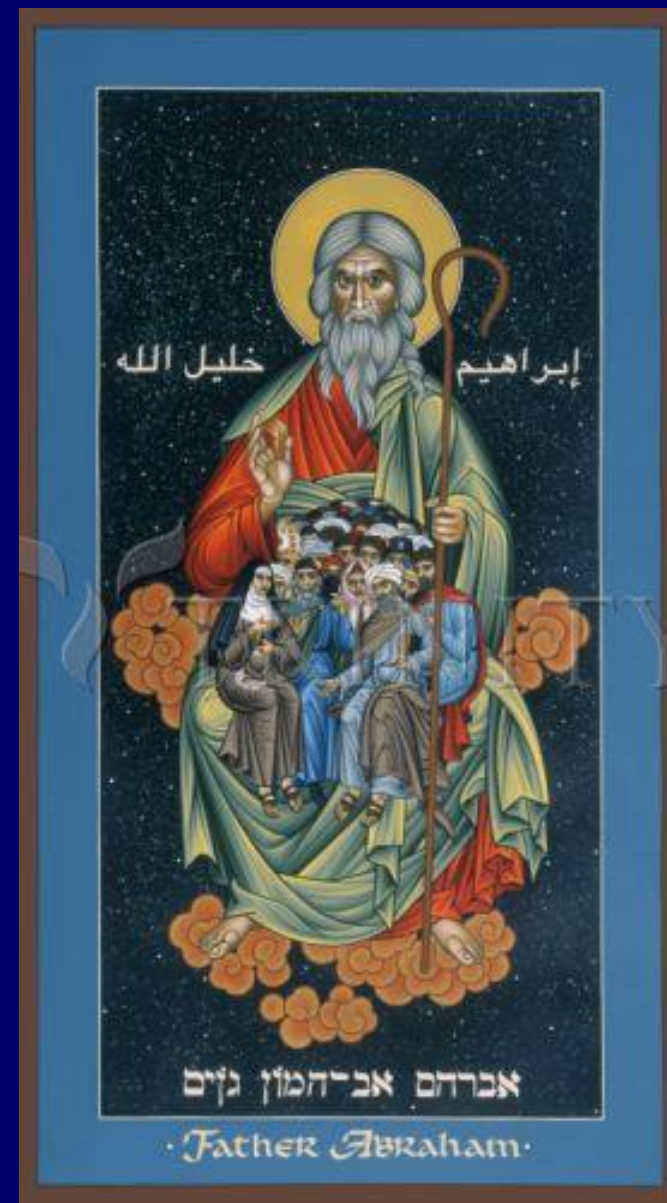


Children of Abraham

Wonders of Arabia

Windstar Cruises

Ross Arnold, Fall 2014



Father Abraham – the world's first monotheist, and source of all three great monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The Call of Abram: Genesis 12:1-5

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

The 2nd Call of Abram: Genesis 15:5-7

He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars – if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."
⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

Abraham's Journey

From Ur to Haran to Egypt



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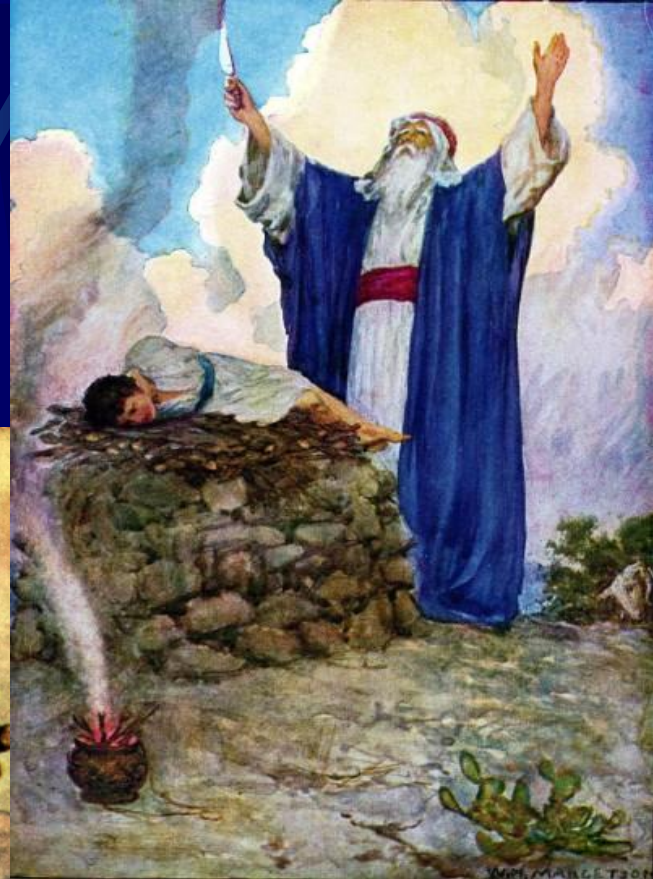
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Jesus



