

Aksum's Decline

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Because it was a _____ Adjective and _____ Adjective process, the concrete causes of the decline of the Aksumite kingdoms are inconspicuous. The underlying cause of its decline is the shift of power southward. After the _____ Noun ended involvement in southern Arabia and the Muslims replaced the _____ in the Red Sea, Amda Tseyon's and Zara _____ Noun - Plural campaigns into southern lands proved to be permanent settlements.

Until Adulis _____ Adjective a destructive attack in the middle of the _____ Year century, the Aksumites exported ivory, incense, tortoise-shell, and obsidian and they imported clothing, glass, iron, and weapons from Egypt, India, and Arabia (Pankhurst 23). But as Islamic expansions grew in the Red Sea and overpopulation and over-cropping wore down the once fertile land, _____ Noun - Plural presence in the seashores began to diminish. Trade with other countries, however, did continue, but trading ports that were located much more southern had become more _____ Adjective.

The power shift into southern regions had become necessary once deforestation and degradation had taken its toll on the land. While forests were being cut down for construction and _____ Adjective rainfall eroded the soil, Aksumite agriculture began to collapse. The power shift southwards was also influenced by revolts occurring in surrounding areas, most notably by the _____ Noun tribes from the north. Ethiopia's expeditions into Arabia territories played a role in _____ Adjective its troops (Henze 44-6).

