

GLOBAL 10



Chapter 10: The Muslim World 600 AD – 1250 AD

Section 1: The Rise of Islam

Section 2: Islam Expands

Section 3: Muslim Culture

Muhammad's Mission

- To Receive the Quran + to demonstrate how to apply it to life
- The Sunna or Muhammad's Example is best model
- The guidance of the Quran + the Sunna were assembled in a body of law known as SHARI'A or System of law that Regulates family life, Moral Conduct + business + Community life.
- Links to Judaism + Christianity
- Allah is same god for Jews + Christians
- Muslims see Jesus as prophet only
- Sources of authority = Quran, Torah, Gospels
- All believe in Heaven, Hell, Day of judgement
- All trace their ancestry to Abraham.

The 5 Pillars of Faith

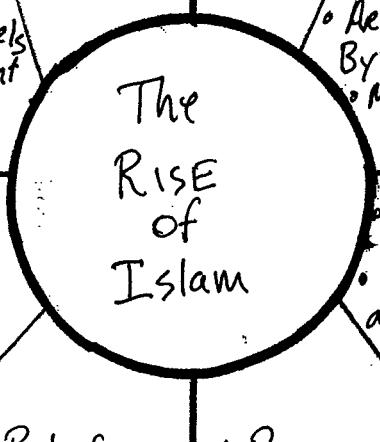
- ① Faith or testify to one + only God or Allah. Muhammad was Messenger
- ② Prayer, or 5 times per day by facing Mecca + Pray in Mosques or alone
- ③ Alms or money for the poor through Special Religious Tax
- ④ Fasting or during holy Month of Ramadan
- ⑤ Pilgrimage or Hajj to Mecca

The Quran

- The holy book of Muslims + is written in Arabic + becomes language of worship
- The original source of Authority

Geography Plays a Role

- History of Religious Toleration, Economic prosperity + scholarly achievement
- Letters of Credit by Muslim Traders became modern Bank Checks
- Scholars Preserved Greek Insights + discovered Algebra
- All branches developed under Umayyads
- Today Islam divided into branches called SUNNI, SHI'A and SUFI
- Conflict between Muslims + Jews Rooted in this period
- Makes up 45% World's pop.
- ARABIAN Peninsula is Crossroads to Asia, Africa + Europe.
- Middle East mostly desert + little farming = Nomadic people
- Arab Nomads Called Bedouins organized into tribes + groups called Clans or families with ideals of courage, loyalty to family and warrior skills = Islamic Culture
- Towns develop along OASES or Market towns with Fertile Soil.
- Larger towns locate near West Coast of Arabia
- Arabian trade routes stretch from Byzantine to Persian Empires by 600's
- MECCA a Western ARABIAN City Attracts Religious Pilgrims

Why Study Islam?Beliefs and Practices

- Islam (Religion) means "Submit to will of Allah"
- Allah is Arabic for God (Monotheism or One God)
- Muslim or follower who submits to Allah First
- Mosque or house of worship or wherever they find themselves
- Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem is earliest surviving Mosque + is site Muhammad ascended to heaven + is the 3rd most holy place in Islam.
- Women Khadijah + becomes first wife
- Angel Gabriel visits him in a Cave + tells him he is messenger + prophet.
- Belief in One God or ALLAH

The HJRAH

- 622 He migrates to YATHRIB + is called the HJRAH or the turning point for Muhammad
- Later Yathrib is renamed Medina
- He becomes political leader + invites Arabs + Jews. Also becomes military leader
- By 630 He defeats Mecca + converts them to Islam + they join UMMA or Muslim Religious Community

Abbasids Consolidate Power

- 762 move Muslim Capital to Baghdad in Central Iraq
- Develop Strong Bureaucracy to manage Business + Army
- Taxed land, Imports, Exports
- Fall in 1258 BUT Before Fall
- FATIMID Caliphate Formed by Shi'a Muslims who claim descent from Muhammad's daughter FATIMA
- The Fatimids were still connected to the Abbasid Caliphate through Religion, language + Trade

Control Extends to 3 Continents

- 750 Abbasids Succeed Umayyads
- Umayyad Prince Abd al-Rahman escapes to Spain + Sets up Caliphate.
- North African Muslims called Berbers already Conquered Spain Who almost took Paris @ 732 Battle of TOURS + Settle in South Spain + Set up al-Andalus

3 Muslim Groups

- ① SUNNI (83% Worldwide) did not Resist Umayyad's Rule + believed Rulers Should follow Muhammad's Example + Shi'a distorted the QUR'AN. They also believed 1st 4 Caliphs were "Rightly Guided"
- ② Shi'a (16% Worldwide) Believe all Rulers Should be descended from Muhammad + that Ali, the prophet's son in law Should have Succeeded Muhammad and Sunni have distorted the QUR'AN
- ③ SUFI (1%) Chose a life of Poverty + Devotion to a Spiritual Path + Resist UMAYYADS

