

Ethiopia: 800 Years of Total Eclipse!

History books recorded more or less accurately that from 1275 to 1991 with the exception of 17 years of interregnum (11 July 1871 – 10 March 1889) Ethiopia with 80 ethnic nationalities and their own distinctive cultures and languages was ruled by one single ethnic group, asserting and imposing its culture and language as a norm, over every other nationality compelling them all to conform to this single culture and adopt it as their own.

Conformity to a way of life alien to one's own self-identity does not come as a free choice but is extracted by socio-economic, military and political coercions.

Eight-hundred years of oppression is too long for oppressed nations in Ethiopia to bear.

Eight-hundred years, or even more, of successive rule by a single identity say in Germany may be tolerable as a German sees him/herself no different from other Germans be it culturally, psychologically and/or linguistically.

If on the other hand, you have a nation of diverse nationalities brought together by consensus or brute force and one group asserts its will and desire, disregarding that of the others, it *is colonialism pure and simple*.

A rule by force is undoubtedly lethal for those at the receiving end, but it is also damaging to those who practice and imposed it on others. For a start it is self-deceiving to refer to such a nation as 'one nation or in unison' when it is a

fact that man, unbounded by rule of law and no less than a wild beast engaged in an existential battle for survival, will fight even his own kind.

Nations of mythomane characters leading an unstable citizenry crave the foraging and marauding of their neighbours by fomenting indefensible cases their unstable populace wildly accept and uphold in order to cover up their evil desire, immorality and lack of real integrity.

Instead of looking inward, assessing their internal deficiencies (material and creative) and sorting them out, they tend to externalize and blame others.

Such is the case of Eritrea. When in 1952 Eritrea joined Ethiopia, it was the Eritrean people who voted to join by popular vote, albeit there was a lot of dirty machinations on the part of the Imperial Court to entice and coerce Eritreans to join. But at the end of the day, if most Eritreans had a clear and genuine desire to stay away, no amount of palace intrigues could have stopped the wishes of the Eritrean people.

Come independence, Eritreans found themselves bound by their limbs, enslaved, caught between a rock and a hard place, desperate to sell their kidneys to frail Arab moguls in their attempt to free themselves from their own government of racketeers led by Isayas Afewerke. Cantankerous Isayas gloats over negative publicity and infuses his convoluted and chimerical fiction that Weyane are to blame for no higher academic institutions, no hospitals worthy of a name, no electricity or water supply, no freedom of speech because Weyane/ጭኑ prevent them from happening. ጭኑ is to blame if there is no enough rain! Shocking the Eritreans believe him! I am mindful that there are some Eritreans, who against insurmountable odds, challenge him but they remain a minority. Isayas has now reduced Tigray to the level he has maintained in Eritrea since its war of independence, on its knees. Wherever he goes, destruction follows him and there are Eritreans who are pleased to see other nations, especially Tigray, brought to ruins. Instead of picking themselves up from the morass they are in, they get joy from seeing others falling into the morass they are wallowing in - epicaricacy,

classic schadenfreude pure and simple. Evil breeds evil; there is no limit to the greed it breeds creating more greed, turning into an epidemic.

On another note, we are told to confirm be pleased that we all are Ethiopians one and the same under one flag, speaking the same language, displaying the same culture and thankful of the kings and emperors Ethiopia was blessed to have and be ruled. Little or nothing is said the total disregard and suppression all nationalities ruled by the Showan aristocrats for 800 years endured.

Little did they know or care all nationalities were stripped off their identities and culture.

The clan that emerged in Ankobor is a doppelgänger. A certain local priest, Yekuno Amlak (10/8/1270 - 19/6/1285) conspired with a Gafat military commander called Malassay and Sultan Dil Gamis, sultanate of Shewa and overthrew Naakueto Lab, ending the reign of Zagwe Dynasty at the Battle of Ansata. The beginning of a genocidal plot that was fully realised a century later. The Shewa Ankoraties created the fortress prison of Gesheh and Ambassel where progenies of emperors and kings were kept, checked as chickens are kept in coops to avoid cockerels fighting to death to claim the harem/hareem!

The most notorious of all, Amede Seyon I, arguably who claimed he was the son of Qedma Asgard in defense of his incestuous relation with Dijan Mogesa, concubine of Wedam Arad/ his father, invaded the land of Damot, Hadya, ifat and Bete-Isreal and wiped the people to dust, thereafter they never were able to sustain independence existence but subservient to anyone who assert power in the country they called Ethiopia, period!

