

Relationship with the state and religion in the three monotheist religions – the Judaism, the Christianity and the Islam (1)

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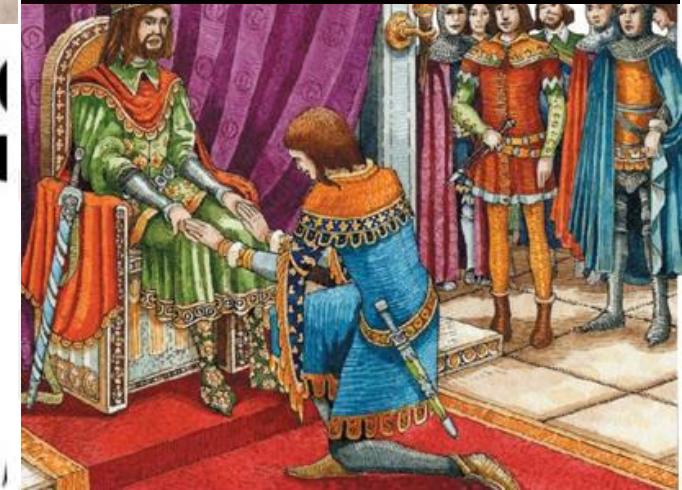
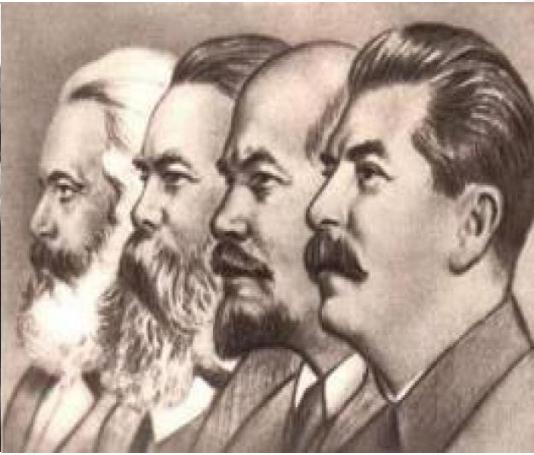
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Modernization of the Islamic world and Western-style states

The difference is based on three pillars



Social systems and nation states in Europe

In Europe: In time they are separated: tribal-clan society, slavery, feudalism, capitalism, communism (in the 18th and 19th centuries of nation states have been established - in some countries, by separating from larger empires, elsewhere by merging smaller, independent states)



Social system and nation states in the Islamic world

- *Today's mixing with each other:* tribal clan system in local administration, nomads, slavery with feudalism until the mid-20th century, capitalism, communism
- *The nation state is exceptional:* (e.g. Iran, Egypt, Morocco, Kurdistan, Turkey) because of lack of national identity – identity to the umma, then tribe, clan, family regardless of the ethnic group

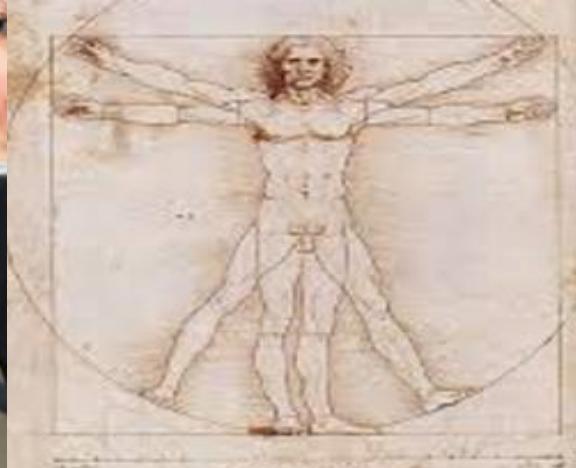
Traditions of democracy

- Europe: Greek city-states and the state organization of the Republic of Rome, medieval Italian city states
- Islamic world: Ancient East is a despotic sovereign, emperor's power from the god, centralized and developed public administration



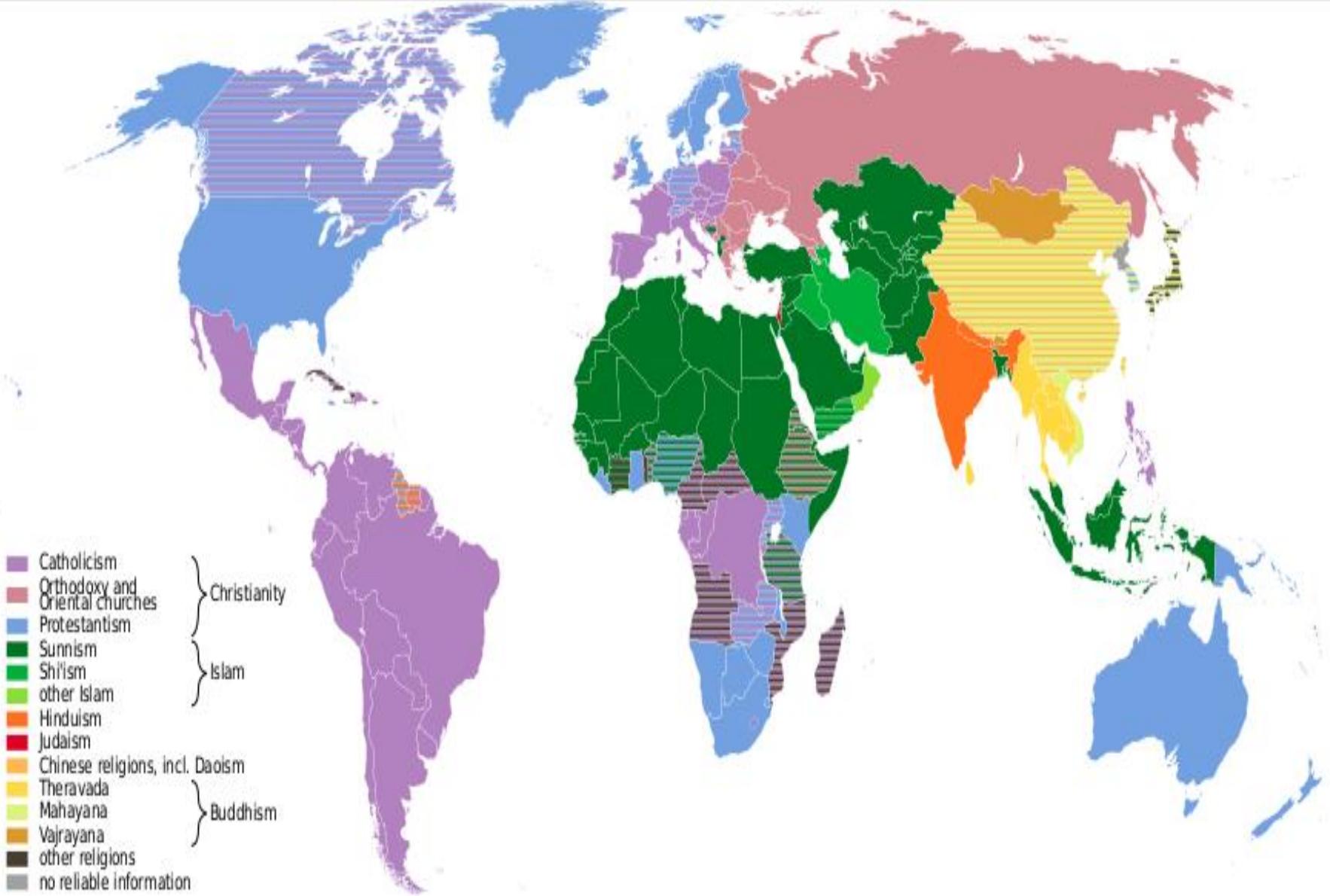
Religion and state

- Europe: Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment
- Islamic world: Islam penetrates all parts of society, separation of religion from the state is exceptional





Major religions of the world



Some Basic Facts of Islam

- Islam is the third in succession of the three great monotheistic faiths born in the Middle East (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)
- Islam is the second largest religion in world (1.62 billion adherents, 23% of the global population)
- Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world

The **Basmala** ("In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful")