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c. 1406 BC – Israelites enter Promised Land.

c. 1010 BC – King David is 2nd King of united Israel.

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➤ Islam

- 570 AD – Muhammad born in Mecca.**
- 610 AD – 1st revelation of Qur'an to Muhammad.**
- 622 AD – Islam begins during migration to Medina.**
- 632 AD – Muhammad dies and successors (“caliphs”) launch military campaigns of expansion throughout the Mediterranean region.**

JUDAISM

Looking at Some Numbers

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Yet Jews have received 22% of Nobel Prizes and are a major force in entertainment, medicine, law, and on and on.

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. **Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'** These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:3-6



THE TORAH

The Hebrew TaNaKh

- Torah (“Instruction”)
- Nevi'im (“Prophets”)
- Ketuvim (“Writings”)

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Basic Jewish Beliefs (Maimonides' 13 Principles)

- 1. God exists, and is the Creator.*
- 2. God is one and unique; there is none other like Him.*
- 3. God is not physical.*
- 4. God is eternal.*
- 5. Prayer is to be directed only to God.*
- 6. The words of the Prophets are true.*
- 7. The prophecies of Moses are true.*
- 8. The Torah was given to Moses.*
- 9. There will be no other Torah.*
- 10. God knows the thoughts and deeds of all.*
- 11. God rewards the good and punishes the wicked.*
- 12. The Messiah will come.*
- 13. The dead will be resurrected.*

Rabbinic Jewish Movements (since 6th Cent)

- **Orthodox Judaism**
- **Reform Judaism**
- **Conservative Judaism**
- **Reconstructionist Judaism**
- **Jewish Renewal**
- **Humanistic Judaism**

- **Kabbalah**



Jewish Diaspora, A.D. 70–500

DIRECTIONS ● GEOQUIZ ●



“Diaspora” is a Greek word that means “scattered.” The Jewish Diaspora refers to the movement of Jews out of their traditional lands to locations throughout the world.

“All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but the Jew remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

Mark Twain

Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid. ¹¹ I am with you and will save you,’ declares the LORD.