Amede Seyon likewise dared to venture to bring Tigray led by Yaibika Izgi, under his full control against the wish if the people who called the invaders Halestiyat/mixed race.

Amede Seyon set the first military base at a location between the sea and Wuha-Milash then know Mekela/ጠቀላ/splitting, made of non-Tigrayan troop, 600 years later Haileselassie endeavored to copy-cut, under his son Bahri-Segad 1328.

Aggressors, with the help of foreign mercenaries, tend to have an advantage when attempting to realize their cravings for land grabs, resources and subsequent enslaved subjects rendered at their disposal.

But such a reckless venture ends up in two ways: obliteration of the indigenous people as is the case of the Agawe and Qemants, or the resistance of the indigenous people. Such a resistance keeps the aggressor imbalanced, potentially leading to the deployment of its material and human resources to quell the subjects it has trampled. There would be little to nothing left to guide progress and development.

In the end, as the force of resistance gains momentum, the force of oppression would begin to dwindle, until it is defeated. A case in point are the British and French empires.

The kings and emperors that are nominally know as Amharas, right from Yekuno Amlak to Haileselassie, including their consorts were from Debre Berhan, Merha Bete, and Ankobor. Even Fasiledis, his father Susenyos and his grandfather Fasil were from Bulga, his mother, Wales Saale and his wife Shake Work were from Shewa (see table below).

There were no dignitaries from Gojjam and Begemeder that emerged to prominence during the 800 years of Showan aristocratic rule. This leaves one stipulating that there were no Amharas in Wollo, Gojjam and Begemeder. In fact, history records that the Ankoborites were forced to move north, sandwiched by the Oromos. In their move northwards, they were confronted by the Oromos and compelled to submit to the Oromo war lords.

Sarsa Dengel Menas move the centre of his seat from Showa to Begemder. He built the castle of Guzara in Enfraz near Lake Tana to evade the Oromo threat encircling Menze and Wollo. To smooth his way northward he engaged with Bahri Negus Yeshaq of Tigray whom he succeeded to kill in 1576

However as they migrated, the Amhara managed to eradicate many indigenous people. Menas Lenedegel (1559-1563) Fasiledas Susenyos (born 20/11/1603 ruled 1632-18/10/1667) Sealed the fate of the Shenashas, Bete Israelites, Benshanguls and the Agawe people in the Amhara quest to grab land and resources, with the aid of foreign powers by undergoing total metanoia and adopting the catholic religion - so much for integrity, it has never been the feat.

Ethiopia!
How humiliating you say
I am yours,
I share your trait
You are my mother?
Promiscuous with Showan aristocrats,
So much you flirted,
Made me submit,
Serve as their maid;
Wash their bare feet!
You smothered by breathe
You cut my indigenous tongue
I stutter the masters' diction to utter.

Kept me in the dark
So wouldn't know where to embark

You blew my dreams asunder
Robbed my honour

You denied me food and water
You permeated my well-being to go under
And you called yourself my mother;
How dare you, how dare!

Yared Huluf

Emperor	DOB/Reign	Consort	Children	Origin
Yekuno Almlak	10/7/1270		Yagbeu Seyon Wedem arad	Showa
Yagbeu Seyon	18/6/1285 -1294		Senfa Ared IV Hezeba Asgad Qedma Asgad Jin Asgad Saba Asgad	Bete Amhara Showa/Wollo
Senfa Ared IV	1294-1295			
Hezeba Asgad	1295-1296			
Qedma Asgad	1296-1297			
Jin Asgad	1297-1298			
Saba Asgad	1298-1299			
Wedem Arad	1299-1314		Ameda Seyon I	Abdall/Shewa a
Ameda Seyon I Wedem Arad	1314-1344	Djan Mqngesha	Neway Krestos Bari-Sagad	
Neway Krestos Ameda Seyon I	1344-1372	Lazzab Warqa		
Neway Maryam Neway Krestos	1372-1382			
Dawit I Neway Maryam	1382-23/6/1413	Seyon Mengesha Egzi Kebra	Tewodroa Yesehaq Tekle Marayam Yaqob	
Tewodros Dawit I	12/10/1413- 23/6/15414 Died 2/7/1414	Seyon Mendesha		
Yesehaq I Dawit I	1414-1429	Seyon Mengesha	Andreyois	
Andreyas Yesehaq I	1429-1430			
Tekle Mariam Dawit I	1430-1433		Sarwe Iyasus Ameda Iyasus	
Sarwe Iyasus Tekle Mariam	1433			
Ameda Iyasu	1433-1434			
Zara Yaqob Dawit I Mother Egzi Kebra	DOB 1399 1436-1468	Eleni Seyon Morgosa Gera Baaltihat	Baeda Marayam Galawewos Amede Marayam Zara Abraham Batra Seyon Del Samera Rom Ganayala Adal Mangesha Berhan Zemada Madhen Zamada Sabala Maryam Del Debaba	Teq/Ftagar Showa
Baeda Maryam I Zara Yaqob Dawit I	DOB 1448 26/8/1468-8/11/1478	Roman Work Eresh-Gazet	Eskender Enqu Isreal	Debre Berhan