Judaism

- *Divine revelation:* B.C. 1250 - Moses - Mount Sinai - Torah (Jewish law)
- *From Abraham and the covenant of God:* the Jewish people are the "chosen people" of the Lord
- *Abraham:* Canaan, the Promised Land (wandering from Egypt through
 - Red see
 - 40 years
 - imprisonment
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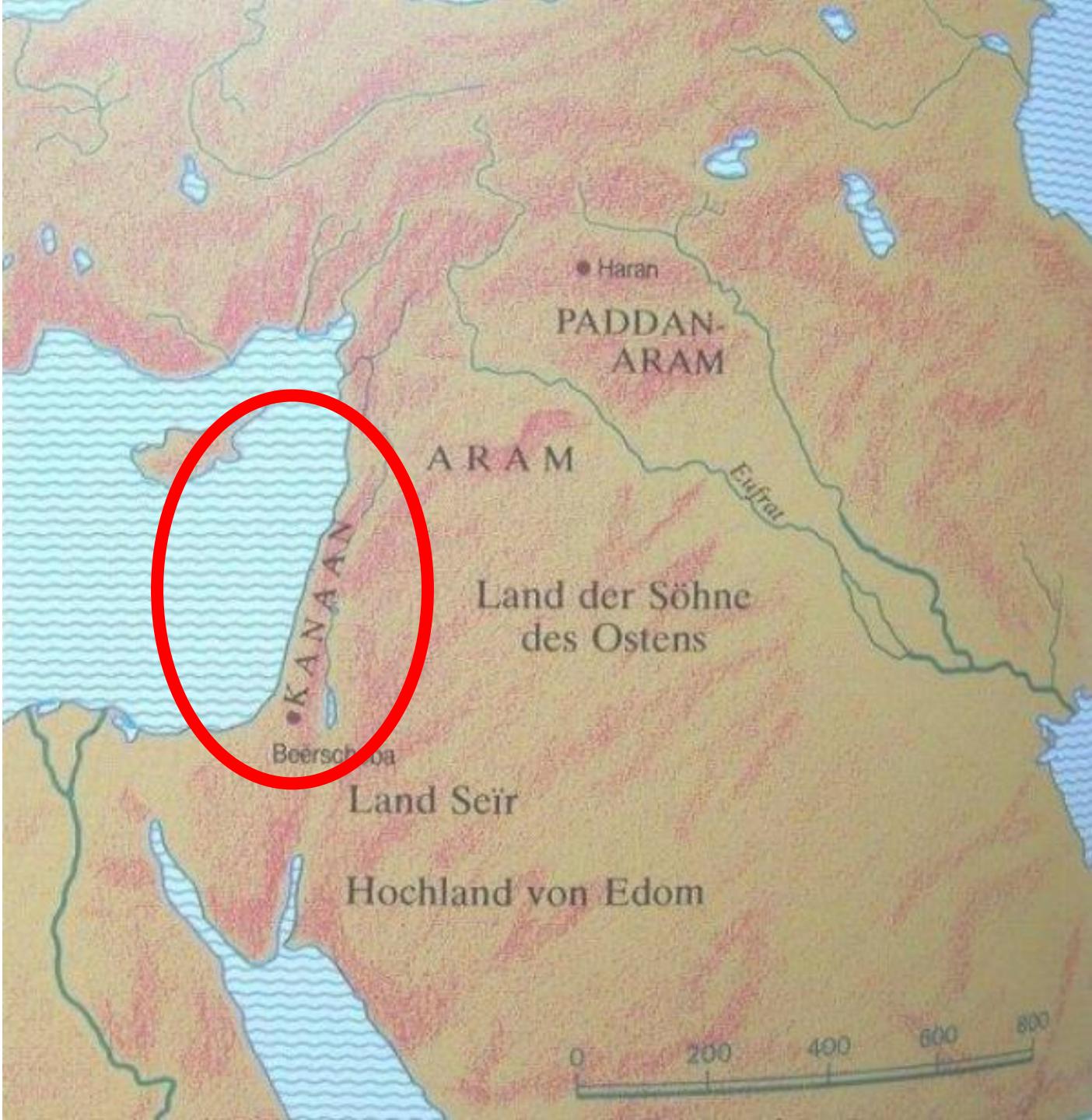


Judaism

- *Egypt - captivity*
- *Moses: Red Sea*
- *Wandering - 40 years*
- *Land of promise*



Canaan



The Creation of the Jewish State

B.C. 1000 - King David - unification of 12 Jewish tribes - tribal-clan relations remains Kingdom of Israel



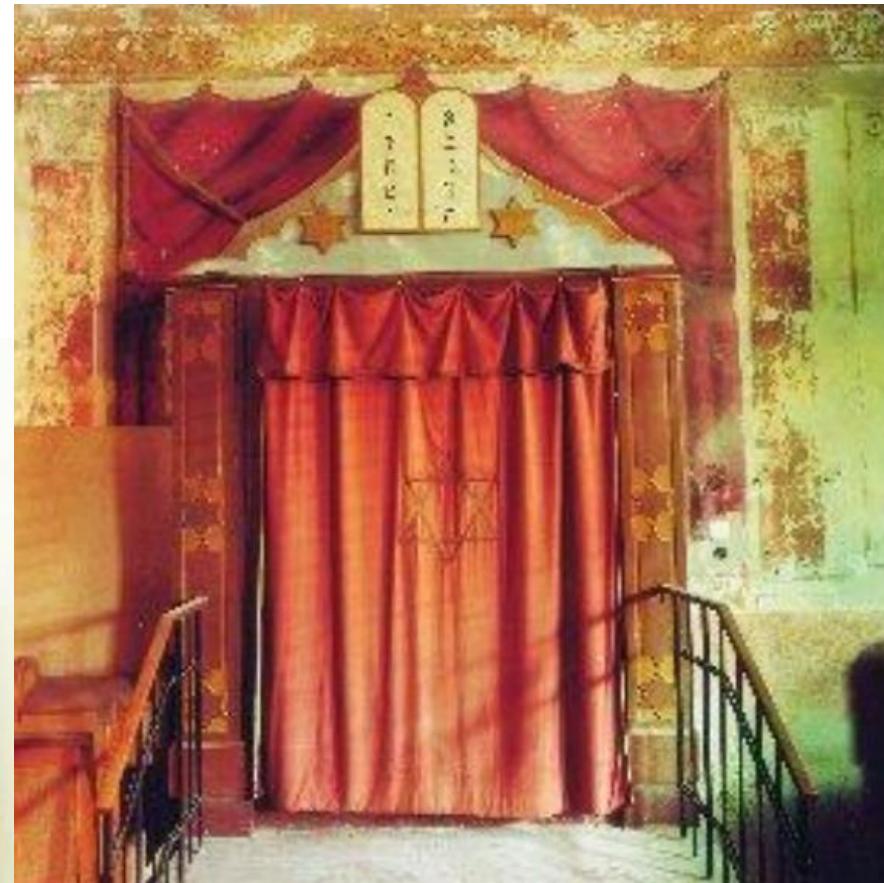
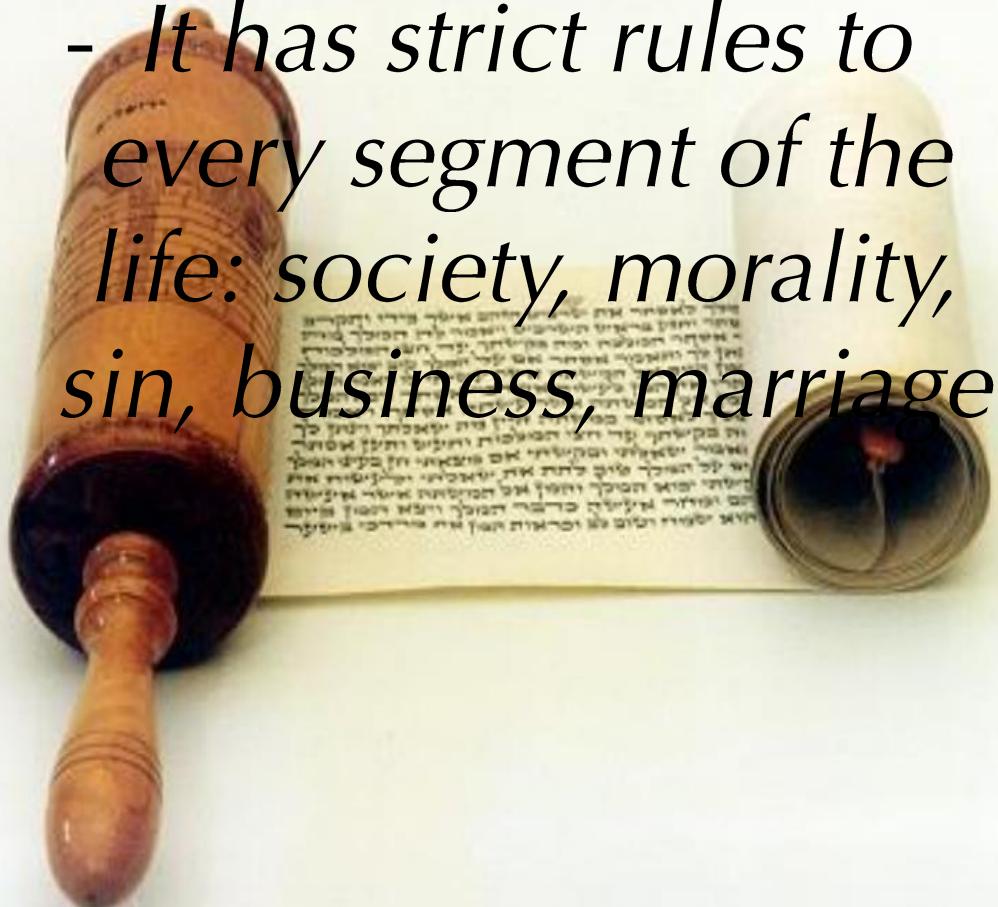
Religious symbol

