

Early African Kingdoms & Empires

Pre-Historic Africa



Geography

Language

Religion

Economy

Government- Stateless Societies

North African Kingdoms



Early states and their sphere of influence

Christian Church, Lalibela [Ethiopia]



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Coptic Christian Priest

AXUM'S ACHIEVEMENTS

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West African Empires & Civilizations



Mediterranean Sea

SAHARA

GHANA

SONGHAY

Adoghas

Kumbi-Saleh

Timbuktu

SUDAN

KANEM-BORNU

Lake Chad

MOSSI

HAUSA STATES

Niger R.

MALI





Berni R.

ATLANTIC OCEAN

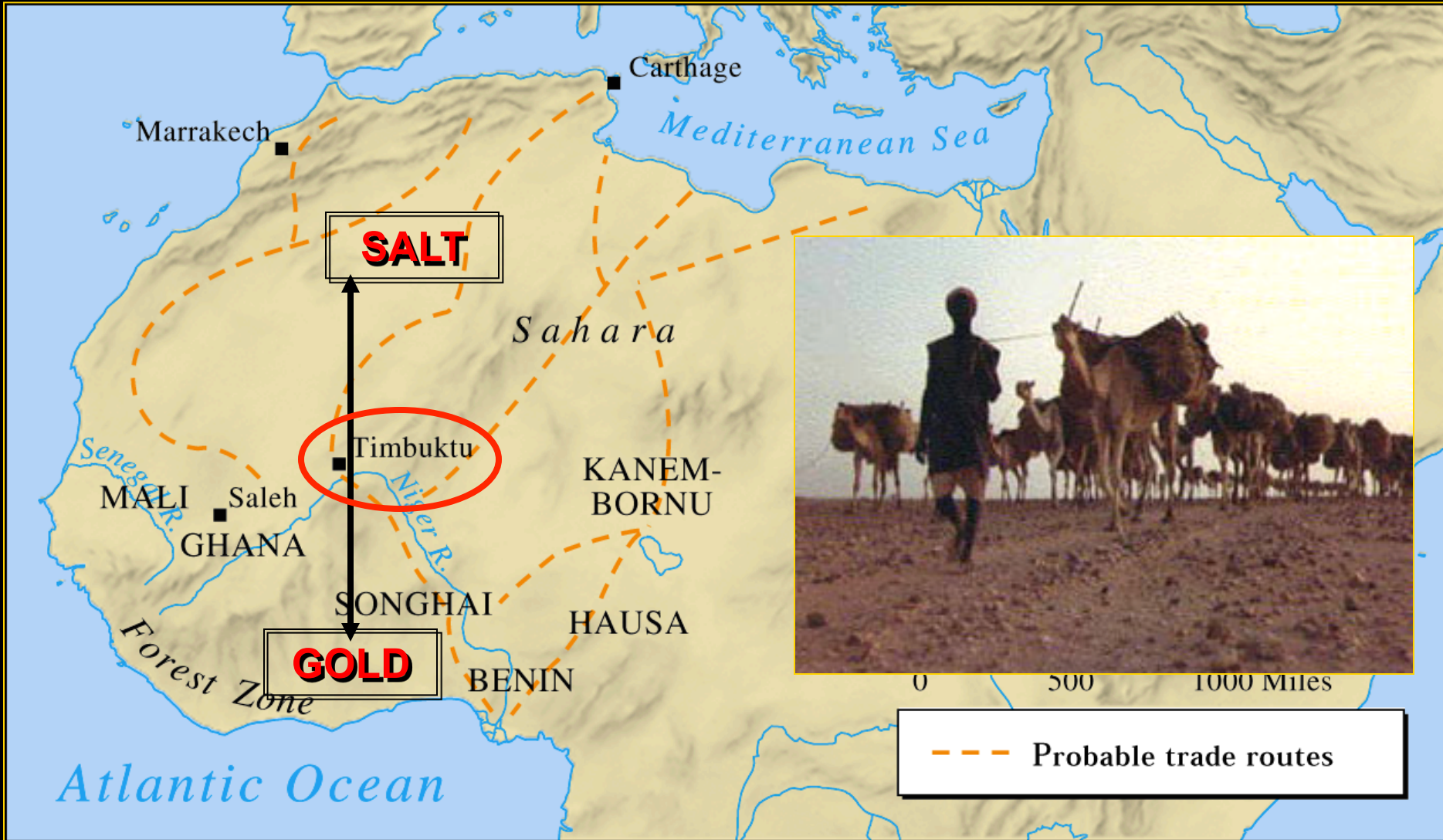
Equator

0 1000 MILES

0 1000 KILOMETERS

-  Ghana, 4th–11th centuries
-  Mali, 13th–15th centuries
-  Songhay, 15th–16th centuries
-  Other major states

