

About TAWKE of Blin:

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Blin is a group of people speaking BLIN language (together with other languages like Tigre and Tigrinya). Although there is no evidence of being of the same ethnic roots, they have adopted collective and unique traditions and customs different from other groups of tribes in the area making them recognised as a tribe and an ethnic group; they live in area which extends from the edge of the highland of Eritrea through to Barka and Gash down to the borders with Sudan; and the majority are Muslims and about the third are Christians, however religion has never represented a great distinguishing factor within the Blin tribe as many families have both Muslim and Christian among them. Classically, Blin is divided into Tawke and Tarke, and hereafter we will concentrate on the former, i.e Tawke.

Tawke is a group of Blin descended of different fathers but are overwhelmed by the majority of sons of Tawke and subsequently they are collectively known by the name of the majority, Tawke-qur (shortened: Ta-qor) or sons of Tawke. Tawke is rooted back to Gondar and settled in Ad Teklezan in Hamasien of the Eritrean highland .

Tawke or TAWKE-JAN has two brothers; JOMMA-JAN and ZERE-JAN. Jomma-jan inhabits the edge of the highland and they are well known. While Zere-jan scattered in Hamasein and Anseba (part of them live within the BLIN tribe).

TAWKE had two sons Semer-ein and Abreheim who were born from two different mothers.

SEMER-EIN was the elder and had a brother from his mother's side called JAWEIN who forms a branch of BLIN; and some families of Jawein live with BET-JOOK and even represented leadership among them (A'D- A'NJA) ,Jawein in turn had another brother from his father's side (his root going back to ASAWERTA, the Omer Asswar's sons or the CONA-A'REI), called ZEIN, whose sons live in Hamsien (Tigriniya speaker) and in Mansa' land (part of MANSA' tribe, speaking Tigre).

On the other hand, ABREHIM had the following offsprings: GABSHA, FAZA' (DARE' AND KALIB), TSAFA', HIZBAI, HARESH, HASAMA and TASSAY.

How Ta-qor came to Blina-bra (Blin land):

Semer-ein and his brother Jawein left Ad Teklezan to DAKA (HALHAL) when the highland resources became scarce; and as looking for an alternative land they settled in Daka and had been met and hospitalised by the people who had been living there (TSENFAL and SHEBAKHA; of NARA background) who granted them a vast area of land.

Beside those people there was a strong tribe called A'D MUSSIE, who is rooted, in one of the opinions, back to the Egyptian families and was affected by the culture and the language of the AGOW of LASTA in ABYSSINIA. A patrol guards of A'd Mussie

killed Tawke and his guard. In order to get revenge, Semer-ein and his brother called all HAMASIEN inhabitants together with the TA-QUR to invade A'd Mussi. It was a furious battle between great warriors which ended by the victory of the invaders who committed genocide against the conquered, and inherited their land, folklore and language.

Nevertheless, a few offsprings of A'd Mussi remained and some of them live within the BLIN tribe, while, some live with the BEJA tribes at the borders between Sudan and Egypt (Halaib triangle).

Some branches of BLIN came to that area from HAMASIEN during that battle against A'd Mussi: LAWEIN, SEKHREIN, DENGAIN, QUAZEIN, HAMASENAI, WATSAI and SEHERTAI .

Another tribe of BLIN is GENGEREIN who is rooted back to BET-MA'LA (Kamil and Kemael) of Beni-Amer; and they inhabit a land called after their name (GENGEREIN-BRA).

Then we have a variety of people assumed as TA-QUR or sons of Tawke:

- SEMER-EIN
- ABREHIM AND HIS SONS: GABSHA, FAZA', TSAFA', HIZBAI, HASSAMA , TASSAY and HARESH .
- AWEIN (his brother ZEIN is not considered as BLIN and his sons rather live in HAMASEN and in the land of MANSHU or MANSA')
- GENGEREIN
- LAWEIN (rooted back to LAWIE the son of the prophet ISRAEL the son of the prophet IZAK the son of the prophet IBRAHAM)
- DENGAIN
- QUAZEIN
- WEQEIN and HARABA (live with the GENGEREIN)
- SEKHREIN (SUKREEN)
- A'D HAMASENAI
- A'D WATSAI
- A'D SEHERTAI
- TSENFAL and SHEBAKHAI
- A'D MUSSIE
- A'D ZERE
- Other people who lived with BLIN and became part of it like people migrated from Sahel , for example some ALMADA families for instance A'D BARKAT ;

Some Islamic religious spreading families like A'D SAID HAYOTY and those rooted back to A'D MUA'LLEM'S and A'D SHEKH MAHMOUD'S ...etc

It's very enriching matter to have this diversity of background; and that shows almost all Eritrean people are brothers somehow.

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