THE TANG DYNASTY

581 SUI DYNASTY ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING A COUP D’ETAT

589 SUI CONQUERS CHEN, REUNITES CHINA

610 GRAND CANAL COMPLETED

612 FIRST INVASION OF KOREA

613 SECOND INVASION OF KOREA, BEGINNING OF LARGE SCALE REBELLION.

617 LI YUAN, FOUND OF THE TANG REBELS IN TAIYUAN

618 TANG DYNASTY REPLACES THE SUI

626 LI SHIMIN MURDERS BROTHERS, IMPRISONS FATHER AND BECOMES EMPEROR TAIZONG

630 TAIZONG DECLARED HEAVENLY QAGHAN

636 FORMAL RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIMENTAL ARMY

637 PROCLAMATION OF FIRST TANG LEGAL CODE

645 FAILED INVASION OF KOREA, XUANZANG RETURNS FROM INDIA

653 PROMULGATION OF TANG LEGAL CODE AND THE CORRECT MEANING OF THE FIVE CANONS

655 WU ZHAO BECOMES EMPRESS

660 TANG CONQUERS PAEKCHE

664 EMPRESS WU TAKES CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

668 TANG CONQUERS KOGURYO

690 EMPRESS WU REPLACES THE TANG WITH HER OWN ZHOU DYNASTY

705 TANG DYNASTY RESTORED; COURT DOMINATED FOR SEVEN YEARS BY EMPRESS WEI, THE ANLE PRINCESS, AND THE TAIPING PRINCESS

721 YUWEN RONG BEGINS TO REREGISTER HOUSEHOLDS MISSING FROM GOVERNMENT RECORDS

734 LI LINFU BECOMES CHIEF MINISTER

737 FULLEST VERSION OF LEGAL CODE PROMULGATED; FORMAL SHIFT TO FULL RELIANCE ON PROFESSIONAL SOLIDERS AT THE FRONTIER

742 FRONTIER FORMALLY DIVIDED INTO TEN MILITARY COMMANDS; AN LUSHAN TAKES COMMAND OF THE NORTHEAST

749 FORMAL ABOLITION OF THE REGIMENTAL ARMY

751 ARABS DEFEAT THE TANG AT THE TALAS RIVER, BEGINNING ISLAM’S CONQUEST OF CENTRAL ASIA

752 LI LINFU DIES, BREAKING LINKS OF AN LUSHAN TO COURT

755 AN LUSHAN REBELS; TAKES CHANG’AN IN 756

763 AN LUSHAN REBELLION ENDS

780 DOUBLE TAX SYSTEM FORMALLY INTRODUCED

781 FIRST WAR WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNORS, ENDS IN 786 WITH THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR POWERS

790 MAJOR DEFEAT AT HANDS OF TIBET, ENDING TANG POWER IN CENTRAL ASIA

801 ALLIANCE WITH NANZHAO TO DEFEAT TIBET ENDS FIFTY YEARS OF WAR IN THE WEST

814 RESUMPTION OF WAR WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNORS, ENDING IN 819 WITH COURT DOMINANT BUT BANKRUPT

821 BEGINNING FACTIONAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN NIU SENGRU AND LI DEYU

835 SWEET DEW INCIDENT RESULTS IN EUNUCH CONTROL OF THE COURT

845 BRIEF SUPPRESSION OF BUDDHISM, ENDING THE NEXT YEAR

858 REBELLIONS AND BANDITRY BEGIN TO SWEEP THE SOUTH

875 HUANG CHAO’S REBELLION BEGINS, ENDING WITH HIS DEATH IN 884

880 HUANG CHAO OCCUPIES LUOYANG AND CHANG’AN, ENDING TANG’S POWER; WORLORDS CARVE UP CHINA

907 TANG DYNASTY FORMALLY REPLACED

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