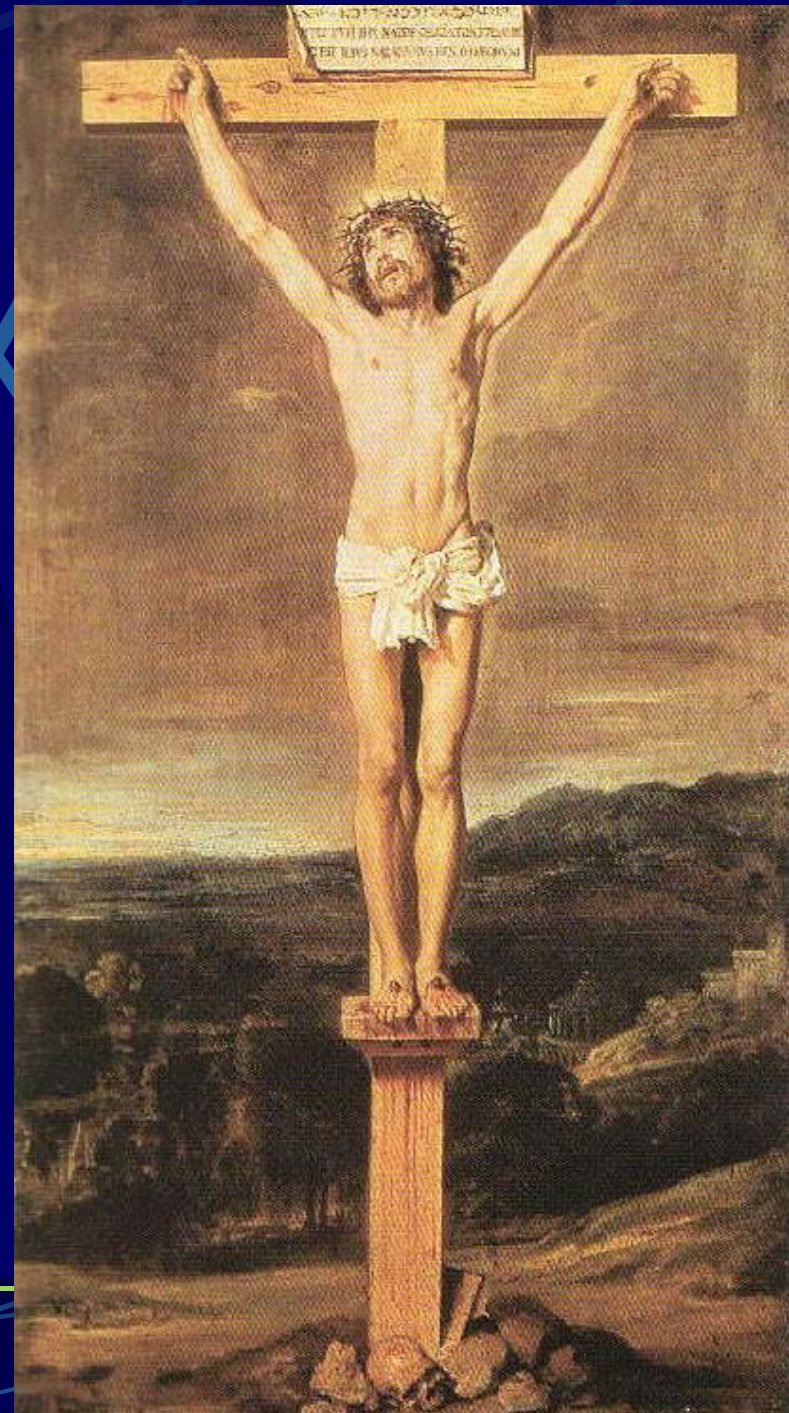
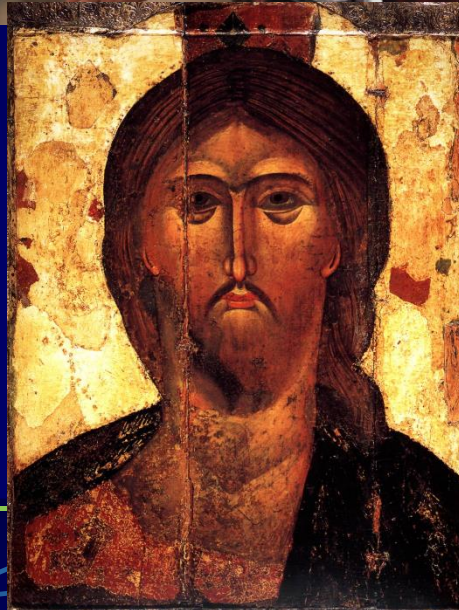
‘Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.’

