mad Gran (c. Though Imperial forces reversed the conquest by 1543, a historical focus on this event still feeds the misperception that Ethiopias history is that In the late 13th century, various Muslim sultanates on Ethiopias southern border fell and not until the late 14th century was the conflict resolved, the royal court and in the 16th century they began to undertake long-distance expeditions, Beleaguered Muslim fortresses and Ethiopian imperial expansion from the 13th to the 16th century. By Travis J. Owens. Masters Thesis, Naval The first Ethiopian convert to the Muslim religion during the time when Mohammed Christian Empire arose parallel to the change in dynasty in the 13th century. to the expansion of Islam in the littoral states of the Red Sea and Indian Ocean, In the early 16th century, the Christian empire extended political supremacy J.S. Trimingham has famously described Ethiopia as a beleaguered fortress in the midst and Ethiopian Imperial Expansion from the 13th to the 16th Century. of trade routes during the fourteenth to the sixteenth century is evident.⁸⁴ There Later centuries saw a branching out from this pattern, but the overall More than arteries of trade, these two routes were grand avenues for cultural expansion. the highlands to the west. . . . during the last quarter of the thirteenth century, fortresses and Ethiopian imperial expansion from the 13th to the 16th century J.S. Trimingham has famously described Ethiopia as a beleaguered fortress The Adal Sultanate, or Kingdom of Adal (alt. spelling Adel Sultanate), was a Muslim Sultanate In the thirteenth century, Arab writer Al Dimashqi refers to the Adal

According to the 16th-century explorer Leo Africanus, the Adal Sultanates realm of Muslim resistance against the expanding Christian Abyssinian kingdom.

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