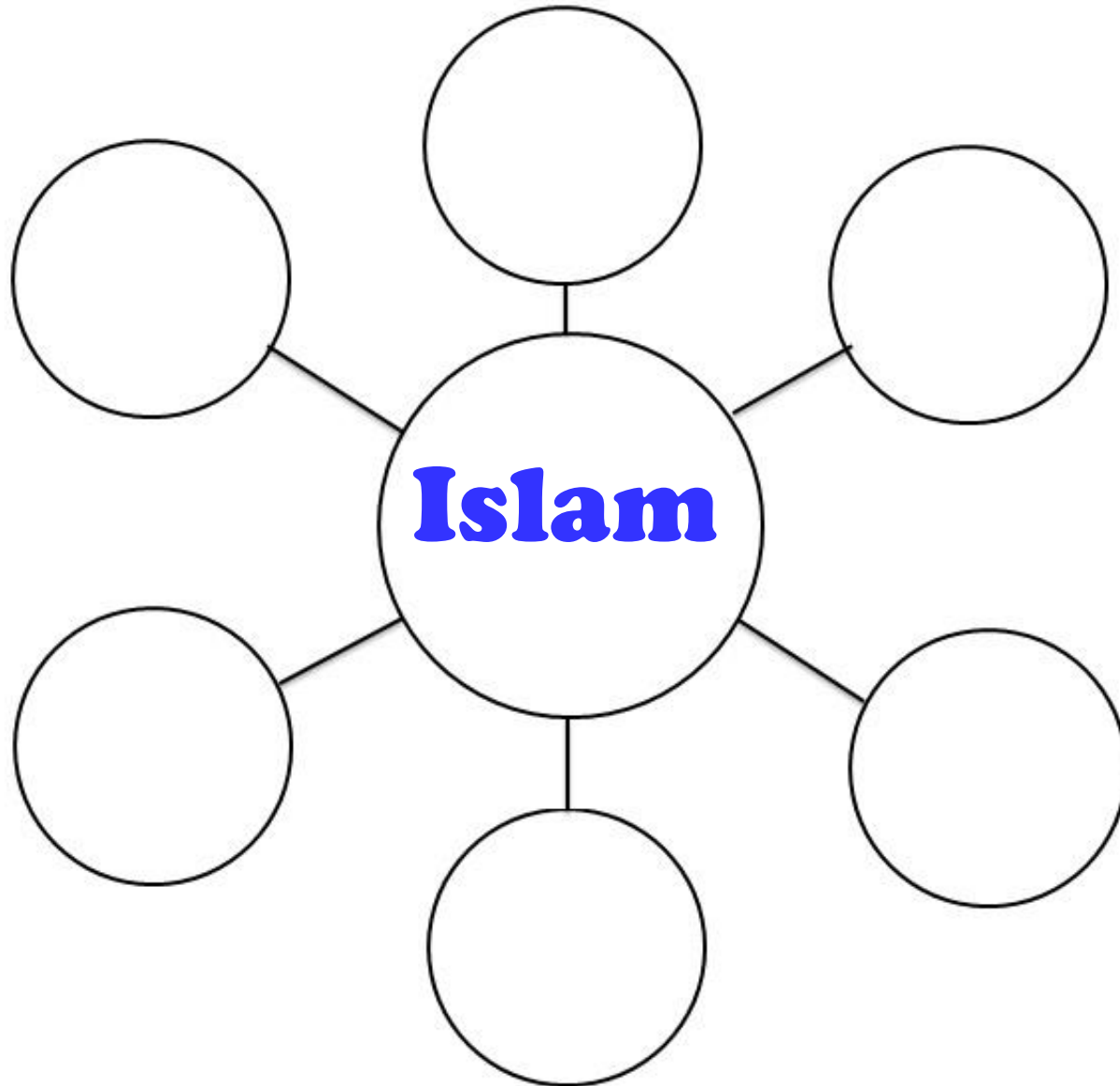


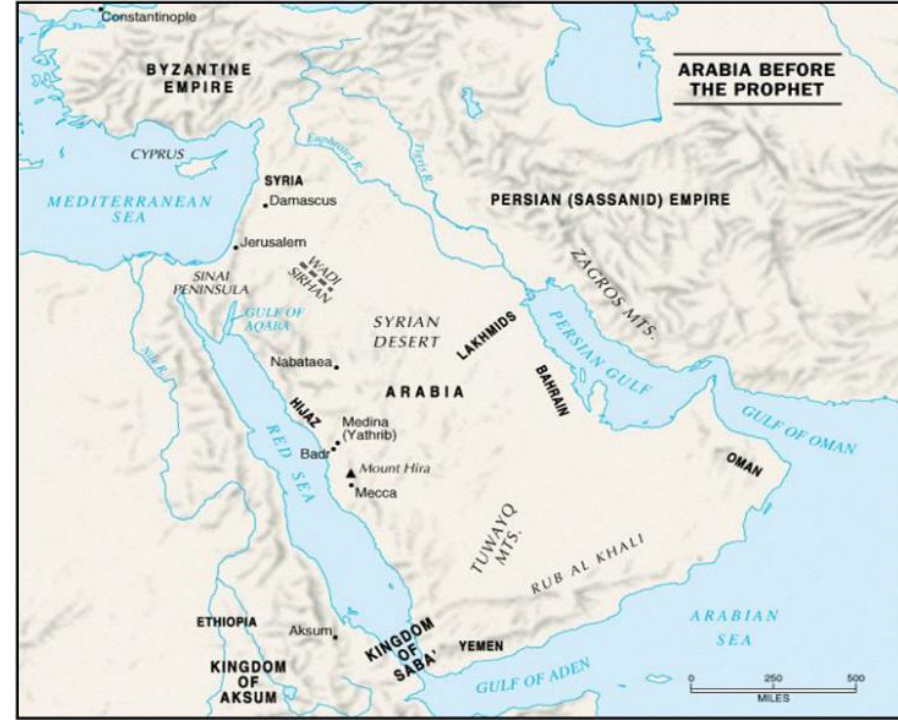
# Islam notes

# What do you know about Islam?



# Pre-Islam—the Arabian Peninsula

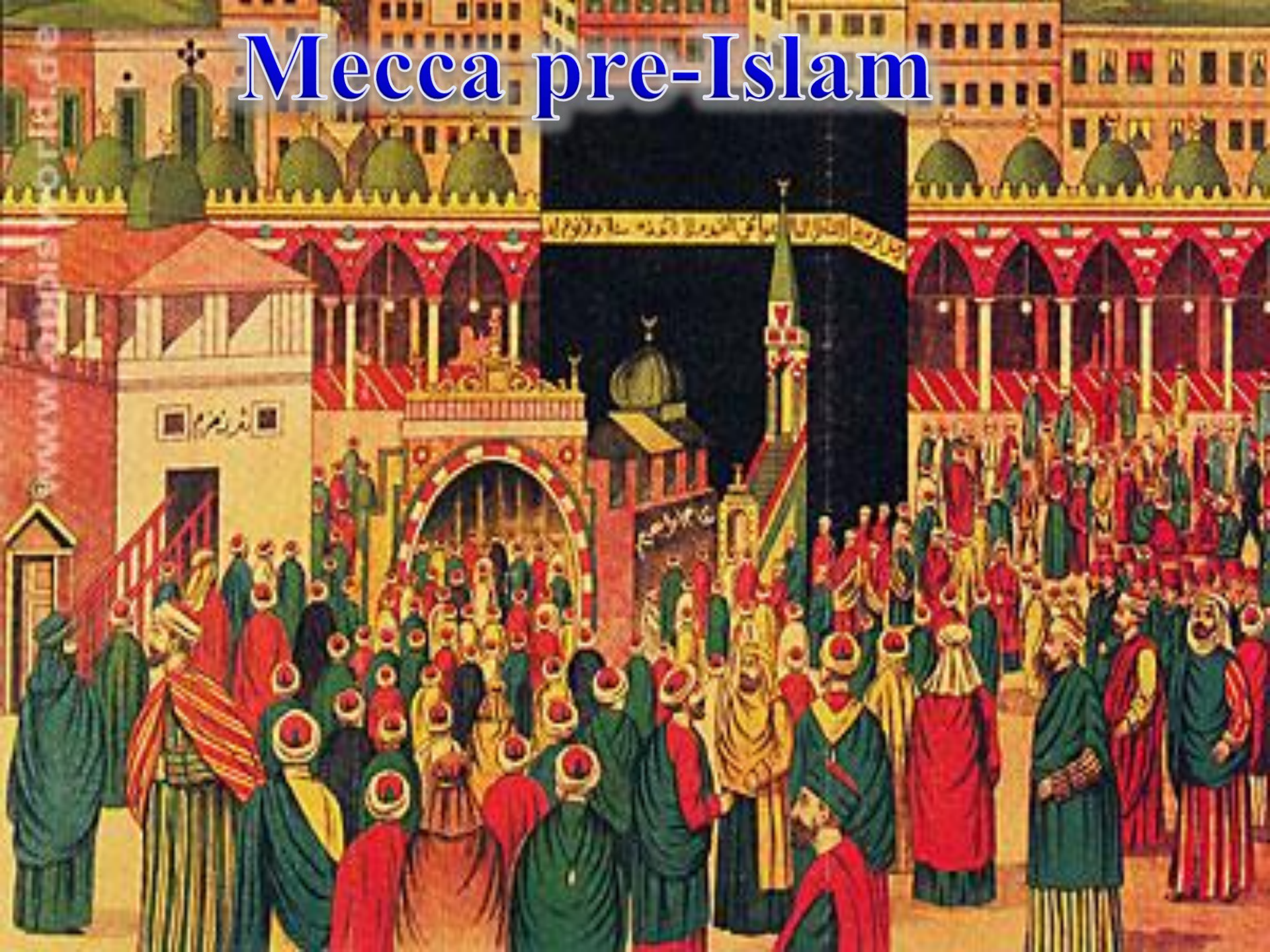
- **People:**
  - **Klan/tribe life was very important b/c of desert**
- **Mecca: (city)**
  - **Trade center**
  - **Kaaba**—a building that contained statues of over 360 deities (idol worship)
  - **People traveled on pilgrimages to Mecca to visit the Kaaba**
    - **Brought wealth**