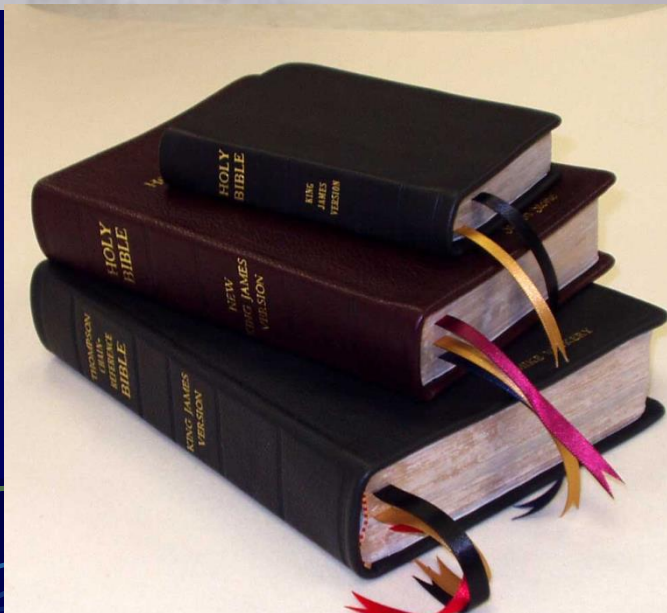
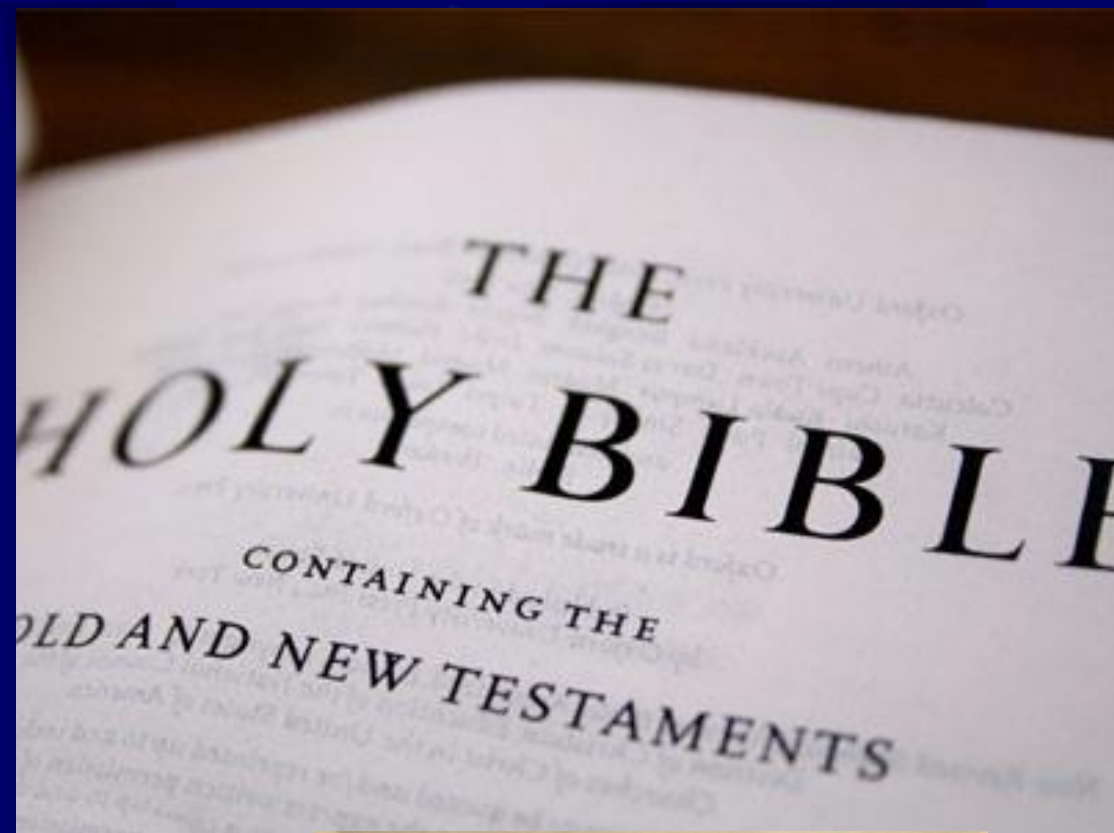
Jeremiah 30:10-11

Christianity



Jesus the Christ
– *Messiah,*
Anointed One
(c. 6 BC-27 AD)





Basic Christian Beliefs

1. One God, revealing himself in three *persons* (the Holy Trinity) – FATHER, SON (Jesus Christ) & HOLY SPIRIT – a unity, sharing one substance.
2. God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and omnipresent. He created the world as distinct from Himself but is active within it as Creator, Sustainer and Sanctifier.
3. Jesus was and is the promised Messiah, the co-eternal, divine Son of God; who became a human man, Jesus, but was fully God and fully man.
4. No one can *earn* God's mercy or become truly righteous, but one can receive forgiveness and mercy by accepting Jesus as God's Son who sacrificed himself on the cross to atone for human sins.

Growth of Christianity by AD 70



State of Christianity c.AD 565



Christianity Today

- Roman Catholicism
- Orthodoxy (*Great Schism – 11th Century*)
 - Eastern Orthodoxy
 - Oriental Orthodoxy, etc.
- Protestantism (*Reformation - 16th Century*)
 - Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Anabaptist, etc.



