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**THE HISTORY OF THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN ETHIOPIA  
(Christianity)**

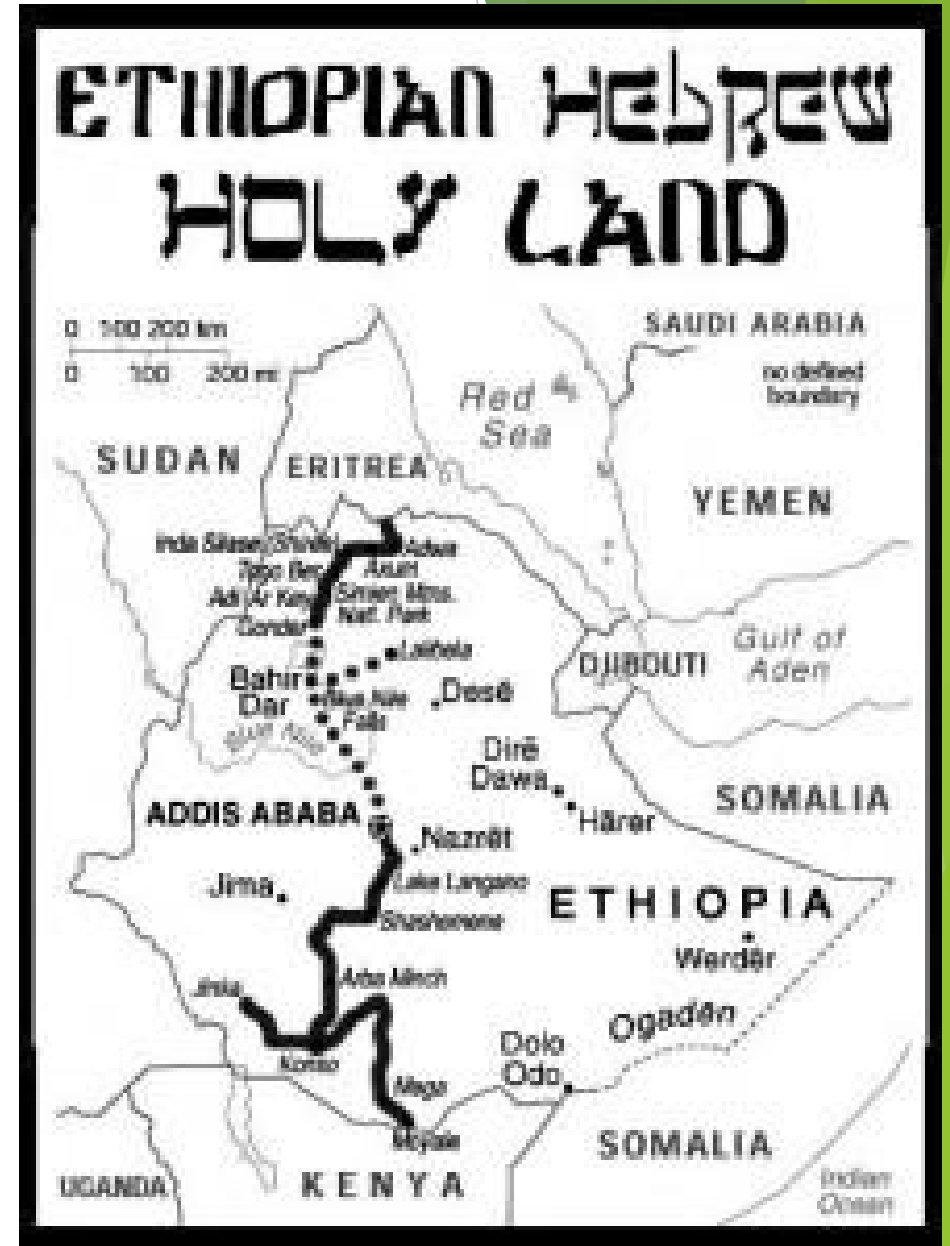
# Ethiopia in the Old Testament

- ❖ (1KING 10:1-13) WAS MAKEDA OR AZIEB, THE QUEEN OF AKSUM
- ❖ KING MINILIK – I
- ❖ THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



*The meeting of Queen Sheba with King Solomon  
(Ethiopian Art)*

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| 1.  | 2 Kings 19:9       | 15. | Isaiah 20:1    |
| 2.  | 2 Chronicles 12:3  | 16. | Isaiah 20:3    |
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| 5.  | 2 Chronicles 14:13 | 19. | Isaiah 37:9    |
| 6.  | 2 Chronicles 16:8  | 20. | Isaiah 43:3    |
| 7.  | 2 Chronicles 21:16 | 21. | Isaiah 45:14   |
| 8.  | Esther 1:1         | 22. | Jeremiah 13:23 |
| 9.  | Esther 8:9         | 23. | Jeremiah 38:7  |
| 10. | Job 28:19          | 24. | Jeremiah 38:10 |
| 11. | Psalms 68:31       | 25. | Jeremiah 38:12 |
| 12. | Psalms 87:4        | 26. | Jeremiah 39:16 |
| 13. | Isaiah 11:11       | 27. | Jeremiah 46:9  |
| 14. | Isaiah 18:1        |     |                |