# Mecca pre-Islam



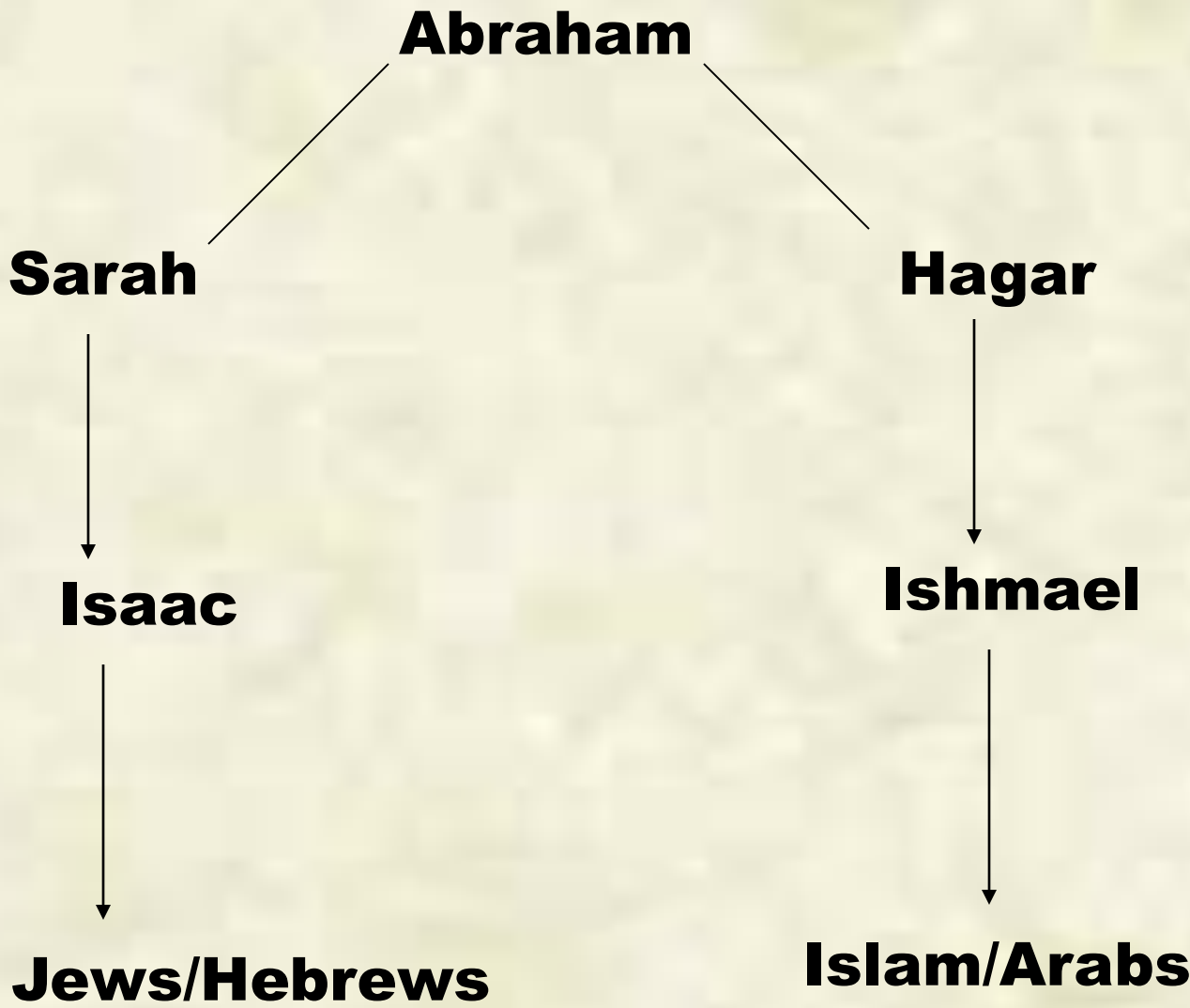
# The Life of Muhammad—570-632

- **Born in Mecca**; married his boss at age 25
- **610 C.E.—The Night of Power**—he experienced a revelation (vision)
  - **His teachings: only one God that all must worship**
- **Most Meccans persecuted him for his teachings**
  - **Muhammad fled to Medina**
- **621—Night Journey**—taken to Jerusalem & then ascends to heaven to meet Allah

- **Muslims eventually returned and defeated the Meccans and won support**
  - **Muslims entered Mecca—destroyed idols in **Kaaba**—turned it into a sanctuary believed to be built by Abraham**
- **Muhammad was the last and greatest of the prophets**



