

# The Rise of Islam & The World of Islam



Part 1



# The World of Islam

- ▶ Islam is the world's second largest religious group.
- ▶ Islam has 1.6 billion followers, making 23 % of the world population.
- ▶ Most Muslims are either of two denominations:
  - ❑ **Sunni (80–85%)**
  - ❑ **Shia (15-20%).**
- ▶ There are 50 Muslim majority countries in the world.
- ▶ Islam is the dominant religion in Central Asia, Indonesia, Middle East, North Africa, and sub-Saharan Africa.
- ▶ The history of the Muslim world spans about 1400 years.



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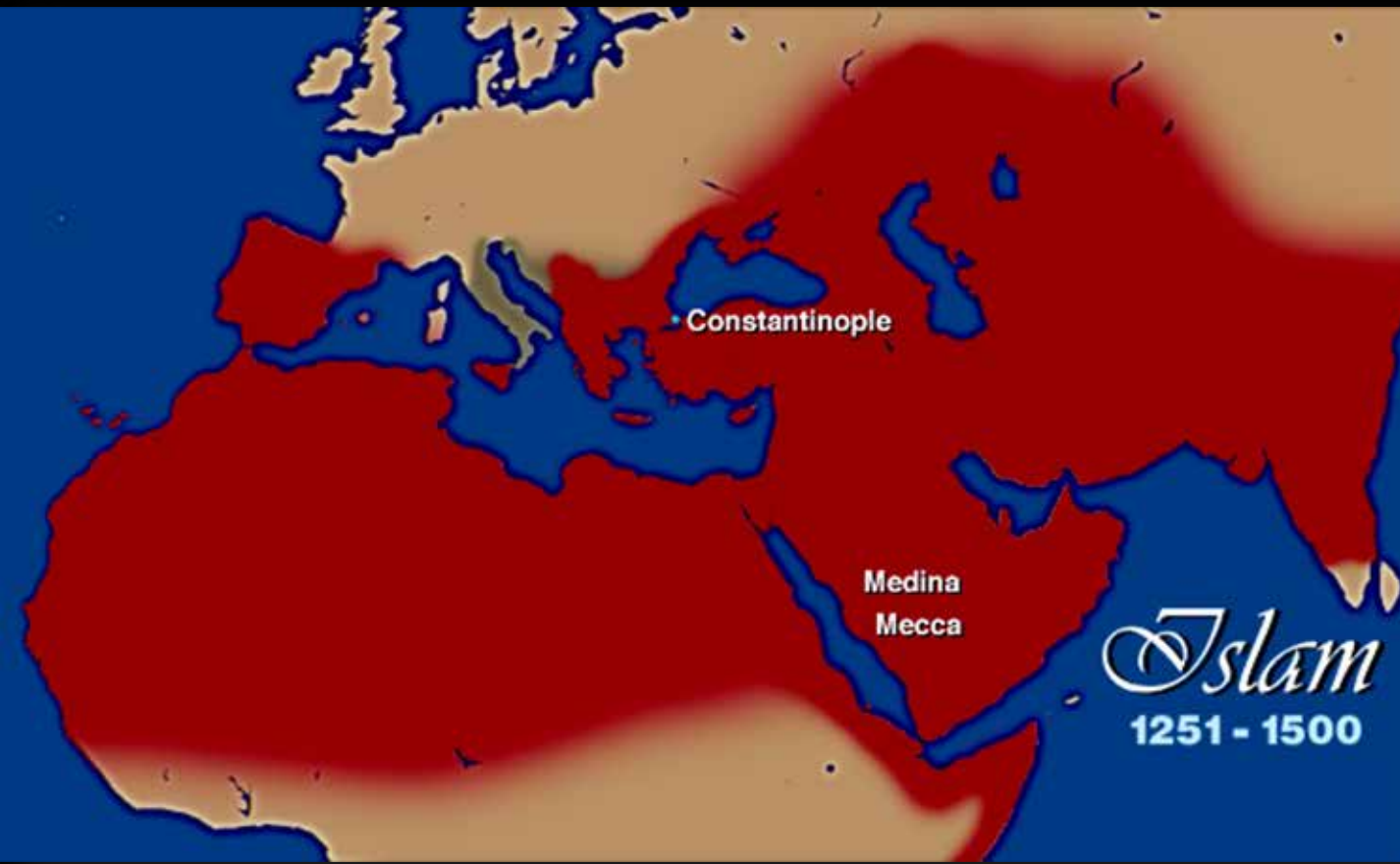