28. Ezekiel 29:10

29. Ezekiel 30:4

30. Ezekiel 30:5

31. Ezekiel 30:9

32. Daniel 11:43

33. Amos 9:7

34. Nahum 3:9

35. Zephaniah 2:12

36. Zephaniah 3:10

37. Judith 1:10

38. Greek Esther 1:1

39. Greek Esther 3:13

40. Greek Esther 8:9

41. Greek Esther 8:12

42. 1 Esdras 3:2

**JEWISH RELIGION**  
**(Circumcision, Sabbath,**  
**removing of the shoes)**

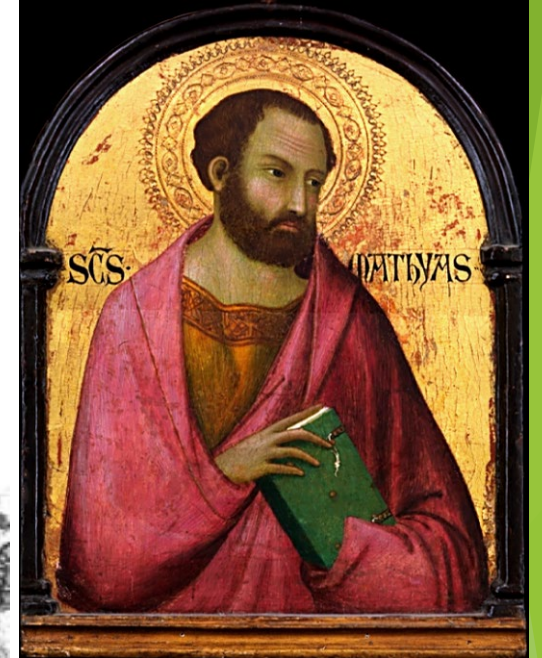
# Ethiopia in the New Testament

43. Acts 8:26

44. Acts 8:27

# MISSIONARIES

- **St. Matthias, April 24**  
(ancient tradition)
- **Frumentius**  
(ca 316 onwards from Tyre,  
recorded by Rufinus of Aquileia,  
Historian)



# The Nine Saints – 5<sup>th</sup> Century



Abba Aftse, Abba Alef, Abba Aragawi, Abba Garima (Isaac, or Yeshaq), Abba Guba, Abba Liqanos, Abba Pantelewon, Abba Sehma, and Abba Yem'ata – they were from Syria, Constantinople, Anatolia and Rome

# St. Yared ቅዱስ ያራድ; April 25, 505 - May 20, 571 AD



**The founder of Liturgical Hymns**

**Different Alphabet and writings - Ge'ez Letters**



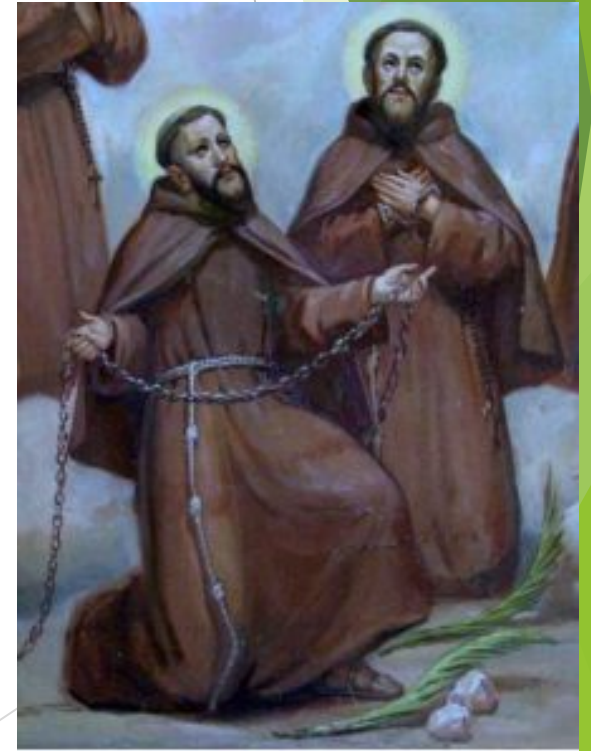


# Islam in Ethiopia

- ▶ The First Hijra to Ethiopia (ca. 615) – Negashi – in Tigray Region
- ▶ The only Country in Africa remained Christian while all other Christian countries were converted to Muslim religion! **WHY?**
- ▶ Its said that the prayer: Takbir “Allahu akbar” of the Muslim was adopted from Ethiopia.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Century – the meeting of Roman Latin Christianity with Ethiopia