Trans-Saharan Trade



Ghana Empire [4c-11c]



Gold "Money", Ghana/Ivory Coast

Converted to Islam
10th Century

Salt



Mali-13th Century-15th Century

- Broke away from Ghana
- Active trade- security
- Heavy Agriculture Base
- Ibn Battuta
- University at Timbuktu



Timbuktu- "Heavenly Clay"



Great Mosque at Djenne, Mali



Mansa Musa [r. 1312-1337]



A map drawn in 1375 A.D. shows a trader on camelback coming to the great leader of the Mali empire, Mansa Musa. He is holding a huge gold nugget.

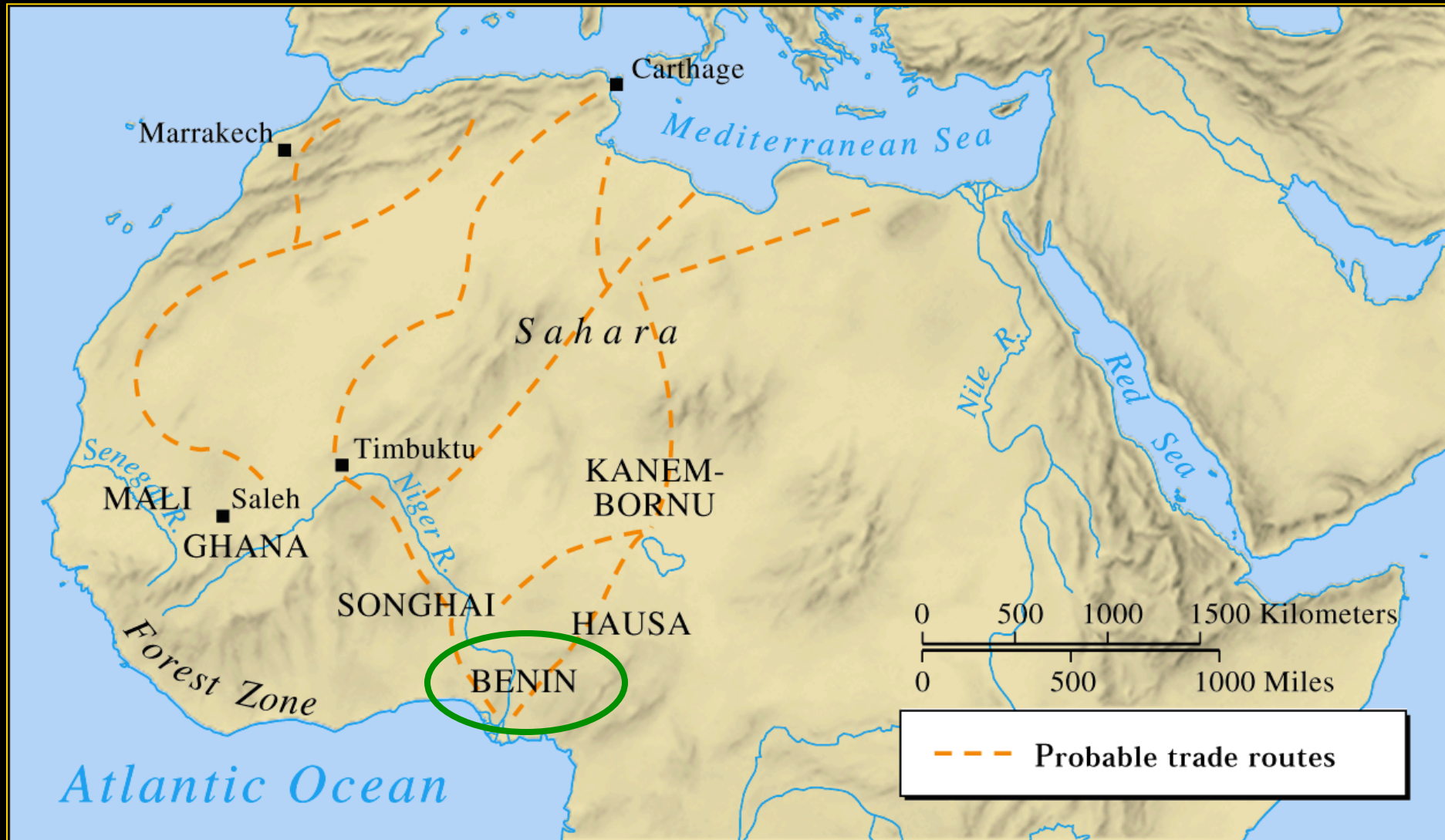
Songhai Empire [15c-16c]