# Connection Between Islam and Judaism





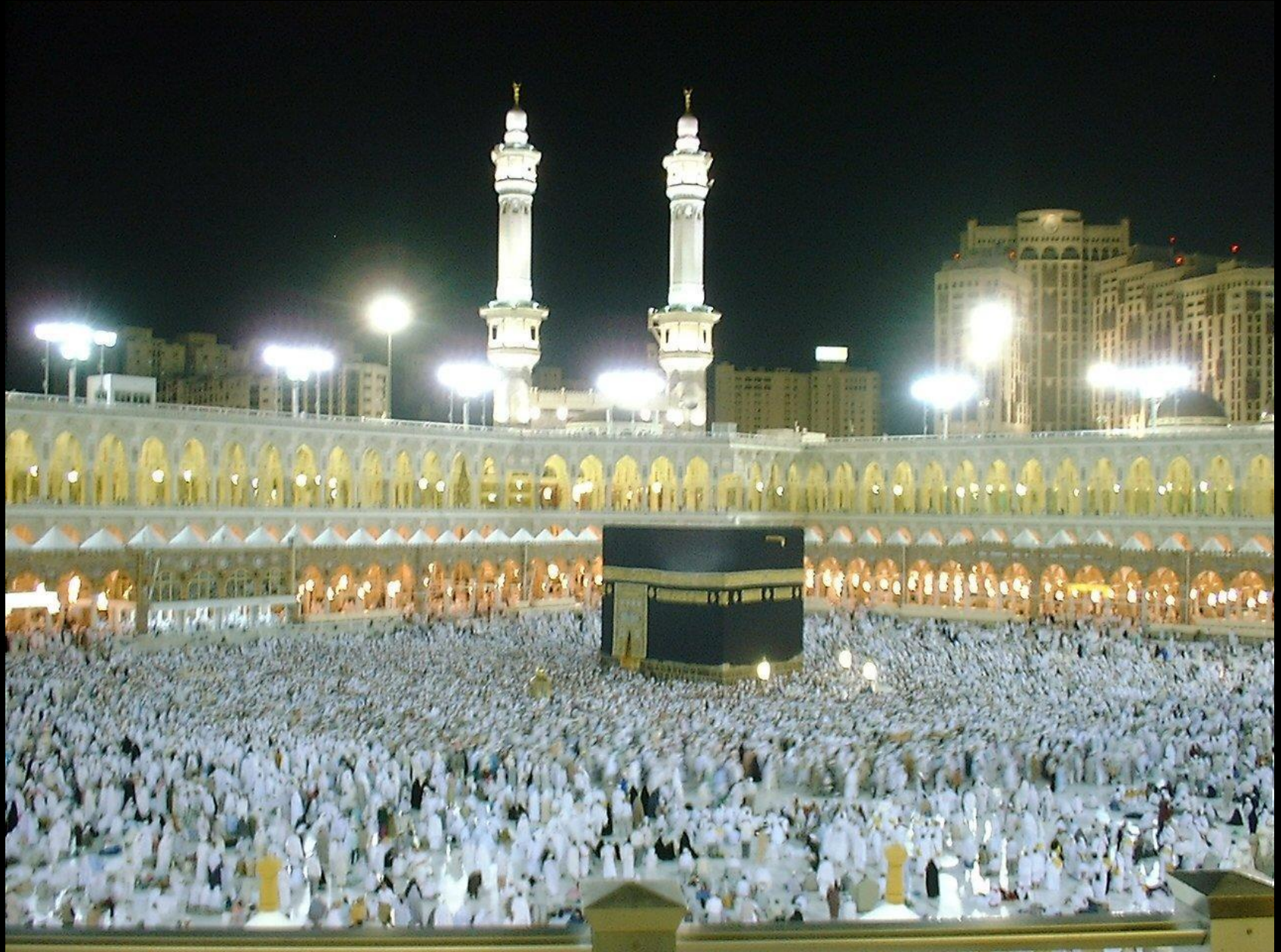
# Beliefs of Islam:

- **Qu'ran (Koran) = holy book**
- **Holy Cities:**
  - **Mecca = most holy city**
  - **Medina = 2<sup>nd</sup> most holy**
  - **Jerusalem = 3<sup>rd</sup> most holy**
- **Mosque = place of worship**
  - **No symbols of God or pictures of living things inside (to help focus on God)**



