



The History of Xinjiang (Part 3)

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Aksu (Ākèsū)	阿克苏	Known as Gumo (see above) during the Han Dynasty. Today the capital of Aksu Prefecture
Bùrù Hǔxué Yān Déhǔzǐ	不入虎穴焉得虎子	You can't catch tiger cubs without entering the tiger's lair...the Chinese version of our Nothing ventured nothing gained
Bān Chāo	班超	Great Chinese military hero and diplomat extraordinaire who lived from 32 to 102 CE. Pacified Xinjiang for the Eastern Han Empire
Bān Xióng	班雄	Ban Yong's elder brother. Ban Chao's oldest son
Bān Yǒng	班勇	Youngest Son of Ban Chao
Cháng Huì	常惠	Han diplomat and soldier who brought the Kingdom of Kuch over to the Han Empire's side
Cháng'ān	长安	Present day Xian, in Shaanxi province. Capital of the Western Han, the Tang and a few other dynasties
Chéngyǔ	成语	Chinese idioms or sayings
Dà Qín	大秦	Ancient Rome
Dūnhuáng	敦煌	City in western Gansu famous for the Mogao Grottos and the treasures carted away by Air Aurel Stein and others
Emperor Xuān	汉宣帝	Han Dynasty emperor from 74 to 48 BCE
Emperor Zhāo (Hàn Zhāodi)	汉昭帝	Han Dynasty emperor from 87 to 74 BCE
Emperor Ān	汉安帝	Emperor An of Han, reigned from 106-125 CE
Fù Jièzǐ	傅介子	Chinese military man who led the secret mission to go teach the king of Loulan a lesson
Guishuāng	贵霜	Empire better known in the West as the Kushan Empire. They originally came from the Great Yuezhi
Gān Yīng	甘英	Famous Chinese ambassador sent by Ban Chao to establish relations with Da Qin (among other tasks)

Gānsù province	甘肃省	Western province of China where Dunhuang and the Hexi Corridor are located
Gūmò	菇墨	Ancient Tarim Kingdom, located near today's Ruòqiāng 若羌
Huáng Wénbì	黄文弼	1893-1966, Renowned archaeologist who specialized in Xinjiang
Huò Qùbìng	霍去病	140-117 BCE, Great Han general known for his battles and victories in the west of China
Hàn Emperor Yuán	元帝	Han Emperor from 48-33 BCE
Hàn Hédi	汉和帝	Han Dynasty emperor from 88 to 106 CE
Hàn Wǔdì	汉武帝	One of greatest Chinese emperors of all time. Reigned from 141-87 BCE
Héxī Corridor	河西走廊	Also known as the Gansu Corridor, the main road from westernmost China to the easternmost Tarim Basin where the northern route of the Silk Road began
Hòu Hàn Shū	后汉书	The Later Book of Han, the official imperial history of the time
Jīn Dynasty	晋朝	Dynasty that lasted 265 to 420, divided between Western and Eastern Jin
Jūshī	车师	Located in present day Turpan, once a great and ancient kingdom. Also known as Gūshī 姑師. Will be discussed next episode
Kucha	龟兹	Located in modern day Qiuci in Xinjiang. Site of one of the most glorious kingdoms in the Tarim Basin
Luó Guànzōng	罗贯中	Alleged author of the classic novel "Romance of the Three Kingdoms"
Lóulán	楼兰	Known also as Krórān, an ancient kingdom on the north shores of Lop Nor. Loulan was later renamed Shanshan after China took it over
Lǐ Chóng	李崇	The final Protector General of the Eastern Han's
Míng Emperor	汉明帝	Eastern Han Emperor from 58-75 CE
Qiūcí	龟兹	Ancient silk road city and a major stop on the Silk Road. Location of the Kingdom of Kucha
Shànshàn	鄯善	The former Kingdom of Loulan, renamed Shanshan after Fu Jiezi did his thing
Suí	隋朝	The Sui Dynasty 581-618, more about them in Part 6
Tiānshān	天山	The Heavenly Mountains, located north of the Tarim Basin
Tóubǐ Cóngróng	投笔从戎	To cast aside the pen to join the military...give up literary pursuits for a martial life

Túntián	屯田	“state farms worked by Han soldiers.”
Western Hàn	西汉	The Chinese dynasty founded by Liu Bang. The Western Han is also known as the Former Han and ran from 206 BCE to 9 CE
Wáng Mǎng	王莽	Han official who lived from 45 BCE to 23 CE. Overthrew the Han Dynasty and set up his own
Wèi Qīng	卫青	Died in 106 BCE, another great Han general known for his battles and victories in the west of China with Huo Qubing
Wūsūn	乌孙国	One of the Indo-European semi-nomadic steppe people. They came from around Gansu
Wǔhú	五胡	"The Five Barbarians", name applied to northern steppe nomads who stressed out China from time immemorial
Xīnjiāng	新疆	The area that is now contained in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China. Also known by many names prior to 1884
Xiōngnú	匈奴	A once powerful confederation of tribes whose empire once stretched from the eastern reaches of the Mongol homeland and into East Central Asia
Xīn Dynasty	新朝	Dynasty established by Wang Mang that lasted from 9-23 CE.
Xīyù Dūhù	西域都护	the Protector General of the Xīyù ...the Western Regions
Yuèzhī	月氏	A nomadic people originally based in and around Gansu Province
Yùmén Pass	玉门关	The Jade Gate Pass in Gānsù Province, just beyond historic Dūnhuáng
Yīlí Valley	伊犁谷	Beautiful area watered by the Yili River in Kazakhstan near the Xinjiang border
Zhāng Qiān	张骞	The great Han adventurer who journeyed to the West between 138-126 BCE and whose story is immortalized in ancient Chinese texts