- ▶ Lueso-Ethiopian Relations  
(Portuguese and Ethiopia)
- ▶ The Jesuits expulsion (1632)
- ▶ The Franciscans Capuchins (1638)



Agatangelo and Cassian

# The Franciscan Minor:

Samuele Marzorati,  
Liberatus Weiß,  
Michele Pio

(3<sup>rd</sup> March 1716 - Gondar Martyrs)

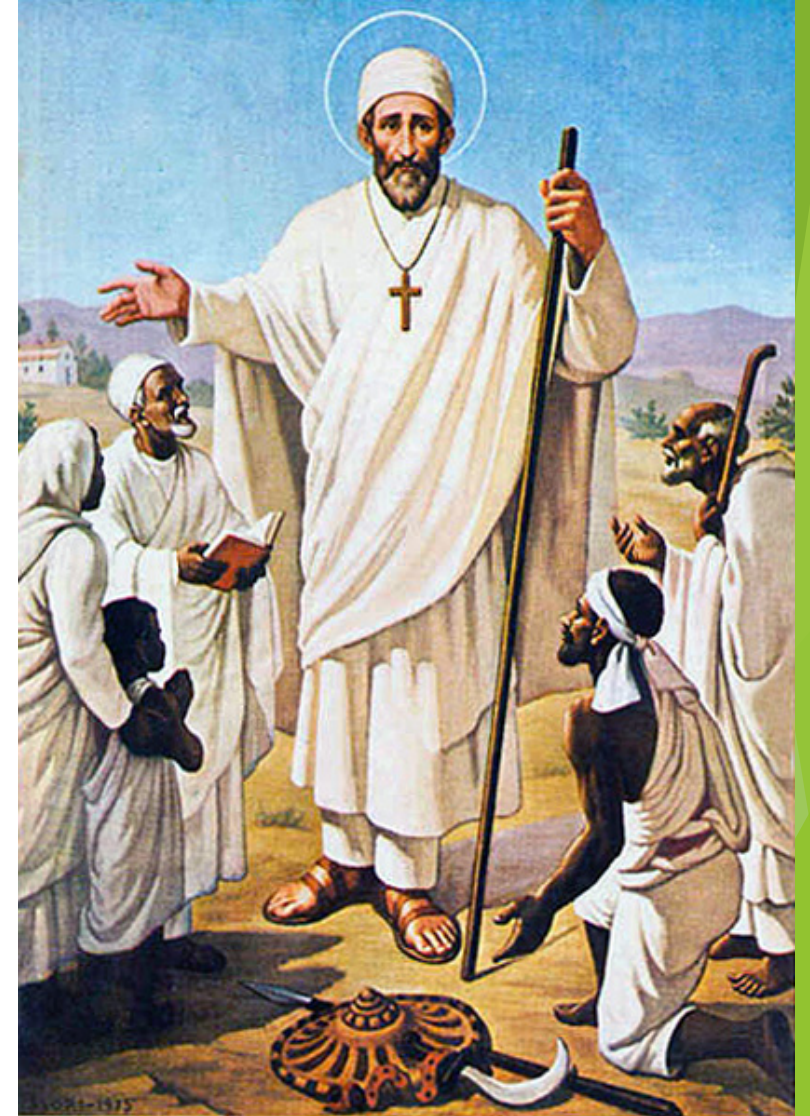


**Liberatus Weiß**

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# After 200 years -1839

- ▶ Justin De Jacobis  
(1839 - July 31, 1860)



(October 9, 1800 - July 31, 1860)

# (1846-1881) Guglielmo Massaia – Franciscan Capuchin missionary in Ethiopia

Who are the Franciscan Capuchins?

- ▶ 115 professed brothers
- ▶ Mission in Italy, USA
- ▶ 22 communities
- ▶ 32 schools
- ▶ Human promotions
- ▶ Ecology



(1809-1889)

# Present **SITUATION** of the Catholic Church

**1** ARCHDIOCESE

**3** EPARCHIES

**8** VICARIATES

**1** PREFECTURE

# CHALLENGES to the Catholic Church

1. Unresolved past History of 16<sup>th</sup> century with the Orthodox Ethiopia
2. Mixing the Italian attempt to Colonize Ethiopia with the Catholic Church (1936-41)

# The **CONTRIBUTION** of the Catholic Church to the country

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Human Promotion
- ▶ **Social Media**  
AS MEANS TOWARDS reaching out to the People as we are agents of the Gospel and wellbeing all creatures
- ▶ Ecology



# Political and economic situation of the country and challenges

- ▶ Population around 110 million
- ▶ Ethnic-based federalism / around 83 different ethnic groups
- ▶ Bad governance
- ▶ Mass exodus / search for green pasture
- ▶ Lack of job opportunities
- ▶ The current conflict in Northern Ethiopia, Tigray region

**VIELEN DANK!**