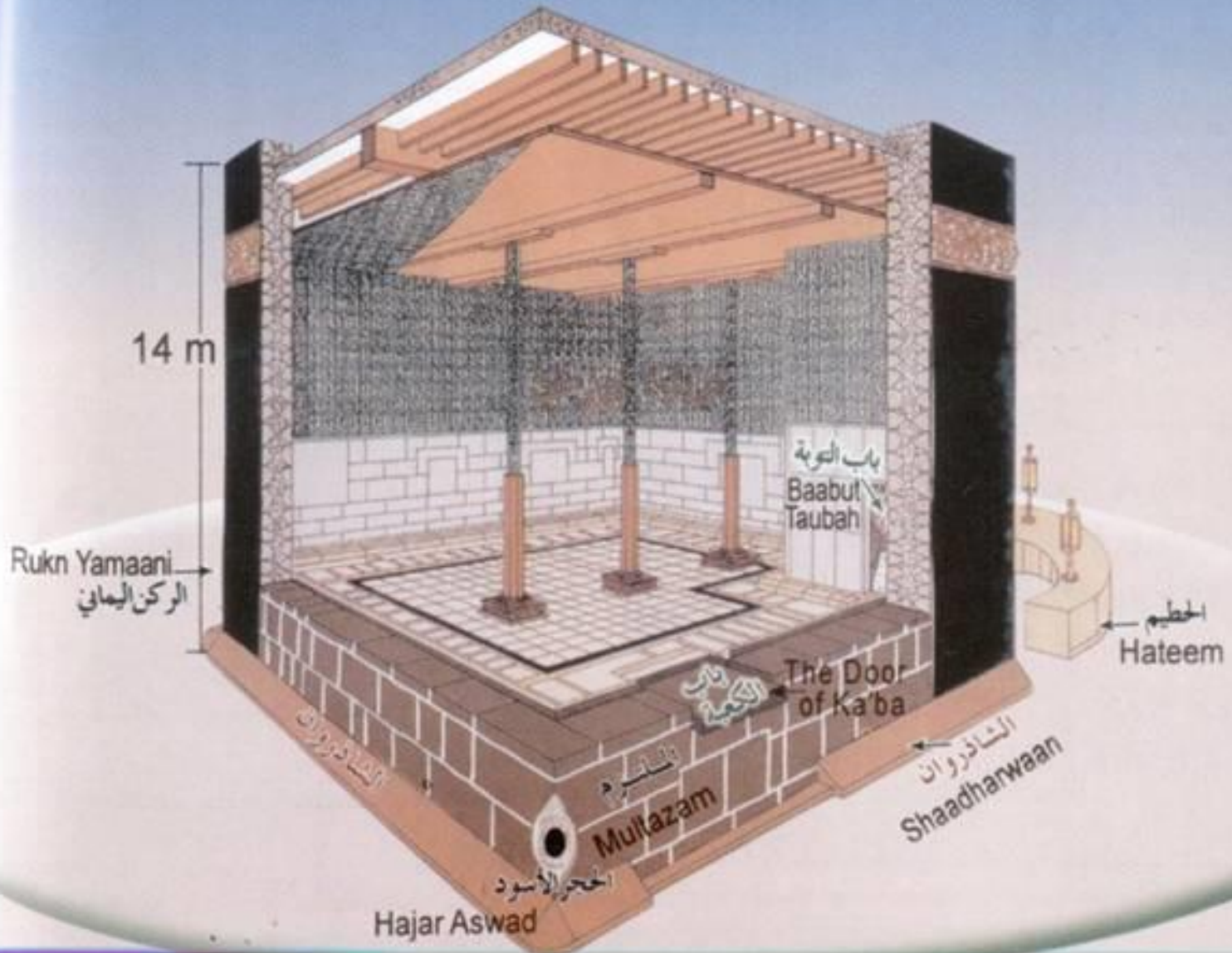


# Kaaba





# The Interior of the Ka'bah





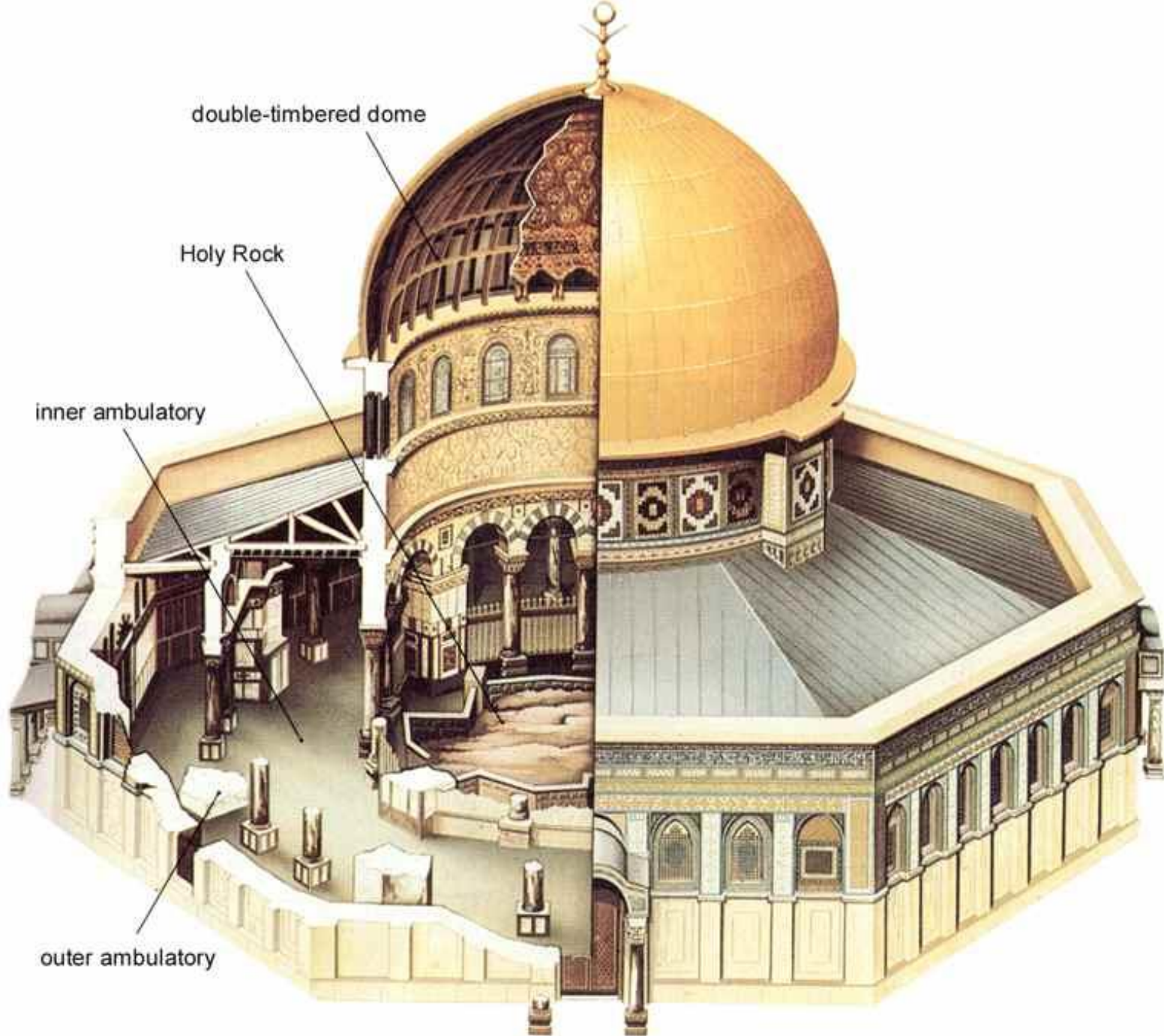
# Dome of the Rock











