

KING EZANA - TIMELINE

From the kings of Kush to the church of Ethiopia and Eritrea

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- c. 750–650 BCE** • Kushite kings rule Egypt as the Twenty-Fifth Dynasty
 - 1st century CE** • The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea describes Adulis and King Zoskales
 - c. 270 CE** • Endybis begins the Aksumite coinage — Greek legends, disc and crescent
 - 301 CE** • Armenia becomes the first state to adopt Christianity
 - 325 CE** • The Council of Nicaea; the creed Frumentius will carry south
 - 328 CE** • Athanasius becomes bishop of Alexandria
 - c. 300–320s** • Meropius of Tyre, Frumentius and Aedesius are shipwrecked and taken to Aksum
 - 320s** • Ousanas / Ella Amida rules; the queen mother is remembered as Sofya
 - c. 328–330** • Frumentius is consecrated bishop at Alexandria by Athanasius
 - c. 330s** • Ezana and Saizana are baptised; the cross appears on the coinage
 - c. 340s–350s** • The campaigns: the Beja, the Agwezat, the Sarané of Afan, the Noba and Kasu
 - c. 350 CE** • Meroë ceases to function as a royal capital; Kush dissolves
 - c. 356 CE** • Constantius II writes to Ezana and Saizana about their bishop
 - c. 360 CE** • Ezana's reign ends; the succession passes to Saizana and later kings
 - 5th–6th century** • The Nine Saints; the Ge'ez Bible translated; the 81-book canon
 - 6th century** • The Nubian kingdoms become Christian — three centuries after Aksum
 - 615 CE** • The first Muslims are received at Aksum by the negus
 - 1959 CE** • The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church receives its own patriarch
 - 1993 / 1998** • The Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church becomes autocephalous

Dates before the fourth century rest largely on the coin sequence and are approximate.

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