Islam

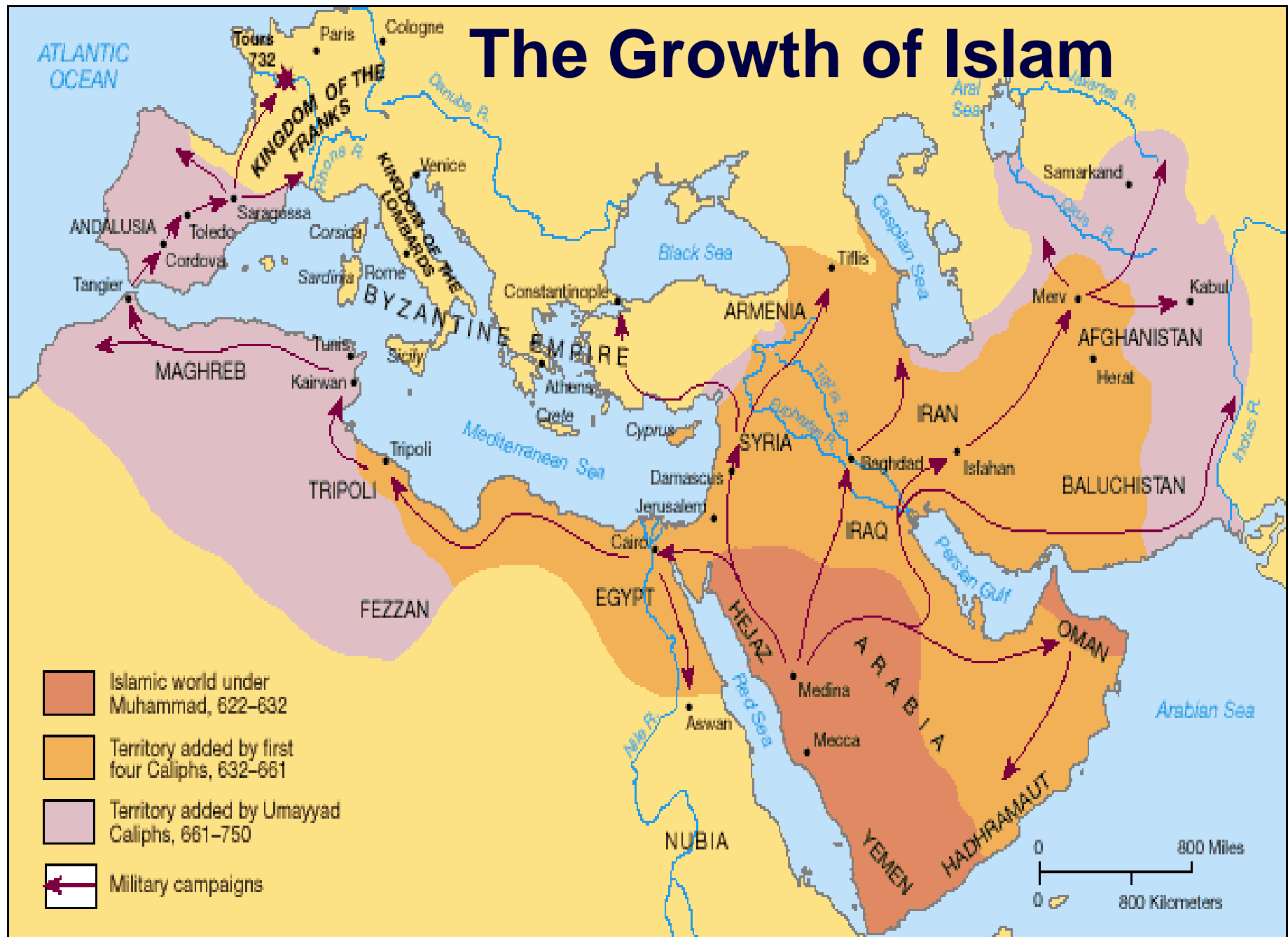


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