double-timbered dome

Holy Rock

inner ambulatory

outer ambulatory

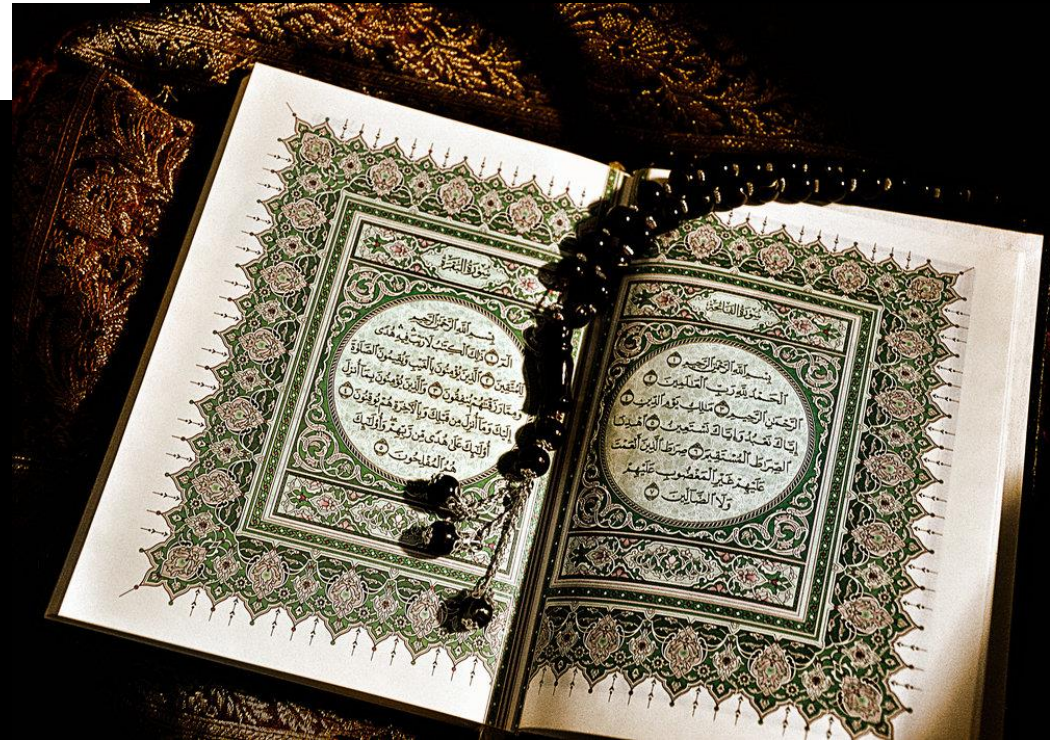
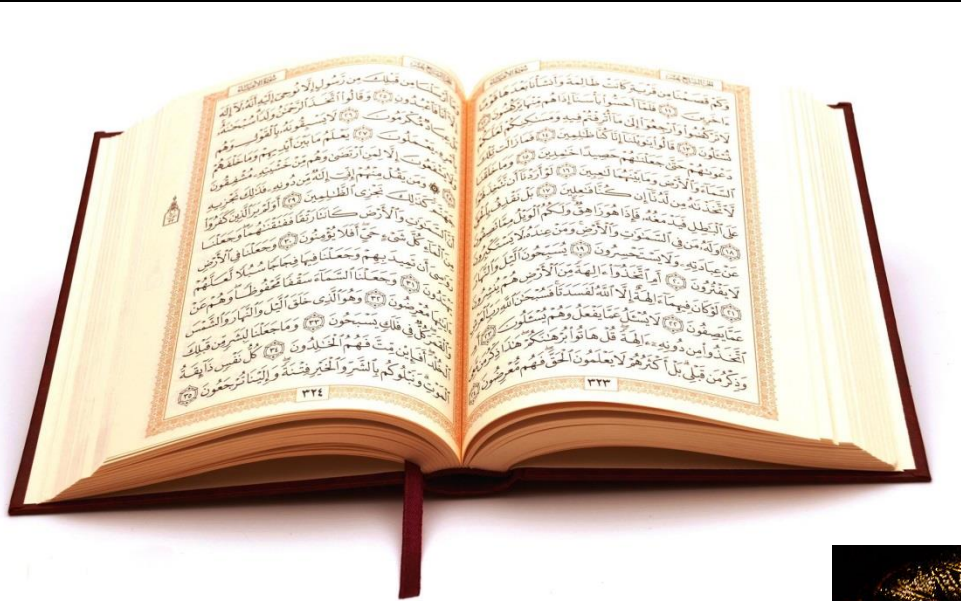