Temple of Jerusalem - Religious Holidays, Victim
- Wailing Wall or Western Wall (of the Temple)
Most important symbol of Jews



Sources of the Jewish religion

- Torah (Moses' 5 books)
- *It has strict rules to every segment of the life: society, morality, sin, business, marriage*



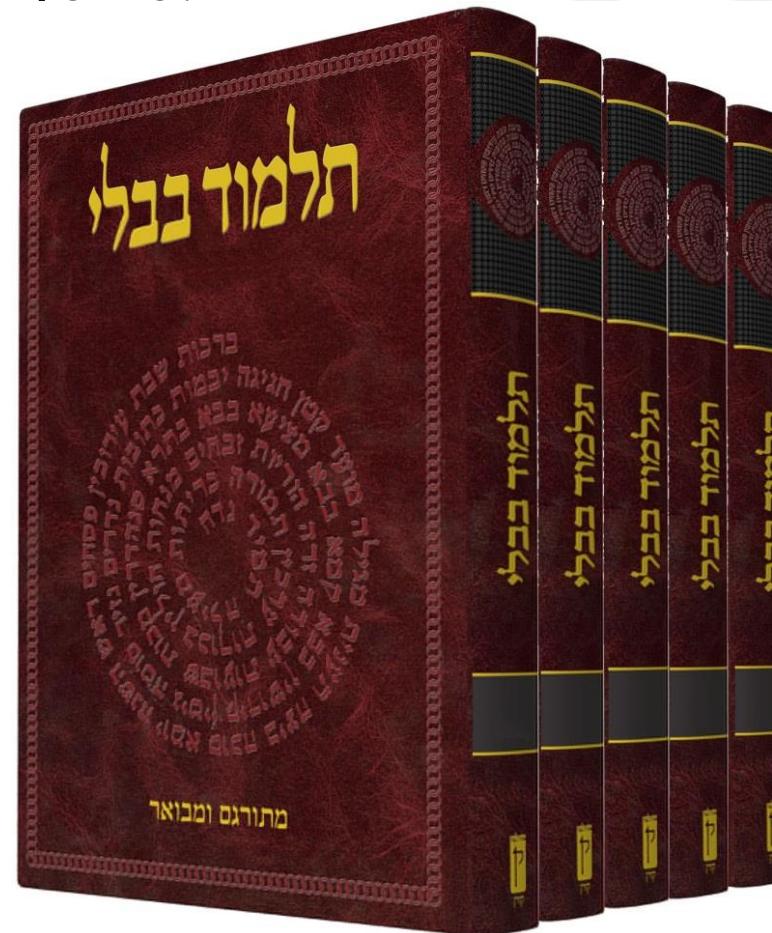
Torah Cabinet

Talmud (interpretations)

The Talmud is the second most sacred book of Judaism (actually a collection of books). It has superiority over the Old Testament for the Jews.

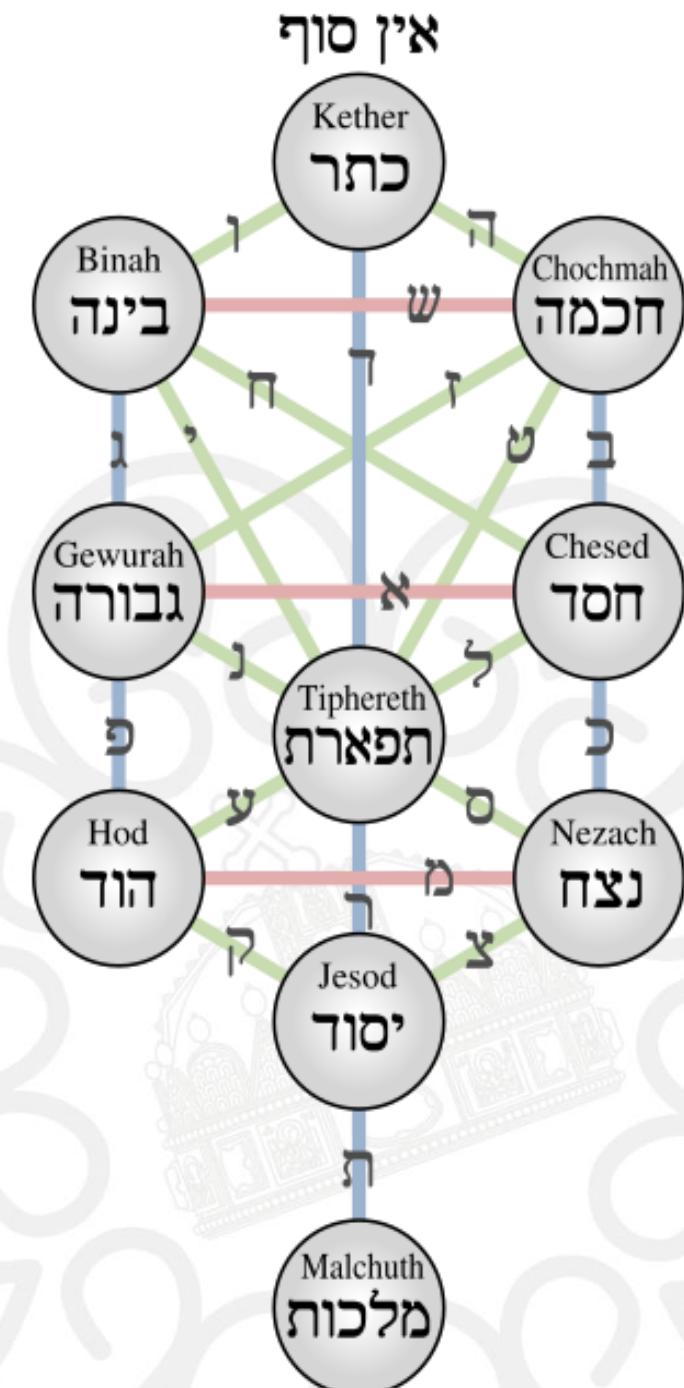
Relevance:

- It interpreted the rules of the Tora to the changing social and economic life
- Only religious leaders had the right to do so



Kabbalah (Jewish Mysticism)

- The tree of Life



The Jewish religion

- Its provisions cover all areas of life: religious ceremonies, morals, holidays, behaviour, marriage, meals, business deals, social principles (interest block, debt relief), helping the poor, etc.
- Different trends: Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Zealots, Samaritans



Pharisees

Leading Religious Elite part of society: In Synagogues, Interpreting Jewish Religion
Law: flexibility - Ritual Rules In The Age of Second Temple (between 536 BC and 70 AD)
After the Second Temple was destroyed, the rabbinical version of Judaism evolved.



Sadducees

- Sadducees were **aristocrats**. They tended to be wealthy and tall - held powerful positions, including that of chief priests and the high priest, and they held the majority of the 70 seats of the ruling council called the Sanhedrin.

