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THE TURKISH INVASION OF INDIA

MAHMUD OF GHAZNI
AND
MUHAMMAD GHURI

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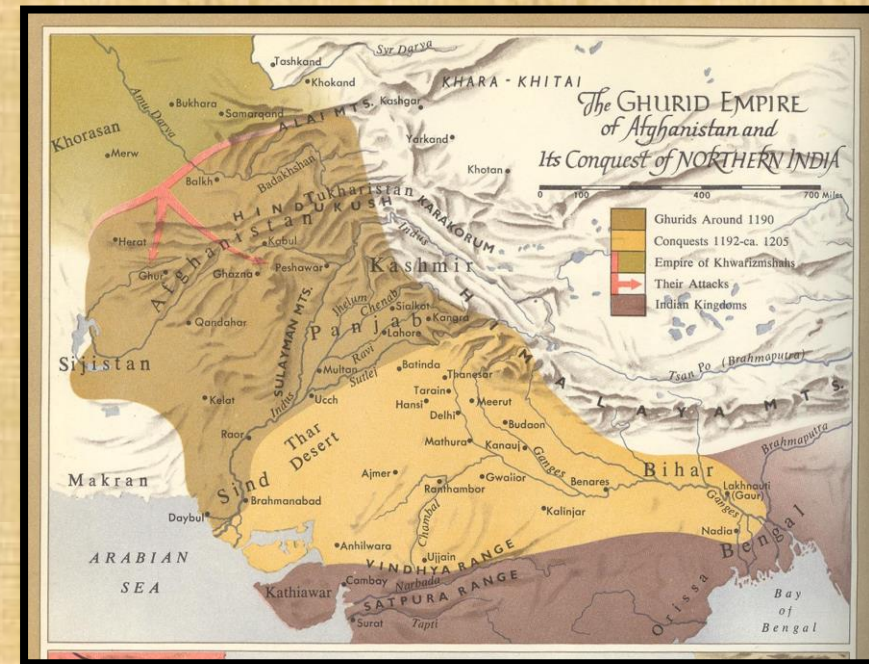
MAHMUD OF GHAZNI
SOURCE: THE WEEK



GHAZNI'S KINGDOM
SOURCE: indianetzone.com



MUHAMMAD GHUR
SOURCE: talisman.intl.com



THE GHURID EMPIRE
SOURCE: COUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- MAHMUD WAS THE ELDEST SON OF SUBUKTAGIN WHO SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER'S THRONE
- WITHIN A SHORT SPAN MAHMUD STRENGTHENED THE NORTHERN FRONTIER, COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE SAMANID EMPIRE AND EXTENDED HIS KINGDOM AS FAR AS THE RIVER OXUS, THUS ESTABLISHING A LARGE BUT SHORT-LIVED RULE
- MAHMUD CONDUCTED A SERIES OF ALMOST ANNUAL RAIDS ON INDIA TILL HIS DEATH.

- THIS WAS MAINLY DONE TO ACQUIRE WEALTH REQUIRED TO FINANCE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS IN CENTRAL ASIA AND STRENGTHEN HIS RULE THERE.
- FOLLOWING HIS 17 RAIDS INTO NORTHERN INDIA BETWEEN 1001-1027 CE, MAHMUD SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING A FIRM HOLD OVER THE PUNJAB. THIS ESTABLISHED THE FIRST MUSLIM KINGDOM OF AFGHANISTAN WITH GHAZNI AS ITS CAPITAL.
- AFTER THE GHAZNIS, CAME THE GHURIDS. THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE LATTER IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGING BALANCE OF POWER IN CENTRAL ASIA.

- GHURID POWER ROSE TO ITS ZENITH DURING THE REIGN OF BOTH GHIYASUDDIN AND MUIZUDDIN(MUHAMMAD GHUR) BETWEEN 1173 AND 1202 CE.
- WHILE GHIYASUDDIN'S POLITICAL EXPLOITS WERE CONCENTRATED I CENTRAL ASIA, MUHAMMAD OF GHUR AND HIS LIEUTENANT, QUTUBUDDIN AIBAK, ESTABLISHED GHURID RULE OVER NORTHERN INDIA, RIGHT FROM MULTAN IN SIND TO GAUR IN BENGAL
- MUHAMMAD OF GHUR , UNLIKE MAHMUD OF GHAZNI, WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE PERMANENT ANNEXATION OF NORTHERN INDIA AS THE FOUNDING ISLAMIC STATE IN INDIA.

- HE DESIRED TO ACHIEVE THIS BY ORGANIZING HIS FRESH CONQUESTS THROUGH A SOUND AND ENDURING SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION.
- AFTER CRUSHING ALL THE REMNANTS OF RAJPUT POWER OVER NORTHERN INDIA, MUHAMMAD CONSOLIDATED HIS CONQUESTS BY CONSOLIDATING ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR A CONTINUED ISLAMIC RULE IN INDIA.
- IN COMPARISON TO MAHMUD OF GHAZNI, MUHAMMAD'S POLITICAL EXPLOITS , AND HIS MORE ENLIGHTENED RELIGIOUS POSTURE, PREPARE THE GROUND FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ISLAM INTO INDIA.