

PREFACE FROM THE BOOK  
**"GENGHIS KHAN AND THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD"**

To the Young Mongols;  
Never forget the Mongolian Scholars  
Who were willing to sacrifice their lives to preserve your history.  
**PROFESSOR JACK WEATHERFORD**

This Noble King was Genghis Khan,  
Who in his time was of so great renown,  
That there was nowhere in no region,  
So excellent a lord in all things  
**GEOFFREY CHAUCER, "THE CANTERBURY TALES"**

"As he smashed the futile system of aristocratic privilege and birth, he built a new and unique system based on individual merit, loyalty, and achievement. He took the disjointed and languorous trading towns along the Silk Route and organized them into history's largest free-trade zone. He lowered taxes for everyone, and abolished them all together for doctors, teachers, priests, and educational institutions. He established a regular census and created the first international postal system. His was not an empire that hoarded wealth and treasure; instead, he widely distributed the goods acquired in combat so that they could make their way back into commercial circulation..."

"He created an international law and recognized the ultimate supreme law of the Eternal Blue Sky over all people. At a time when most rulers considered themselves to be above the law, Genghis Khan insisted on laws holding rulers as equally accountable as the lowest herder. He granted religious freedom within his realms, though he demanded total loyalty from conquered subjects of all religions. He insisted on the rule of law and abolishment of torture, but he mounted major campaigns to seek out and kill all raiding bandits and terrorist assassins. He refused to hold hostages, and instead instituted the novel practice of granting diplomatic immunity to all ambassadors and envoys, including those from hostile nations with whom he was at war. 'Say Ye unto the Khwarezmians that I am sovereign of the sunrise and he is sovereign of the sunset. Let there be a firm treaty of friendship, amity, and peace, and let traders and caravans on both sides come and go.'  
**JACK WEATHERFORD**

*"If my body dies, let my body die, but do not let my country die."*

*"With Heaven's aid I have conquered for you a huge empire, but my life was too short to achieve the conquest of the whole world. That task is left for you."*

*"Those who were adept and brave fellows I have made military commanders. Those who were quick and nimble I have made herders of horses. Those who were not adept I have given a small whip and sent to be shepherds."*

*"The strength of a wall is neither greater than, nor less than the courage of the men who defend it."*

*"The merit of any action lies in finishing it to its end."*

**GHENGIS KHAN**



Say to the Khwarezmians that I am sovereign of the sunrise, and he is sovereign of the sunset. Let there be a firm treaty of friendship, amity, and peace, and let traders and caravans on both sides come and go.

All who surrender will be spared; whoever does not surrender, but opposes with struggle and dissension, shall be annihilated.

With heaven's aid I have conquered for you a huge empire, but my life was too short to achieve conquest of the whole world. That task is left for you.

If my body dies, let my body die, but don't let my country die.

This noble king was called Genghis Khan, who in his time was of so great renown, that there was nowhere in no region, so excellent a lord in all things.

**Temujin**

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Those who were adept and brave I have made military commanders. Those who were quick and nimble I have made herders of horses. Those who were not adept I have given a small whip and sent to be shepherds.

The strength of a wall is neither greater than nor less than the courage of the men who defend it.

Oh people, know you have committed great sins. If you ask me what proof I have of these words, I say it is because I am the punishment of God. If you had not committed great sins, God would not have sent a punishment like me upon you.