# Islam

A new Abrahamic monotheistic religion appeared in the Arabian Peninsula in the 7<sup>th</sup>. century A.D.

- **It changed the world!**



# Where did Islam Begin?

- ▶ Islam began in the 7<sup>th</sup> century C.E. in **Mecca**, among the **Arabian people** on the Peninsula of Arabia.
- ▶ It was founded by the prophet **Mohammad**.
- ▶ According to Mohammad, he received the **Quran** from God through the Mediator, **Archangel Gabriel**.



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- ▶ The word “Muslim” means one who **“is submitted”** to the will of God. **(Allah)**



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# Who are the Arabians?

- Arabians are an **ethnic group** belong to the **Peninsula of Arabia**.
- Nomads / **Bedouins** (man of the desert)
- Descendent from **Abraham** (Ibrahim) through **Ishmael** his firstborn son from the maidservant Hagar.
- Nowadays; Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, and Gulf countries(Emirates – Qatar – Bahrain – Kuwait)



## GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) COUNTRIES MAP

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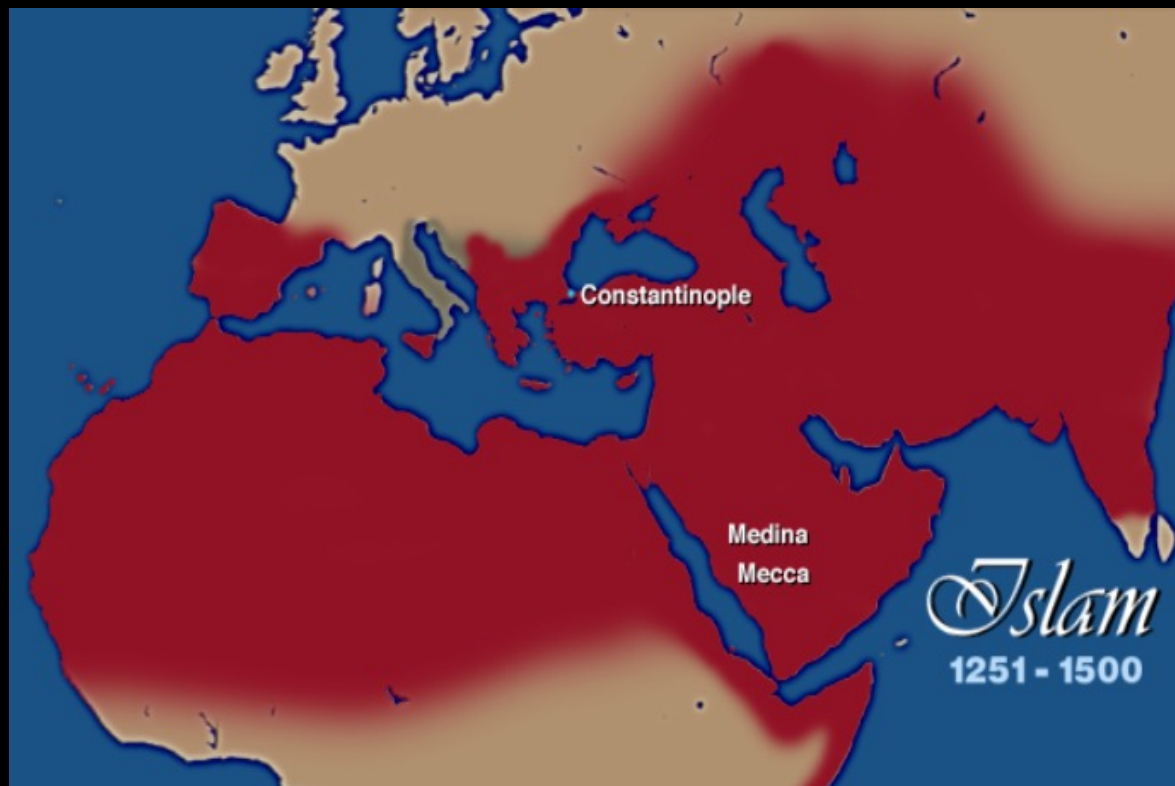




