

Glossary

<i>Abba</i>	Father, monk (also used in <i>noms de guerre</i> or horse names)
<i>Abbatē</i>	Father, priest, monk
<i>Abun, abune</i>	Our father, bishop, metropolitan of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church
<i>Aleqa</i>	Chief, head, vicar of a church
<i>Amba</i>	Flat-topped mountain, mountain fortress
<i>Anbā</i>	Father, bishop
<i>Aṣṣē, aṭṣē</i>	Emperor
<i>Ato</i>	Master, Mr.
<i>Azzazh</i>	Chief, commander, supervisor
<i>Balambaras</i>	Officer, sergeant
<i>Bejirond</i>	Treasurer, chief of storehouse, “Finance Minister”
<i>Bir Ṣāhib</i>	Lord, master
<i>Blatta</i>	Honorific title for achievement in learning and literature
<i>Blattēngēta</i>	More prominent honorific title for achievement in learning and literature
<i>Debtera</i>	Chorister, scribe (not ordained member of the clergy)
<i>Degmaj</i>	The second, added by King Minilik to his name in 1882
<i>Dej agafarī</i>	Imperial guard
<i>Dejjazmach, dejjach</i>	“Commander of the entrance”, general, governor
<i>Ferenj</i>	Foreigner(s), European(s) (by implication Roman Catholic)
<i>Gezh</i>	Ruler, Viceroy, Governor
<i>Grazmach</i>	Commander
<i>Ḥajj</i>	Honorific title for someone who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca
<i>Ḥākim</i>	Governor, ruler
<i>Hijra</i>	Year of the emigration from Mecca to Medina (632 C.E.)
<i>Itegē</i>	Queen, title of the consort of an Ethiopian monarch
<i>Khawāja (Amharic hawaja)</i>	Mr. (used in particular for Europeans)
<i>Lij</i>	Lit. “Child, son”, honorific title, mostly used for young members of the higher aristocracy and royalty
<i>Līqe pappasat</i>	Archbishop, patriarch
<i>Mekarī līq</i>	scholarly advisor
<i>Mel’ake Mihiret</i>	Lit. “Lord of Mercy”, honorary title of chief priest
<i>Mel’ake Selam</i>	Lit. “Lord of Peace”, honorary title of chief priest
<i>Memhir, memmirē</i>	Master, teacher, abbot

<i>Meridazmach</i>	Provincial ruler (of Shewa), commander
<i>Merīgēta</i>	Scholarly chief priest, director of <i>debteras</i> , mentor
<i>Muḥāfith</i>	Governor
<i>Musē</i>	Term of address for Europeans, from “Monsieur”
<i>Nā’ib</i>	Deputy, agent; title given by the Turks to the Ethiopian chief on the mainland opposite Massawa
<i>Negede</i>	Tribe
<i>Nibure’id, nebure id</i>	Head of the church of St. Mary of Aksum and administrator of the territory belonging to the church
<i>Nigus</i> (Arab. <i>nikus</i>)	King
<i>Niguse negest</i>	King of Kings
<i>Nigist</i>	Queen
<i>Nigiste negestat</i>	Queen of Queens
<i>Ṣappas</i>	Bishop
<i>Pasha</i> (Amharic <i>basha</i>)	Sir, honorific title for high civil or military official
<i>Qēs</i>	Priest
<i>Qumuṣ</i>	Chief priest
<i>Ras</i>	“Head”, governor, commander, lord
<i>Ṣāhib</i>	Lord, master
<i>Shaykh</i> (Amharic <i>shēh</i>)	Chief of an Arab clan or village; religious official
<i>Shifta</i>	Rebel, outlaw
<i>Shum</i>	District or village chief, in Tigray provincial ruler
<i>Ṣirag Maserē</i>	Chamberlain
<i>Tabot</i>	Replica of Tablets of Law
<i>Turk basha</i>	Honorific title
<i>Wakīl</i> (Amharic <i>wekīl</i>)	Agent, representative
<i>Wālī</i>	Governor, ruler
<i>Wazīr, wuzarā</i>	High government official, minister of state in Muslim countries
<i>Weyzero</i>	Mrs., Madame, lady
<i>Yumra</i>	Tribe, clan