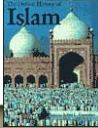




Islam





Byzantine Empire


Catholicism
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The Rest of the Empire



- In the market place ICONS were sold.
- small objects that depict Jesus, Mary, or a Christian saint
- Emperors argue that people prayed to icons & were thus idols (which was against the commandments)
- Riots & bloody fights broke out between people who wanted to keep icons in church & those who did not—iconoclasts




- The Pope took the side of the icon supporters—excommunicated the emperor
- Priests in the east conducted services in the native language of the congregation
- Priests in the west conducted services only in Latin
- Byzantine priests were allowed to get married, Roman priests could not






Bishop in Rome = POPE
Bishop in Constantinople = PATRIARCH

- In 1045 the Pope & the Patriarch excommunicated each other
- The western branch of the church = Roman Catholic Church (universal)
- The eastern branch = Eastern Orthodox Church


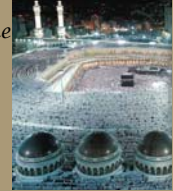




- In the mid-600's Arab victories swept away enormous chunks of the empire: Palestine, Syria, Egypt, North Africa, & Spain
- The Arabian peninsula is 1,400 miles long along the Red Sea

- The land was occupied by nomads called Bedouins
- All would come to Mecca once a year to worship
- Worshiped many gods and idols—one being Allah

Muhammad:

- Born in 570
- At the age of 40, while meditating the angel Gabriel came to him in a vision & told him he was a messenger of God (Allah)
- Allah was the same god that was worshipped by the Christians & Jews
- He began to preach openly in Mecca
- He left Mecca in an event known as the Hegira (flight) went to Medina

Muhammad: Continued

- He attracted many followers
- Muhammad's new religion became known as Islam
Means "surrendering to God"
- Followers became known as Muslims—"the surrendering ones"
- Muslims have their own calendar—year 1 is marked by the Hegira
- At age 60, he & 10,000 followers marched into Mecca in triumph
- He died 2 years later



- When Muhammad died, his words were recorded & compiled into the Koran the Holy book of Islam
- It is written in Arabic, which Muslims believed was the only language that could be used in worship.
- So . . . Everyone had to learn Arabic. The language spread VERY quickly
- Everyone was expected to follow . . .

THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM:

- **FAITH:** Have to make this statement "I testify there is no god but God, & Muhammad is his prophet."
- **PRAYER:** Have to pray 5 times a day.
Must be clean while praying, remove shoes, face Mecca, & kneel w/ the forehead touching the ground.
- **ZAKAT:** The faithful must give a portion of their wealth to the needy
- **FASTING:** For one full month—can eat nothing from sunrise to sundown
- **PILGRIMAGE:** Once in a lifetime—make a journey to Mecca

Other Rules:

- Cannot eat ham or pork
- Cannot drink wine or alcohol
- Men could only marry up to 4 wives (had to be able to support them)
- Have to marry within the faith
- Friday afternoon is set aside for worship
Go to the mosque
pray in unison
- Must prepare for the Day of Judgment
those who live by the pillars will go to paradise
those who are unfaithful will go to hell



THE QUICK & DIRTY FOR THE REST OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE:

- The Koran taught that if you died in a ji'had (holy war) you would automatically go to paradise.
Arabs fought many wars
- Islam split into 2 factions: Shi'ites & Sunni (orthodox) Muslims
- Baghdad was built & became the center of Muslim civilization
- Arabs adopted a # system that included the number zero



- *The greatest mosque was built in Jerusalem in 691. It was built over the rock from which Muhammad was believed to have ascended into heaven. It is called The Dome of the Rock*
- *Slavic hunters from Scandinavia settled in Russia. The Rulers were impressed w/ the churches in Constantinople—they converted to the Orthodox Church*
- *Baghdad fell to the Turks. The Turks replaced the Arabs as the ruling class*



- *Another family of Turks—the Ottomans, attacked Constantinople*
- *The Ottomans won*
- *They changed the name of the city to Istanbul*