**Who are the Arabs?**

# The Arabs

“The Arabs are the people who converted to **Islam** and adopted the **Arabic language** and **Islamic culture.**”



# Who is Mohammad?

- ▶ According to the Muslims sources, Mohammad was born in **570 C.E.** in the town of **Mecca**
- ▶ Muslims believe that, when he was 40, the Angel Gabriel appeared to him in a cave where he was meditating.
- ▶ Mohammad claimed that **Gabriel** gave him the messages from God (Allah) to tell his people for 23 year until his death at age 62, on 632 A.D.
- ▶ These messages were compiled into the **Qur'an**.
- ▶ Mohammad did not write the Qur'an.



Translation: Mohammad,  
God's prayer and peace be  
upon him



# Who is Mohammad?

- ▶ Muslims **do not regard** Mohammad as **divine/equal** to God (Allah), but he is just a prophet.
- ▶ Muslims believe that the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus were true prophets.
- ▶ There are **no pictures** of Mohammad.
- ▶ It is prohibited to have pictures of the prophets.
- ▶ It is considered **idolatry**.



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# What is the Qur'an?

- ▶ The **Holy Book** of Muslims.
- ▶ The word Quran means **recitation**.
- ▶ Mohammad claimed that these text was given to him from Allah through Gabriel.
- ▶ It consists of 114 **Sura** (books)
- ▶ The Quran is organized by the size of the **Sura** (book) (from largest to smallest) **not chronologically**.

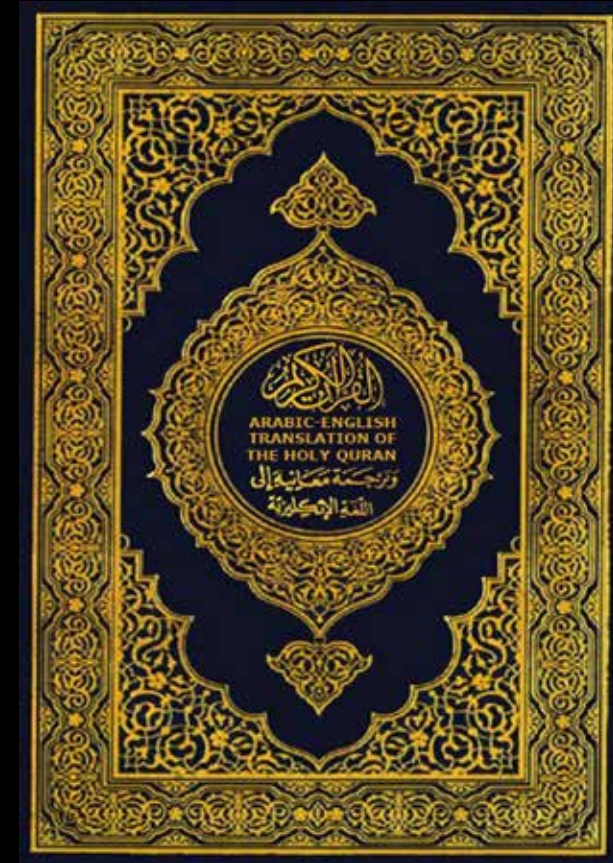


Quran verses, Classic Arabic



# What is the Qur'an?

- ▶ Muhammad **did not write** the Qur'an.
- ▶ It was written **20 – 40 years** after his death, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Caliph (successor) **Uthman**.
- ▶ The Qur'an addresses humanity regarding worship, beliefs, wisdom, laws and other **guidelines for faithful living**.