*Fundamentalist
interpretation of
Torah
„world by world”*



PHARISEES

Law

Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders

SADDUCEES

Temple

Torah Alone

Upper Class

No Resurrection

No Afterlife

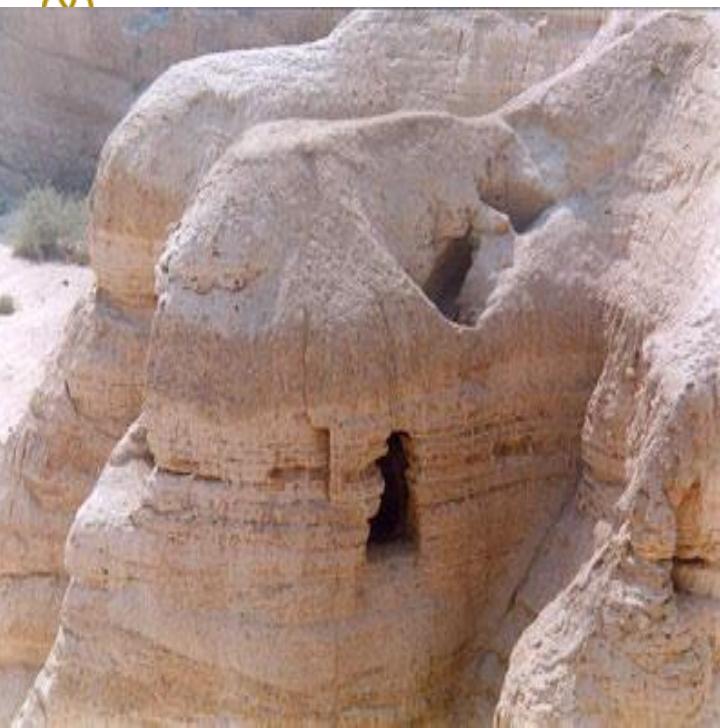
Supported Jewish Leaders



Essenes

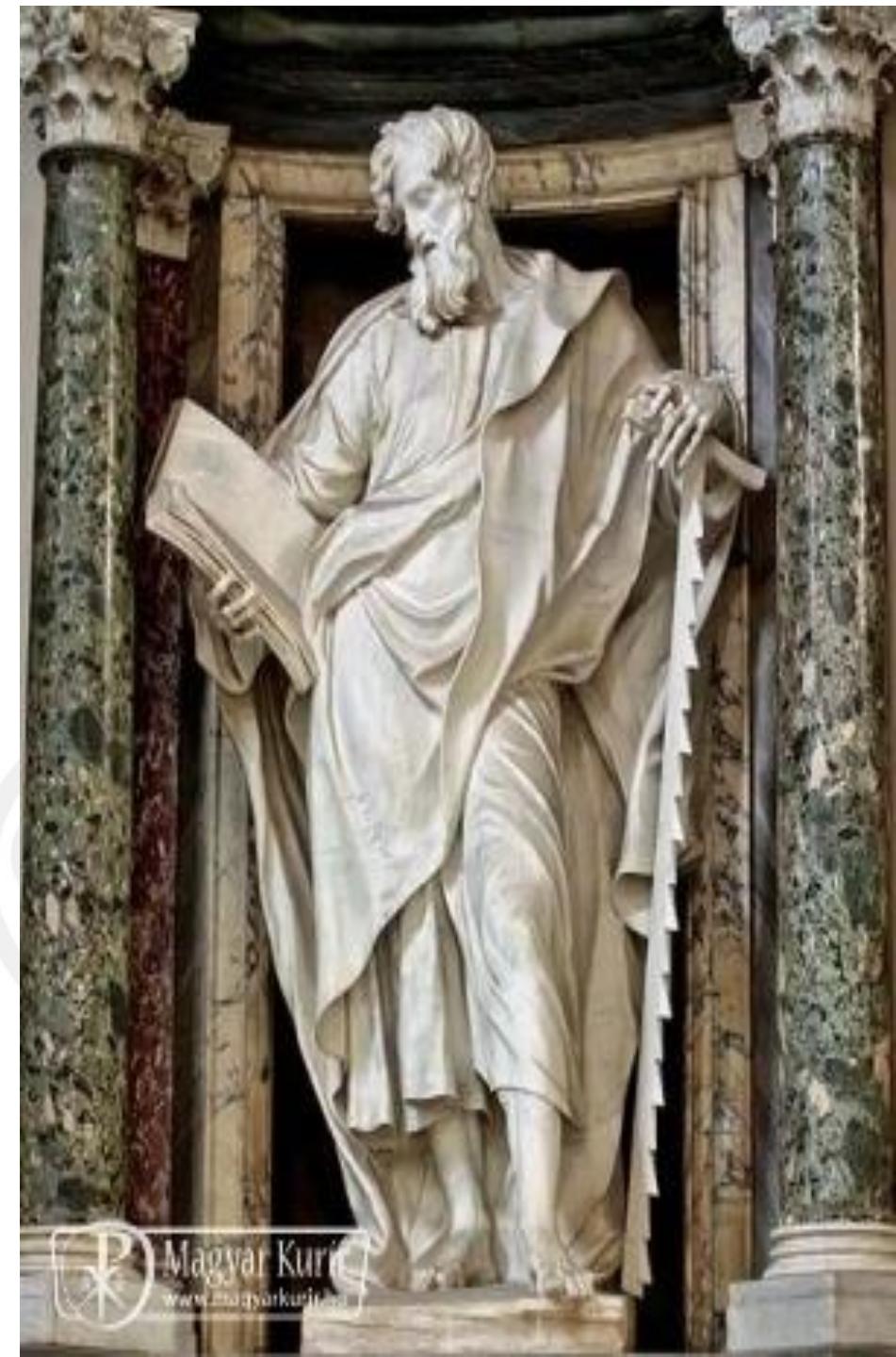
- *Ascetic religious group: desert - messiah's expectation - anti-Roman - love – healing – Jesus stayed with them, strong influence on him*

Kumran: *Dead Sea Scrolls* – new documents about the Old and New Testament



Zealots

- Meaning: fanatics
- The zealots were cut off from the Pharisees because they were convinced that Israel should not only believe in the coming of the Messiah, but also in the initiating of war.



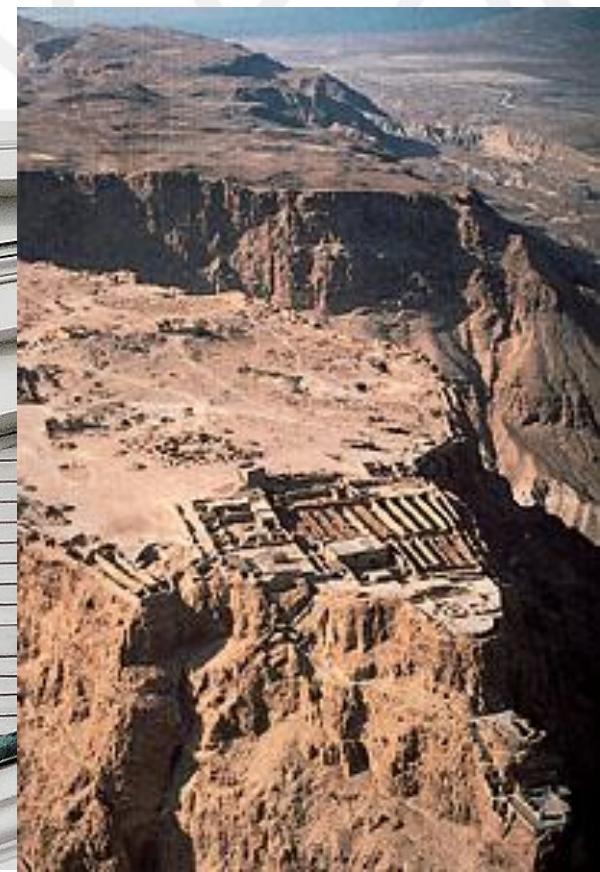
Sicarii (assassins)

- Particularly radical group from the Zealots, against the Roman domination
- 66 -70 A.D.: Great Jewish Uprising (First Jewish-Roman War)
- Drowning attacks on Roman and Jewish leaders
- Successful urban terrorists



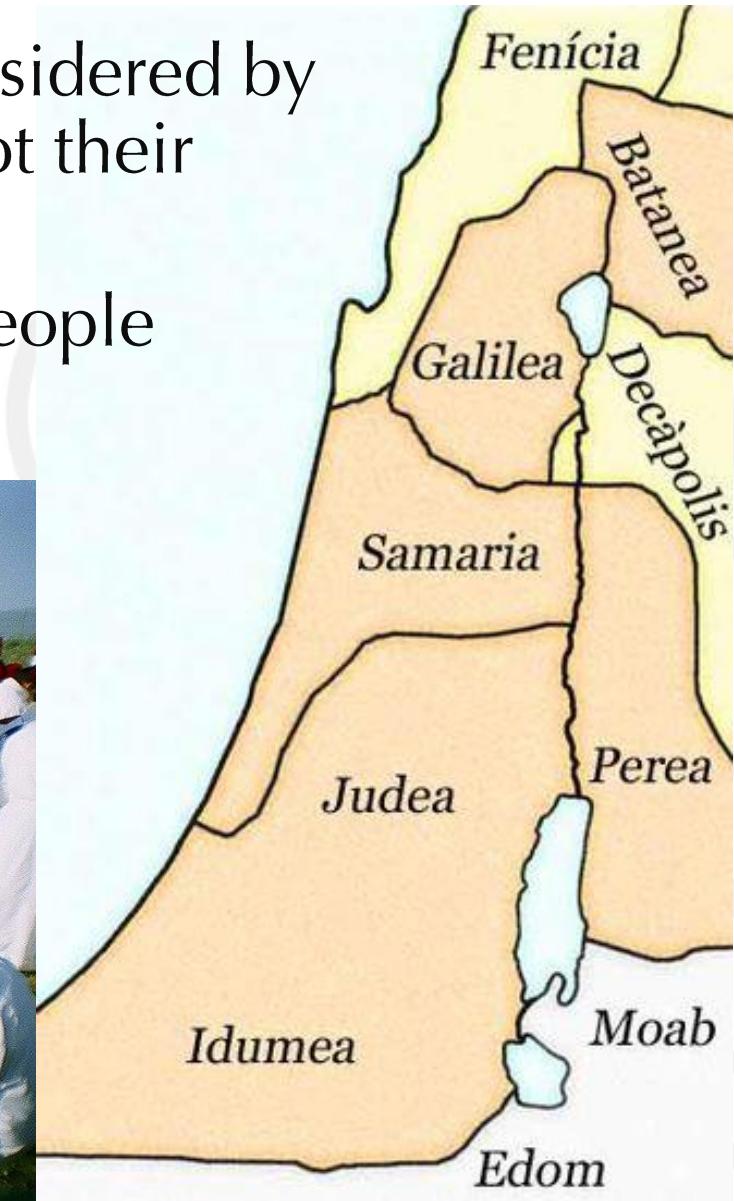
Zealot's uprising

- Failure Zealous uprising, mass suicide in the last fort of Maszada
- Ideologist: Simon, the Zealot;
- Oath of the young Israeli military:
„Maszada can never happen again!”