Banks offer letters of Credit OR SAKKS OR CHECKS

Arabic language becomes Single language

Land Network Connected Silk Roads of China, India w/Europe

2 Sea-trading Networks Exist

① Mediterranean Sea + Indian Ocean

Muslim Trade Network

ISLAM EXPANDS

SUNNI - SHI'A SPLIT

Umayyads Family Rises to power + moves Muslim Capital to DAMASCUS to move easily

Conquer however Arab Muslims feel Umayyads have abandoned tradition by living wealthy life style

Those who RESIST ARE Called Shi'a OR Shi'ites

• Muhammad died 632

• Issue of leadership divides Muslim World

• Muhammad did not name Successor so followers Relied on Ancient Tribal Custom

• 632 Abu Bakr becomes First CALIPH OR "Successor" OR "Deputy"

• He was loyal friend of Muhammad

• Abu Bakr + Next 3 Caliphs, UMAR, UTHMAN + ALI became Known as "Rightly Guided" Caliphs.

• Their Rule WAS Called a CALIPHATE

• Abu Bakr Faced Disunity + for the sake of Islam called for JIHAD OR "STRIVING" against evil OR ARMED Struggle against Unbelievers + used it to justify Expansion

• All 4 Caliphs expand empire 6000 miles BY 750

Reasons For Success

- ① Well disciplined Army + good leaders
- ② Decline of Byzantine + Sassanid Empires
- ③ Islam's Message of Hope + Equality
- ④ ATTRACTED By Economic Benefit of not paying a Poll Tax for Muslims
- ⑤ Those Conquered by Muslims Could practice their Religion
- ⑥ Christians + Jews Pay Poll Tax to Avoid Military Service + Could be Bureaucrats

INTERNAL Conflict

• 656 Uthman Murdered + Starts CIVIL WAR + Power Struggles

• Muhammad's Cousin + Son-in-law Succeeds Uthman + Challenged By MUAWIYA, GOVERNOR OF SYRIA

• 661 ALI ASSASSINATED + Elective System FOR Caliph Dies

Philosophy + Religion Blend Views

- 1100's Muslim philosopher Ibn Rushd blends Greek + Islam because both have goal to find the truth
- Moses Ben Maimon, a Jewish physician writes "The Guide for the Perplexed" blends philosophy, Religion, + Science
- The "Ideal Man" is described by 9th Century Philosophical Society as having the values of many diverse Cultures

- Knowledge developed by Muslims would be drawn upon by Scholars of Renaissance

- Each Would Reflect the blended nature of the Culture of this time

- The Ottoman, Safavid + Mughal would follow the decline.

Decline of Unified StateMuslim Society 8th + 9th Century

- Abbasids Rule during prosperous Muslim Period

- Increase Trade brought many new ideas or Cultural Diffusion
- Only China's Tang Dynasty matched their advances.

- Cosmopolitan Cities Rise Such as Baghdad, Damascus, Cairo, Jerusalem

- Cities Symbolized Power of Caliphs

- Abbasid Capital Baghdad was Known for distinctive CIRCULAR design

- 4 Social Classes Develop:

- ① UPPER or Muslims by Birth
- ② Second or Converts to Islam
- ③ Third Class or "protected people" or Jews, Christians + Zoroastrians
- ④ Fourth Class or Slaves (POWs) Non-Muslims

Medicine Math + Science

- al-Razi (Persian Scholar) writes Medical Encyclopedia "Comprehensive Book"
- Also Wrote "Treatise on Small Pox + Measles"
- Realize Patients Recover quicker w/cleaner Air
- Muslims use Scientific Observation, Experiment + Math while Greeks use logic to Solve Problems
- Math becomes basis of all Knowledge + Solutions
- Al-Khwarizmi discovers Algebra or al-jabr
- Ibn al-Haytham wrote "Optics" about VISION + Eyes
- Lenses

Literature, ART, Architecture

- House of Wisdom opened in Baghdad in early 800's by Caliph al-Ma'mun as library, Academy + Translation Center
- Scholars Combine Greek+Roman ideas w/New ones
- Qur'AN WAS Standard for literature + Poetry
- "The Thousand + One Nights" a Collection of Fairy Tales, Parables, legends
- Because Muslims believe only Allah creates life, Images of living beings were discouraged So Artists turn to CALLIGRAPHY OR Beautiful Handwriting. Also Woodwork, Glass, Textiles
- Great MOSQUE of DAMASCUS = Huge Dome + Vaulted Ceiling Blending Byzantine + Muslim Ideas + 2 levels of Arches

ROLE OF WOMEN

- The QUR'AN States Men are managers of women's affairs + Righteous Women must be obedient + Submit to men
- But as Believers Women + Men are Equal
- Women have More Property Right than other Societies at this Period
- Divorce Occurs When a Man Repents 3 times "I dismiss Thee"
- Income of Man determines duties of woman
- Some were educated + became poets + Scholars
- Responsible for Raising their Children
- Many lived isolated lives + wear Veils

Reasons for Advancement

- ① Rulers Wanted qualified doctors
- ② Relied on Math + Astronomy to Calculate Prayer times + Direction of Mecca
- ③ Curiosity for the Truth
- ④ Muhammad stressed Power of learning
- ⑤ Valued Collecting + Translating Past Knowledge