**Dome of the Rock and the Wailing Wall**



# Qu'ran



# Beliefs about Christianity

- **Jesus was a prophet of God, not God incarnate**
  - **He was not crucified; God would not have one of His prophets killed**
- **Islam is a continuation of Judaism and Christianity (called them “people of the book”)**

# **Five Pillars of Islam**

- 1. “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet”**
- 2. Pray 5 times a day (facing Mecca)**
- 3. Charity or alms**
- 4. Fasting during month of Ramadan**
- 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca (hajj)**

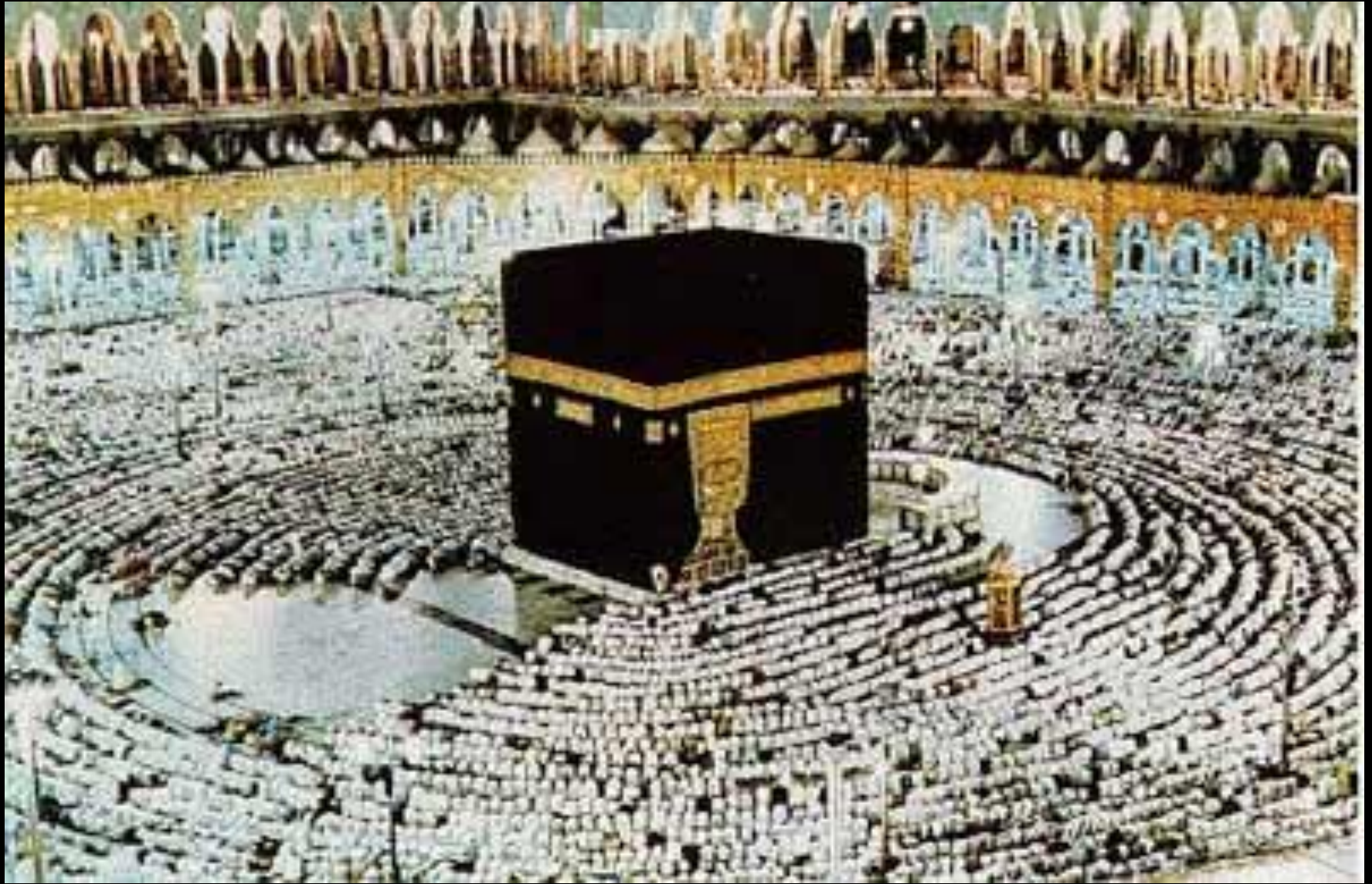


# Prayer

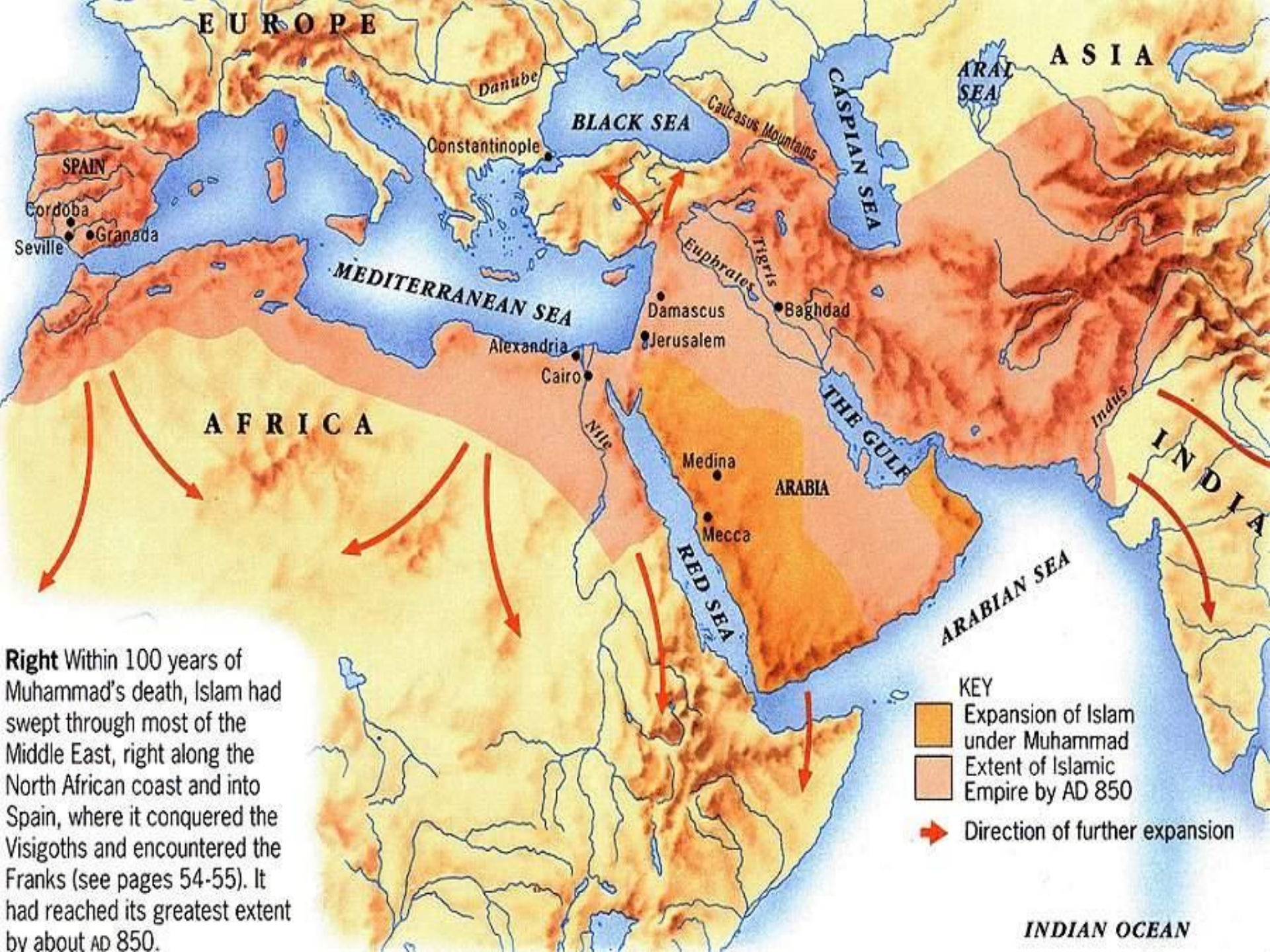




# Hajj—circling the Ka'bah







EUROPE

ASIA

SPAIN

Cordoba  
Seville  
Granada

Constantinople

BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Damascus  
Jerusalem

Baghdad

AFRICA

Alexandria  
Cairo

Medina

ARABIA

Mecca

THE GULF

Nile

Indus

INDIA

ARABIAN SEA

RED SEA

INDIAN OCEAN

**Right** Within 100 years of Muhammad's death, Islam had swept through most of the Middle East, right along the North African coast and into Spain, where it conquered the Visigoths and encountered the Franks (see pages 54-55). It had reached its greatest extent by about AD 850.

- KEY**
- Expansion of Islam under Muhammad
  - Extent of Islamic Empire by AD 850
  - Direction of further expansion

# Split in Islam

- **Caliph** = successor—after Muhammad died, a caliph was designated to spread Islam
- **Division in Islam:**
  - **Shi'a (Shi'ite or Shi'i)** = caliphs must be a relative of Muhammad (minority of Muslims today)
  - **Sunni** = didn't have to be a relative of Muhammad to be caliph (majority of Muslims today)
- (btw—the Islamic world today is not unified like it used to be—no caliphs—since 1258)