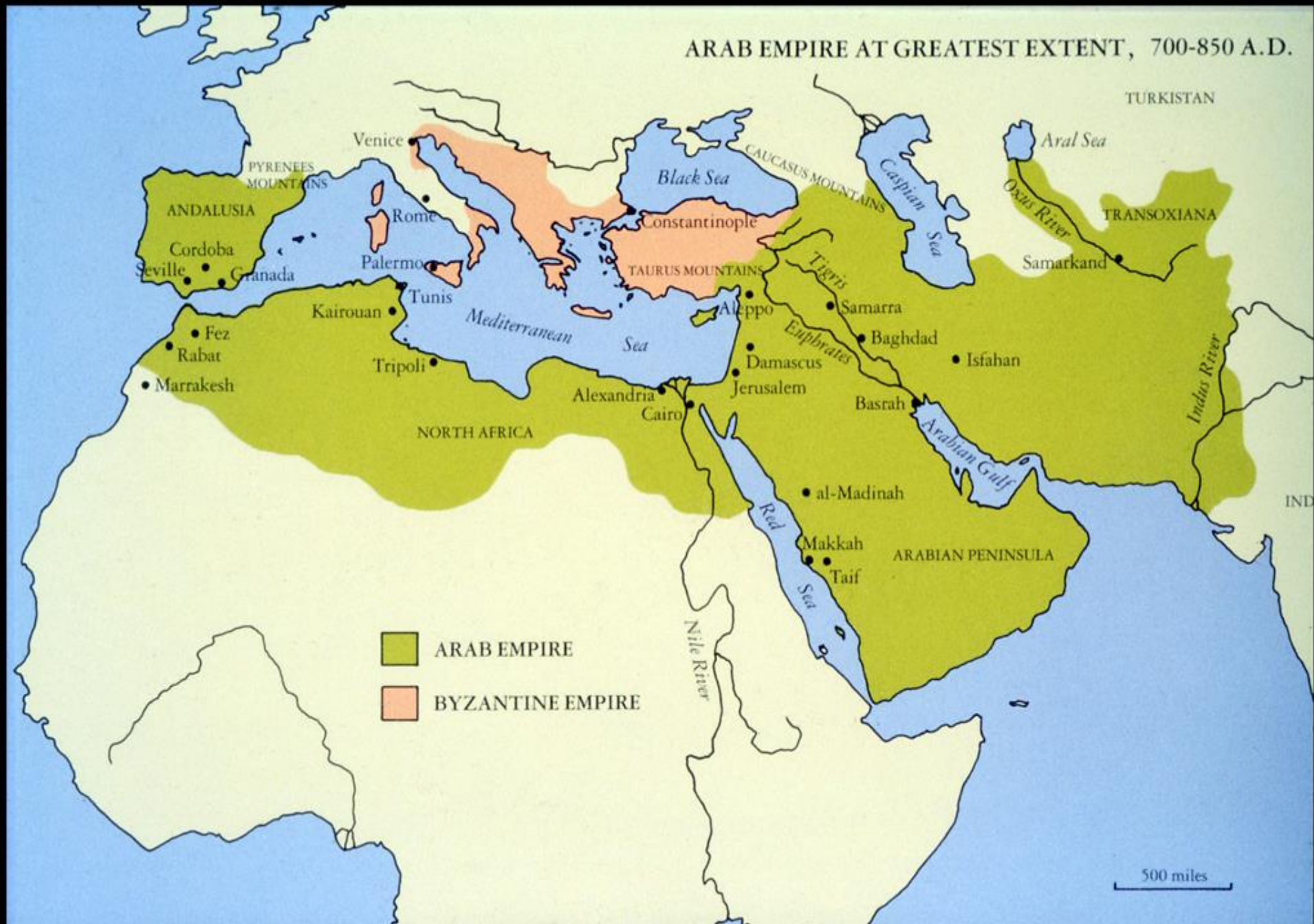
Prophet Muhammad
570-632 AD



The Growth of Islam



ARAB EMPIRE AT GREATEST EXTENT, 700-850 A.D.