Samaritans

- The tribe from the Israelites, considered by ancient Jews as heretics. They got their name from Samaria.
- Today they have a staff of 750 people



The Jewish State and Religious Leadership

The traditional Jewish state (until the 2nd century AD, then in diasporas)

- *Religiously, ethnically and socially divided:* tribes, clans, papal tribes (Levites, Cadokites) pagans (Philistines, Jeuxes) nomads (Rechabits) ethnics (Jews, Fonicians)

Intertwining of State and Religious Leadership: the latter ones have the Right to Judge Based on Torah

Sanhedrin (High Council)

- In Great Temple
- Sadducees: wealthy priests
Decide:
- Choose of the high priest
 - Political-state issues
 - In **religious criminal cases** (Jesus' trial)
 - 3. Copying Torah



Beth Din (House of Law)

- *From the Pharisees* - judges of wise rabbis with great knowledge – encourage to agree or make compromise – written decisions - improvement of the law more flexible (Talmud) – in Synagogues



1948

Liberal Democracy - Orthodox Jewish groups do not exercise public authority
- Knesset



Monotheistic Religions and the State (2)

Christianity: *Jesus's teachings:*

- for the poor,
- breaking with the meticulous ceremonies of the Jewish religion,
- justice,
- inner moral values (love, kindness, mercy, compassion, loyalty), purity of the soul, inner peace, purification from sin

Creation of churches

- Controversy as the guardian of Jesus's true doctrines (early Christianity) wrote (New Testament and Other Written Texts) after the death of the apostles - gospels



State Religion

- End of 4th century - the Roman Empire
- Great Constantine (306-337)



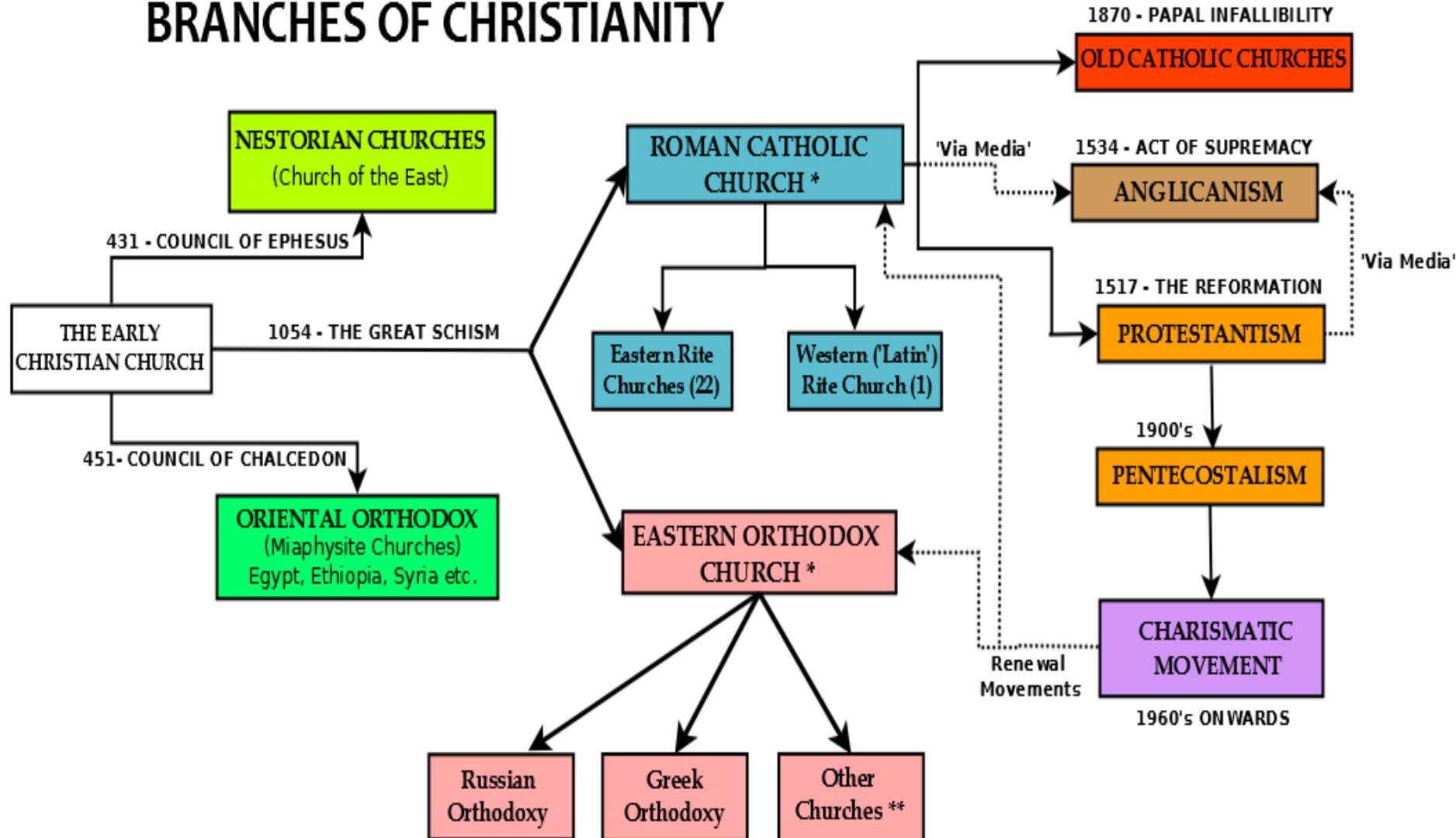
The Christian religion and the state

Its orientations are: Eastern (orthodox) Western (Catholic, Protestant)

Catholic Church:

- hierarchical state power
- exclusivity in the faith: heretical courts, inquisition
- full power: papacy's hegemony over Europe, it is a state itself
- conquest (full power) by the crusaders: Kingdom of Jerusalem for 2 centuries in the 12th and 13th century
- the only mediators between god and people
- interpretation of Christian teachings
- defines the ideology of the state's operation
- sacred character (rites, sacraments)
- dogmas – right to revelations, requires obedience from believers
- greedy: goodby celtises, taxes

BRANCHES OF CHRISTIANITY



* Both Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches claim the title of the 'One True Church'.

** There are several other autonomous and autocephalous churches within Eastern Orthodoxy.

Problems in the Catholic Church

- **Corruption!**
- **The Church's great political power and wealth caused conflict.**
- **Popes too busy with worldly affairs; not spiritual**
- **Priests & monks poorly educated & breaking vows**



The Medieval Catholic Church and Jesus's teachings

Machiavelli: „The Duke” (required literature nowadays) about Cesare Borgia

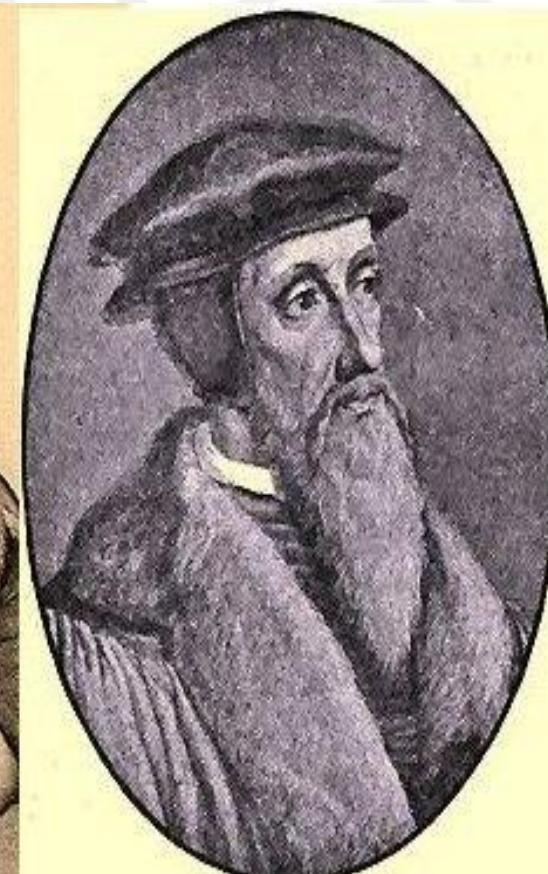
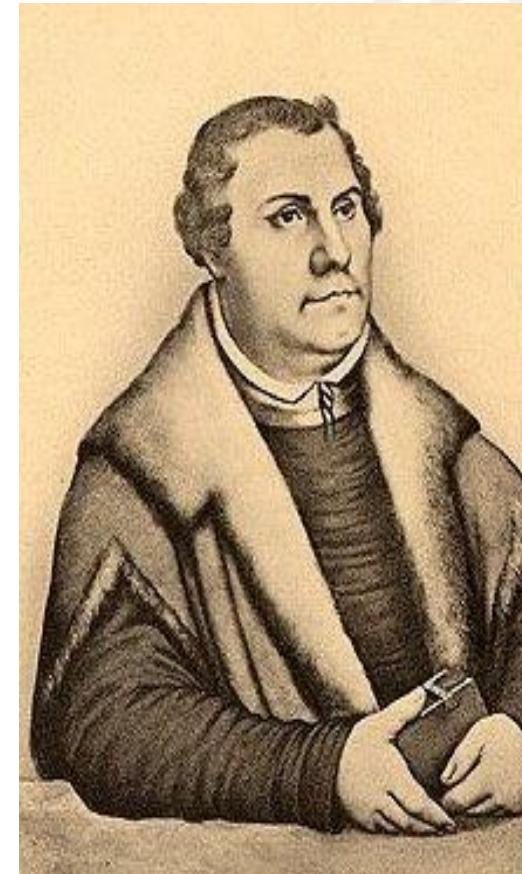
- He was an admirer of Cesare Borgia, the son of Pope VI, Alexander, with whom the pope ruled, and who was the pope's war lord
- He established the most important and basic methods of exercising political power in his book
- The papacy was a real state with own military occupying the middle Italy
- The pope had concubines and children