Sunni Ali [r. 1464-1492]



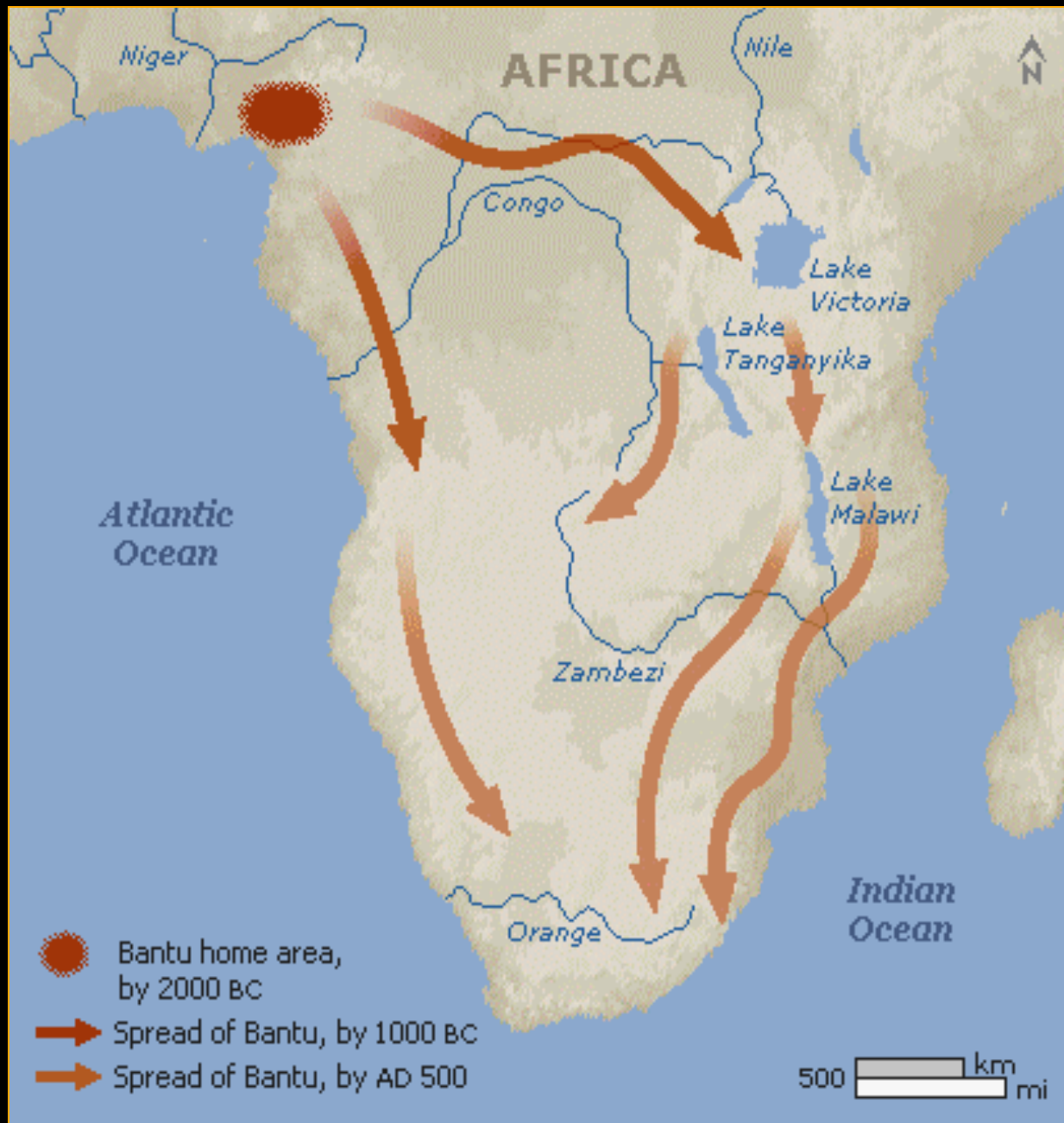
- Independent empire within Mali
- Established independence then took over Mali

Benin Empire [15c-19c]



Bronze from Benin (16c)





Bantu Migrations:

1000 BCE

To

500 CE



Eastern Swahili City-States



Arab Dhow



Great Zimbabwe [1200-1450]