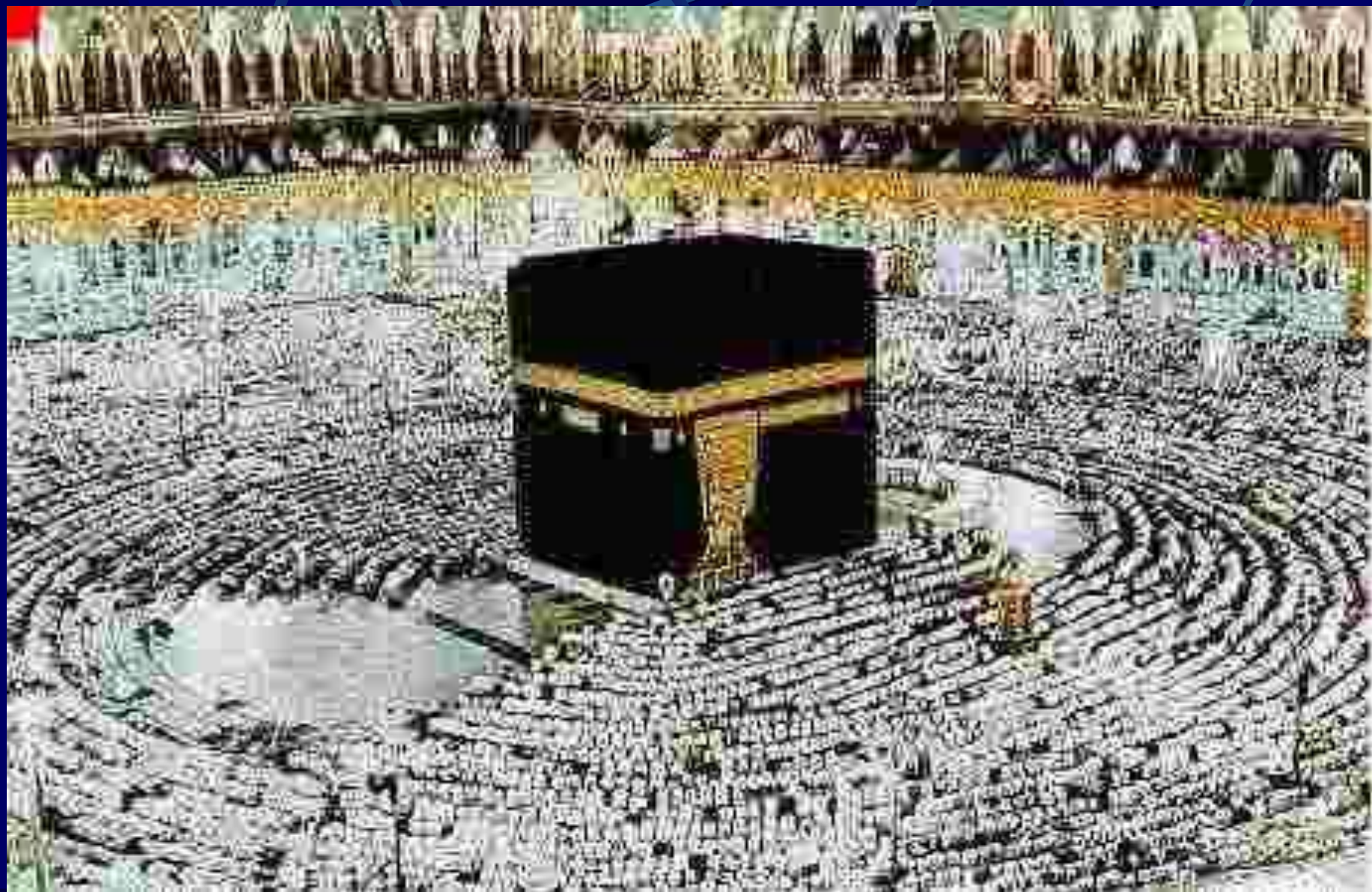


Basic Beliefs of Islam

- Muslim life is more about ***orthopraxy*** (right action) rather than ***orthodoxy*** (right belief) – based on the writings of the ***Qur'an***; ***sunnah*** (life example of Muhammad); and ***hadith*** (sayings of Muhammad and his companions).
- The revelation to Muhammad was in Arabic, considered the holy language.
- ***Islam*** means “*submission*,” to Allah and His will. A ***Muslim*** submits to Allah.

The Five Pillars of Islam

- 1. Profession of Faith – The *Shehada*:**
“There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.”
- 2. Prayer – *Salah*, 5 times daily facing Mecca; on Fridays in a mosque.**
- 3. Generous almsgiving – *Zakat*.**
- 4. Fasting – *Sawm*, especially during holy month of Ramadan.**
- 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca – *Hajj*, at least once in life.**



Similarities and Differences

- **All three Abrahamic faiths believe:**
 - There is only one true God (monotheistic).
 - All life – especially all people – are made by God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of life.
 - Social justice and concern for others is critical.
- **They disagree regarding:**
 - The exact nature of God (Christian Trinity).
 - The nature of the human condition (original sin)
 - The nature of the afterlife (“salvation”).
 - Requirements for pleasing and satisfying God.