Protestant Church

Reformation: freedom of conscience, faith and self-reflection, rationalization, simplicity, **secularization**

Invisible Church:

- the totality of believers
- not institutionalized organization
- all believers are equal
- the clergy does not privileges



Wittenberg 1517

- 95 thesis of Luther Marton

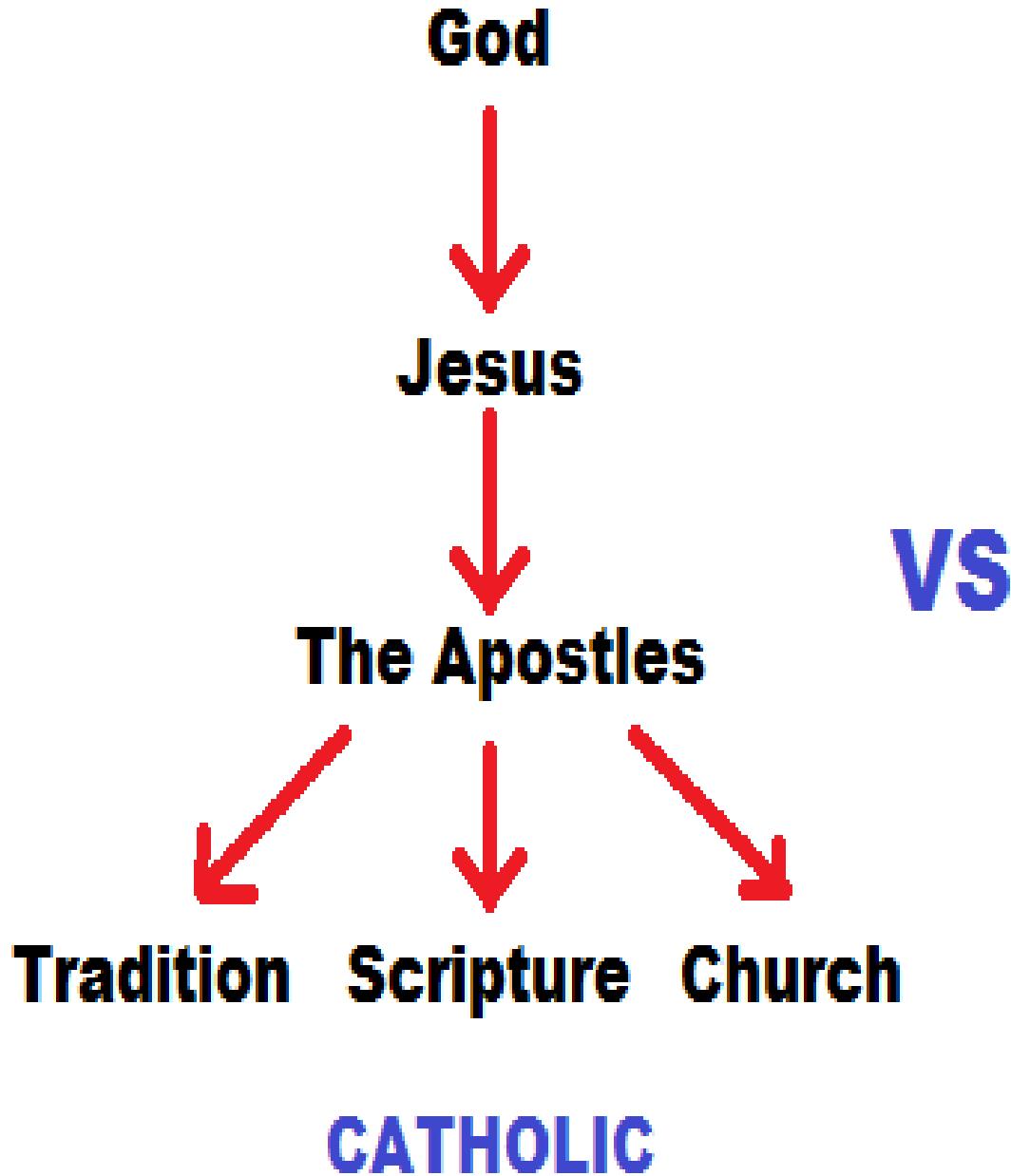
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veritatis haec subscripta disputabunt Vittenberga. Praesidebat
R.P. Mariano Luther, Arnu & S. Theologiae Magistro, eius
deinde ibidem lector Ordinario. Quare petit ut qui non pos-
sunt uechis presentes nobiscum dicipere, agant id literis ab-
sentis. In nomine domini nostri Iesu Christi. Amen.

Omnis & Magister noster Iesus Christus, di-
cendo poenitentiam agite &c. omnem uitam fi-
delium, poenitentiam esse vultuit.
Quod verbum poenitentia de poenitentia sacra-
mentalitatis, i.e. confessionis & satisfactionis quae
sacerdotum ministerio celebratur) non po-
teli intelligi.
Non tamen soli intendit interior, immo interior nulla est, nisi
foris operetur tristis carnis mortificationes.
Manet itaque pena donec manet odium suis, i.e. penitentia uera
intus) scilicet ut sp. ad introitum regni celorum.
Papa non vult nec potest, ulla penas remittere; praeter eas,
quas arbitrio tui suo uel canonum imposuit.
Papa non potest remittere ullam culpam, nisi declarando & appro-
bando remissam a deo. Aut certe remittendo casus referuantur
sibi, quibus concupiscula culpa profusa remaneret.
Nulli prouersus reunitus deus culpam, quin simul cum subiectat
humiliatur in omnibus sacerdoti suo vicario.
Canones penitentiales soli uiuentibus sunt impositi; nihilque
mortuis, secundum eoldem debet imponi.
Inde bene nobis facit spiritus sanctus in Papa; excipiendo insu-
is decretis semper articulum mortis & necessitatis.
Indocte & male faciunt sacerdotes ij, qui morituri poenitentias
canonicas in purgatorium referuant.
Zizan illa de mutanda pena. Canonica in pena purgato-
rii, uidetur certe dormientibus Episcopis feminata.
Olim penae canonicae non possit, sed ante absolutionem impo-
nebantur, tanquam rementa uera contritionis.

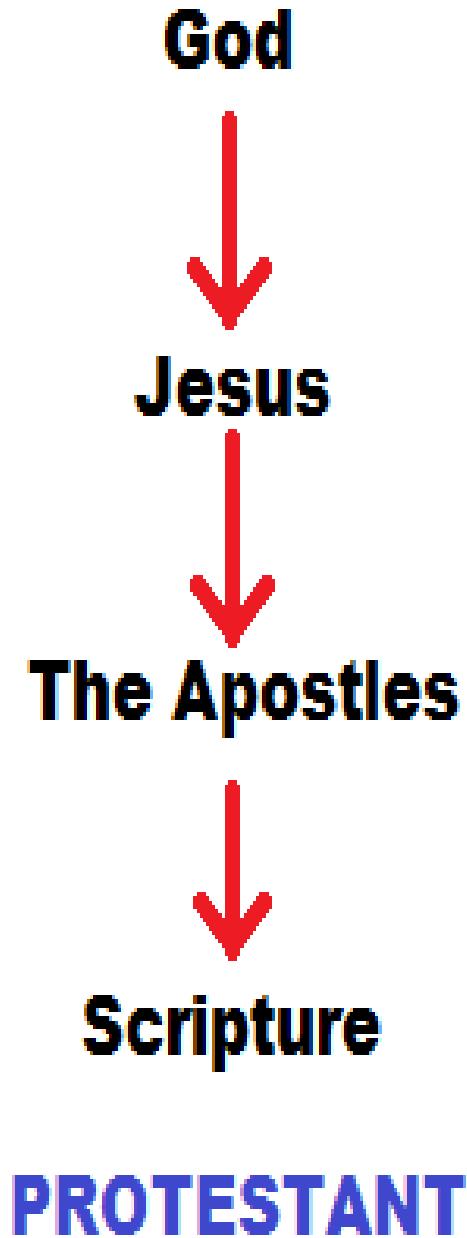
DISPUTATIO DE VIRTUTIBUS INDULGEN.

