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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Àixīn Juéluó	爱新觉罗	Aisin Gioro Clan, the highest ranking among the Manchu's. All Qing Emperors came from this clan
Āshǐnà Tribe	阿史那	The leading and highest ranking tribe among the Göktürks
Bān Chāo	班超	32-102 BCE, great Eastern Han Dynasty general
Bān Yǒng	班勇	Youngest Son of Ban Chao
Cháng'ān	长安	Present day Xian, in Shaanxi province. Capital of the Western Han, the Tang and a few other dynasties
Dà Táng Xīyù Jì	大唐西域记	"The Great Tang Records on the Western Regions."
Dī	氐	One of the Five Barbarian tribes of the Northern Eurasian Steppe.
Dōng Tūjúe	东突厥	The Eastern Turks
Dūnhuáng	敦煌	City in western Gansu famous for the Mogao Grottos and the treasures carted away by Air Aurel Stein and others
Emperor Yìwǔ	懿武帝	Founder of the Later Liáng 后凉 Dynasty 386-403
Former Qín	前秦朝	351-394, One of the Sixteen Kingdom, and a Buddhist loving one at that
Fóguó Jì	佛国记	"A Record of Buddhist Kingdoms."
Fǎxiǎn	法显	Lived 337-402, famous for his pilgrimage to the west between 399 and 412 where he sought out Buddhist scriptures that he might study and bring back to China
Gānsù Province	甘肃省	Province of Western China. Capital is Lanzhou
Gāochāng	高昌	Also called Karakhoja, the "Chinese colony" setup where the Jushi Kingdom used to be. Later the site of a Chinese Commandery (郡)
Gūzāng	姑臧	Capital of the Later Liang Dynasty in Gansu, present day Wuwei

Heavenly King Yáo Xing	天王姚兴	Later Qin ruler who reigned 394-416. He preferred to be titled Heavenly King instead of emperor
Huò Qùbìng	霍去病	140-117 BCE, Great Han general known for his battles and victories in the west of China
Huǒyàn Shān	火焰山	Flaming Mountains just to the east of Turpan
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
Jiànkāng	建康	Capital of several ancient dynasties, located in and around present day Nanjing
Jiūmóluóshí	鸠摩罗什	Kumārajīva, lived from 344-413
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
Later Liáng Dynasty	后凉	386-403, One of the Sixteen Kingdoms, founded by Lü Guāng
Later Qín Dynasty	后秦	384-417, one of the Sixteen Kingdoms, one that particularly embraced Buddhism
Línfén, Shānxī	山西临汾	Capital of the Legendary Emperor Yao, located in Shanxi province
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 Shìmín	李世民	Along with his father Li Yuan, this great warrior was also known as Emperor Taizong
Lǐ Yuān	李渊	Founder of the Tang Dynasty, known also as Emperor Taizu
Lǚ Guāng	吕光	337-400, also known as Emperor Yiwu of Later Liang. Before that he was a general in the Former Qin Army
Northern Wèi	北魏	386-534, also known as the Tuoba Wei because of the founding Tuoba Clan.
Qiūcí	龟兹	City in Xinjiang where the Kingdom of Kucha was located
Qín Dynasty	秦朝	221-206 BCE, China's first imperial dynasty
Qín Shǐhuáng	秦始皇	259-210 BCE, Founder of the Qin Dynasty
Róurán	柔然	A Donghu 东胡) Xianbei 鲜卑) tribal confederation whose Khaganate lasted from 330 to 555 CE
Sūn Wùkōng	孫悟空	The Monkey King character from Journey to the West
Tang Dynasty	唐朝	One of China's greatest dynasties. Lasted 618-907

Tūjúe	突厥	The Turks (or Türks)
Tǔlǔfān	吐鲁番	Turpan (or Turfan)
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
Wǔhú	五胡	"The Five Barbarians", name applied to northern steppe nomads who stressed out China from time immemorial
Wǔwēi	武威	Ancient and historic city in Gansu Province
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
Xuánzàng	玄奘	602-664. Seventh century Buddhist pilgrim and adventurer who traveled to India and back
Xī Tūjúe	西突厥	The Western Turks
Xī Yóu Jì	西游记	Journey to the West, one of the four great classical novels of China
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
Xīnjiāng Wéiwú'ěr Zìzhìqū	新疆维吾尔自治区	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
Yáng Jiān	杨坚	Founder of the Sui Dynasty.
Yèhù	叶护	Yabgu, a vassal of the Eastern Turkic Khaganate but for all intents and purposes, the Yabgu was the "Khan" of the Western Khaganate
Yīlì Kèhán	伊利可汗	Bumin Khagan, founder of the Turkic Khaganate
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