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## ***'Introduction to the Aksumite architecture'***

by Mr. Jan Tromp, art historian and archaeologist specialized in the Aksumite architecture in Ethiopia, on **Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007, 19:00h at NIASD**



*The Kingdom of Aksum arose at the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD and ended in the 8<sup>th</sup> century AD. King Ezana and his court were Christianized by two Syrian scholars in the year 324. The Christianization of the whole kingdom was accomplished by 'The Nine' — nine Syrian monks who fled after the Council of Chalcedon (451 AD) because they were accused of monophysitism.*

*The architecture of the Kingdom of Aksum may be reconstructed on the basis of the remains which we can still see today: six giant stelae [possibly from the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD], some ruined palaces and a remaining church. After the decline of the kingdom, its architectural features continued to be used and were for example cut out in the rock and cave churches in Lalibela (possibly from the 12<sup>th</sup> century AD) and in the province of Tigray.*

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