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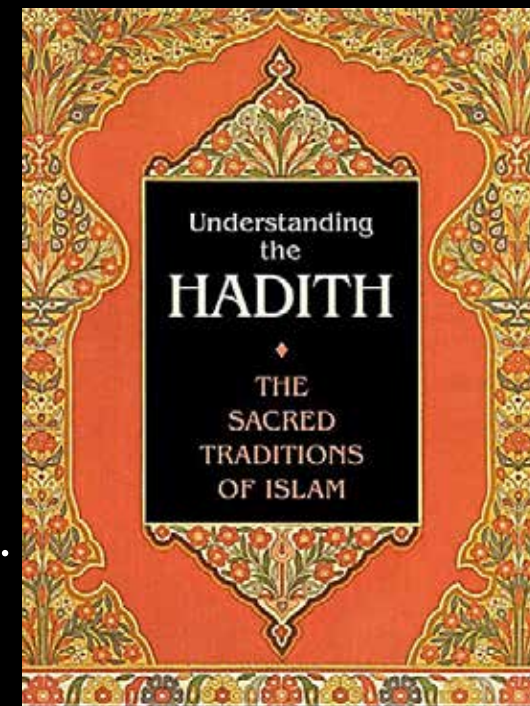
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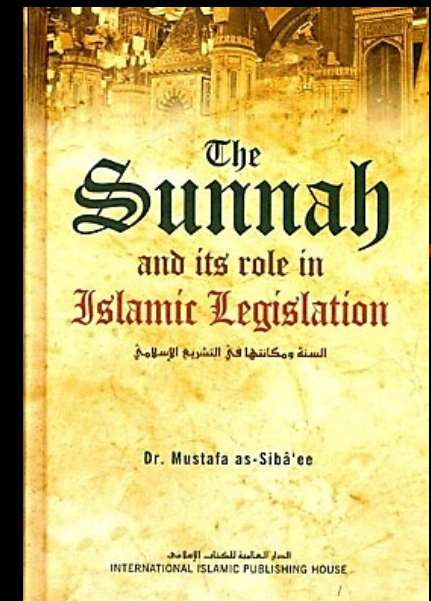


# What is The Hadiths?

- ▶ Hadiths are the record of the Mohammed's teachings, words, & deeds.
- ▶ It is the second most important textbook in Islam next to the Quran.
- ▶ Although **not regarded** as the spoken **word of God** like the Quran,
- ▶ The Hadith is an important source of doctrine, law, and practice.



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# How does Islam relate to other religions?



- ▶ Islam is one of the **Abrahamic** family of faiths that also includes Judaism and Christianity.
- ▶ Muslims recognize **Abraham, Moses, Jesus** and other Biblical figures as part of their religion.
- ▶ Muslims believe that Mohammad is descendent of **Ishmael** son of Abraham.
- ▶ They believe in the same creation story of **Adam & Eve**.
- ▶ Islam doesn't believe in the fall and the original sin.
- ▶ Adam & Eve came t earth to teach humanity what they learned in heaven.
- ▶ They believe in the Angels as well as Satan (**Shitan**) who rebelled against God and was punished.