- xij Morituri, per mortem omnia soluant, & legibus canonibus mor-
tuam sunt, habentes lumen caru relaxationem.
- xiii Imperfecta sanitas seu charitas morituri, necessario secum fert
magnum timorem, tantoq[ue] maiorem, quanto minor fuerit ipsa.
- xiv Hic timor & horror, fatus est, se solo (ut alia taceant) secundum p[re]ce-
nam purgatori, cum sit proximus desperationis horror.
- xv Videntur, inueniunt, purgatorium, celum differre; sicut despe-
ratio, prope desperatio, securitas differunt.
- xvi Necesse est uidetur animabus in purgatorio sicut minuti hor-
rorum, ita augeri charitatem.
- xvii Nec probant videtur nullis, aut rationibus, aut scripturis, q[ui] sint
extra statum mentis seu augendae charitatis.
- xviii Nec hoc probatur esse uidetur, q[ui] sint de beatitudine certa
& secura, saltem o[ste]n[do], licet nos certissimi simus.
- xix Ig[ne] Papa per remissionem plenaria omnium penarum, non simpli-
citer omnium intelligit, sed a se ipso timido imponitur.
- xx Errantitq[ue] indulgentiarum predicatorum ij, qui dicunt per Pa-
paem indulgentias, hominem ab omni pena solvi & salvare.
- xxi Quia nullam remitteat animabus in purgatorio, quia in hac ui-
ta debuissent secundum Canones soluere.
- xxii Si remissio ulla omnium omnium penarum potest alicui dari; certa
est cano non nisi perfectissimis, i.e. paucissimis dari.
- xxiii Falso ob id necesse est, maiorem partem populi per indifferenciam
illam & magnitudinem penae soluta promissionem.
- xxiv Qualis potestate habet Papa in purgatoriis generaliter talis habet
q[ui]libet Episcopus & cura in sua dioecesi, & parochia sp[iritu]aliter.
- i Optime facit Papa, q[ui] non potestate clavis (qua nullam habet)
sed per modum suffragii, dat animabus remissionem.
- j Homini praebeat, qui statim, ut iactus numerus in cistam tin-
nient, euolare dicunt animam.
- ij Certi est n[on]m[odo] in cistam tinente, augeri questum & auari-
ciam possit; suffragii autem ecclesia est in arbitrio dei solius.
- iii Quis scit si omnes anime in purgatorio uelint redire, sicut de
sancto Seuerino & paschali factum narratur?
- v Nullus securus est de ueritate sue contritionis; multo minus



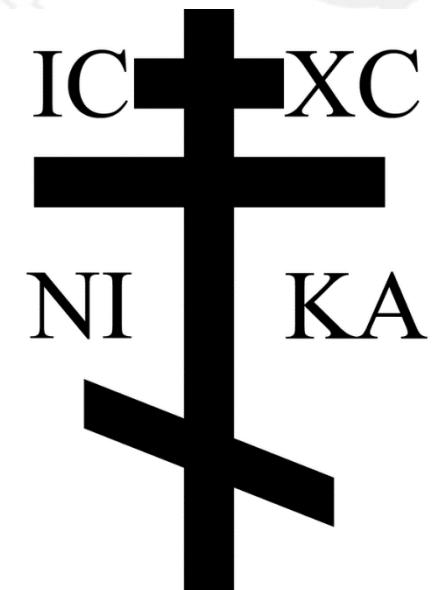
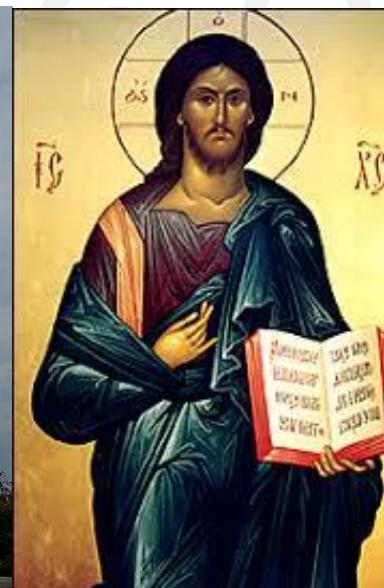


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Orthodox Eastern Church

- (Byzantium, later Russia) The interrelationship between a state and a church – lack of renaissance and lack of enlightenment - the stalling of modernization
- four ancient patriarchate and many independent national churches form the orthodoxy
- the Bishop of Constantinople: primus inter pares,



Monotheistic Religions and the State (3)



The emergence of the Islamic world

Prophet Muhammed: 6th Century

Mecca: Establishing Islam

Medina: Islamic State (Caliphate)

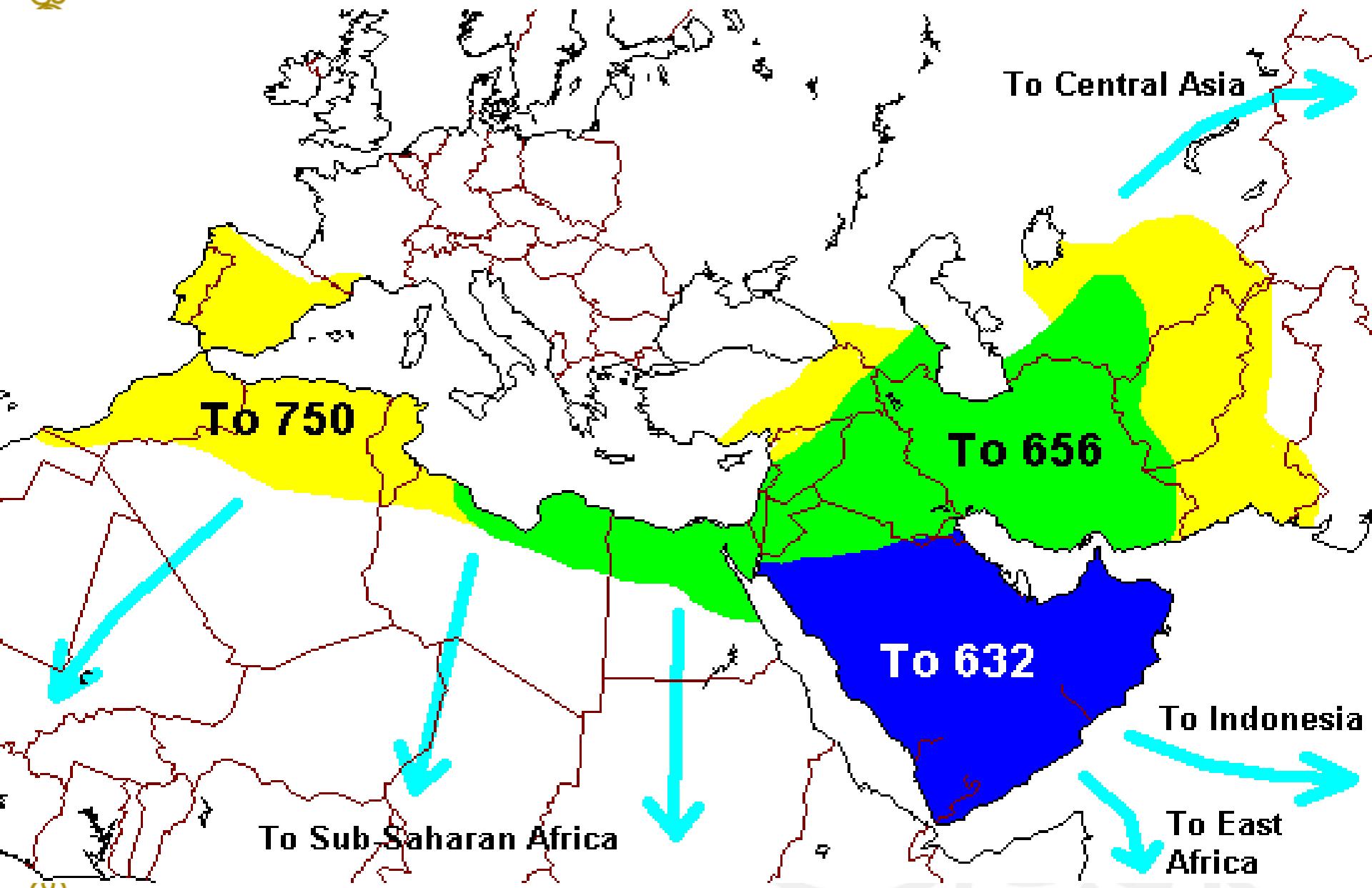
Conquests: Arabian Peninsula, Middle East, Africa and Asia