Mother Seyon Morgasa		Kalyupe	Tewodros Naod	
Eskender Baeda Maryam I Mother Roman Work	DOB 15/7/1471 1478-7/4/1494 Age 22			Tegulet/Sho wa
Amda Seyon II Eskender Mother Eresh-Gazet	1494-26/10/1494			
Naod Baeda Maryam I Mother Kalyupe Killed by Imam Mafes/Adal Sultanate	1494-31/7/1508	Naod Mogesa	Dawit II Lebna Dengel Victor Jacob Claudius Minas	
Dawit II Naod Mother Noad Mogesa	DOB 1496 13/7/1507-2/11/1540	Sebel Wongel	Fiqtor Denagel Gelawdewos Yakob Menas Walatta Hanna Amete Georgis Sabana Georgis Walatta Kidusan Tewdada Fasil	Shewa
Gelawdewos Dawit II Mother Sebel Wongel	DOB 15/1522 3/9/1540-23/3/1559		Sabana Georgis Mashihawit	
Menas Dawit II Mother Sebel Wongel	1559-1563	Admas Moas	Sarasa Denel Lesana Kristos Hawaryat Tazkaro	
Sarsa Dengel Menas Mother Admas Mogasa	DOB 1550 1563-1597	Marayam Sena Emebet Harego	Yacob	
Yacob Sarsa Denel Mother Maryam Sena	DOB 1590 1597-1607	Nazarena Foreign origin First to convert to catholicism	Cosmas Saga Krestos	
Susenyos I Fasil Grand son of Dawit II of Showa Convnet catholic Mother Hamalmal from Shime Nefas Mewecha/Begemder	DOB 1571 1607-1632	Waled Saala Shaile Work	Kanafra Krestos Fasiladas Claudius Markos Wangelawit Malaktawit Galilawit	Showa
Fasiladas Susenyos I MOther Sahle Work	DOB 20/11/1603 1632-18/10/1667		Yohannes I Dawit Isour Theoce	Bulga/Shewa

			Kedeste Krestos Sabel Wongel	
Yohannes I Fasiledas	DOB 1640 19/7/1682	Sebel Wongel	Yostos Iyasu the Great Gelawdewos Amlakawit Eleni	
Iyasu Yohannis I Mother Sable Wongel	DOB 1654 19/7/1682-10/1706	Walatta Seyon → Malakotawit Qeddesta Krestos Marayamawit	Fasilidas Walatta Rufael Tekle Hymant I Dawit III Yohannes II Bakaffa Yostos Walatta Selassie Walatta Isreal	
Tekle Hymanot I Iyasu Mother Malekotawit	DOB 28/1684 27/3/1706-30/6/1708		Naod	
Tewoflos Yohannes I	1/7/1708-10/1711			
Yostos Yohannes I	14/1711-19/2/1716			
Dawit III Iyasu Mother Qeddesta Krestos	8/2/1716-18//5/1721			
Bakaffa Iyasu Maraymawit	18/1721-9/1730	Mentewab	Iyasu II Half sisters from Dejazmach Iyasu Limal/son of Walatta Isreal Iyasu I Walatta Tekle haymanot Walatta isreal	
Iyasu II Bakaffa Mother Mentewab	DOB 21/6/1723 19/9/1730-27/6/1755	Welete Bersabe of Karrayu Oromo	Adigo Aylo Iyoas	
Iyoas I Iyasu II Mother Welete bersabe				
Yohannes II Iyasu I Mother Qeddesta Krestos	DOB 1699 7/5/1769 - 18-10/1769	Walatta Selassie Shul Mikeal Sancheviyar Forienger/protuges	Tekle Hymanot II Tekle Geogris Sons of Sancheviyar	

**1770 - 1889 Infantile, Aborted Struggle for Self independence derogatorily termed as
Zemene mesafint and beyond**