Abraham



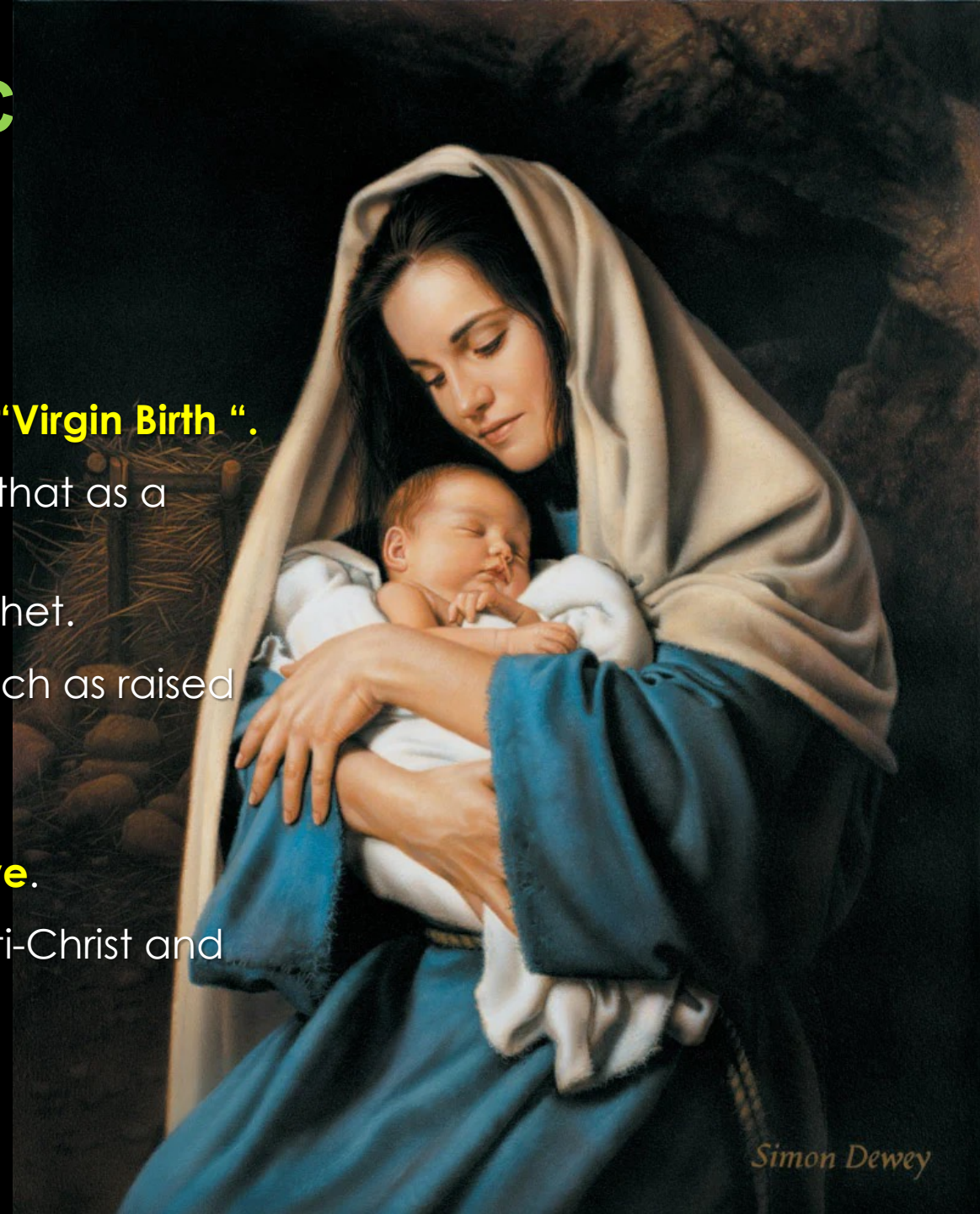
Moses



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## □ Jesus in Islam

- ▶ Islam believe that Jesus was born **without** a father, “**Virgin Birth** “.
- ▶ Islam denies that Jesus is Son of God and consider that as a **blasphemy**.
- ▶ Jesus is not divine; he is only human and just a Prophet.
- ▶ Quran admits that he performed many miracles, such as raised dead, healed the sick, and casted out bad spirits.
- ▶ Islam believe that Jesus **was not crucified**.
- ▶ Jesus was **not deceased** but was **left to heaven alive**.
- ▶ Muslim believe that Jesus will be back to kill the Anti-Christ and reign for 40 years.



Good luck!