Middle East before Muhammed



Spread of Islam



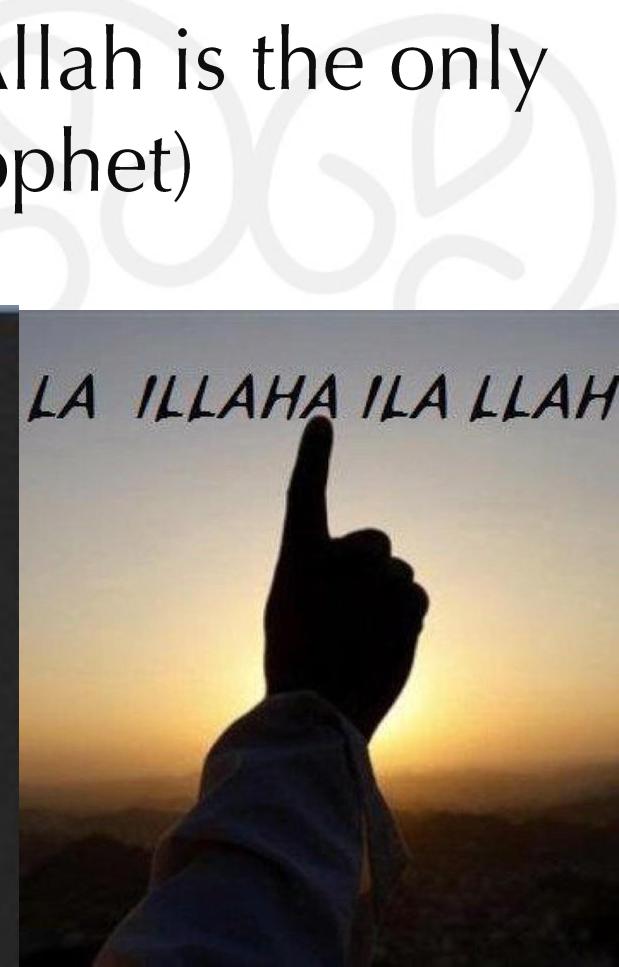
Islamic states after Ottoman conquest (to 16th century)

- **Ottoman Empire:** Sultanate (Constantinople - Byzantium, Europe, Balkans, Black Sea coast, Egypt, North Africa)
- **Persia:** (Iran)
- **Mogul Empire:** (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan)



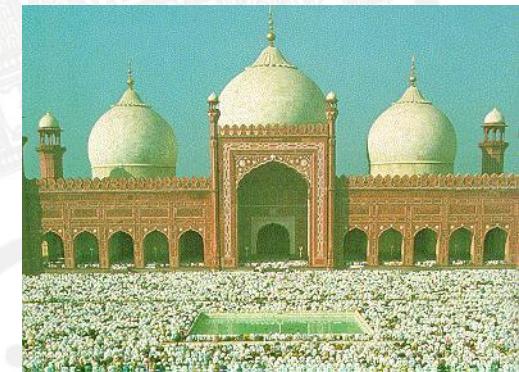
Islam

- Mohammed is the only true prophet to whom Allah has manifested
- It means submission to God (Allah is the only god and Mohammed is his prophet)



Basic Facts of Islam II.

- Muslims believe that the Qu'ran is God's word as revealed to the prophet Muhammad (570-632) through the angel Gabriel.
- According to Islam, there are 25 prophets that were sent by Allah;
- Five major prophets: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (he is the last prophet).
- Muslim" is an Arabic word meaning "one who submits to God"



Muslims

- Believers of Islamic faith
- Umma: the community of believers, common Islamic civilization
- Religion, faith, culture, lifestyle: transcends all parts of society (politics, state, public life, privacy)
- Community society - there is no public and private division
- Conduct comprehensive rules

Muhammed and Islam

- He was **born** in 570 in Mecca - as a poor merchant child - orphaned - worked as a shepherd
- **Marriage:** she married the widow of a wealthy merchant
- **40-year-old:** Gabriel Archangel appeared in his dream - he conveyed the voice of God – to be the Prophet of his people - summarized his thesis, founded Islam
- **Hidzsra:** He was forced to leave Medina to Mecca - a military, state, religious leader - founded the Islamic state – then occupied Mecca
- **Kabah (in Mecca – meteorolite stone) :** cleansed from pagan religious symbols - the sacred symbol of Islam - **Hadzs** (compulsory pilgrimage)
- He announced **Jihad:** a holy war against the unbelievers
- The **unification of Arab tribes** - not the tribe, but the umma determinant
- He died in Medina in 632 - he **went to heaven in the Rock Dome** in Jerusalem
- **Holy Symbols:** Kabah, The Rock Dome, Mosque of Al-Aksa (they have a political meaning)

أَخْرَجَ مَا رَأَى
سَقِيرٌ سَلَيْكِي كَانَهُ مُعْذَنْتَرْفَ بِكَانَهُ سَقِيرٌ عَلَيْهِ الْكَمْبَرْ كَانَهُ مَا بَيْنَ دَوْرَ السَّقِيرِ كَالْعِلَالِ
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نَالِيَاَنَّ لَعْنَطَبِيَّةِ الْكَلِمِيَّةِ **وَنَالَتْ إِنَّ الْمَنَانَ قَدِ اسْتَدَارَ كَعْنَيْتِيَّةِ**



بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ إِلَهِ الْأَرْضِينَ وَإِلَهِ الْآَنْتَةِ فِي حُجَّةِ الدُّنْيَا يَعْلَمُ الْكُنْسَ مُخْلِقُ الْجَنَّاتِ وَمَا
شَوَّهُ هُمْ عَمَلَكَ أَسْكَنَهُ وَمَارَكَ أَسْنَاهُ حَمِيرٌ سُورَةٌ تَدْعُ مُتَلِّفَهُ لِمَا سَبَّبَهُ الْأَمْمَانَ إِذَا لَمْ يَعْنِ فِي دُنْيَهُ
تَرَوْفَهُ وَرَوْنَاكَ لَأَنَّهُ وَاحِدُهُ فَيُكَوِّنُ كُلَّ أَصْدِرِهِنَّمُ بَثَبِيْرِيْهُ لِيَوْمٍ حَادِرٍ فِي دُنْيَكَ وَسَعَتْ أَنَّهُ لِلْأَنْدَ
يَسْعَلَنَّ رُفَيْقَةَ الْأَعْلَمَةِ فِي شَوَّهِهِرِ يَكْبِرُونَ كَلِيلَصَحْنِهِ سَيِّدَهِ سَبْعِينَ وَزَوْدَهِ فَرِيقَهِ وَجَلِيلَهِ
إِنَّهُ تَابِعُهُمْ مِنْ إِنْقَاقِ الْأَجْنَجِ وَفِي أَلْيَدِ قِصَّةِهِ تَسْجُنُهُ مَا كَلَّكَهُ طَلَبُهُمْ بِهَذَا الْأَكْتَجَاجِ إِذَا سَبَقَ فِي إِذْرِي
شَفَقَ لِأَعْبَدِهِ لَيْلَهُنَّ لَسْنَةَ الْكَيْسَةِ بِهِ مَاسَّهُ وَلَمَّا آتَ ذَلِكَ حَقَّا لَكِنْ لَأَسْعَاهُمُ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

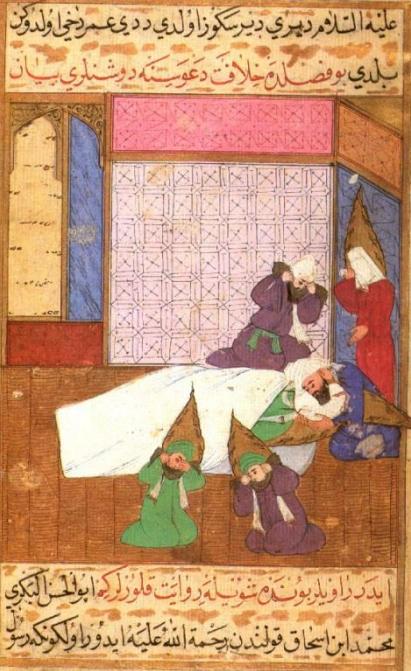


٣ ولادة النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام

اتأكول النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام فدربه في ذلك الوقت روايات اتصرّف انه على الصلاة والسلام ولذلك عام الفيل يوم الاثنين الثاني في عشر من شهر ذي القعده من سنة ميلاد النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام ونحوه ما ذكره وعمّنه يوميئذ حضر وعشرون سنة، وقيل توفى بالشام قبل مولد النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام وبغضون ذلك بثلاثة أيام فتل مولد النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام، دعوه باربع عشر شهر والله اعلم بالقصاص



An engraving of a man with a long, dark beard and mustache, wearing a large, striped turban and a patterned robe. The text above him reads "MAHOMET PROPHETE DES TURCS".





Questions?

