

Life & Teachings Of Muhammad

PBS – Islam: Empire of Faith (0:00 to 15:20)

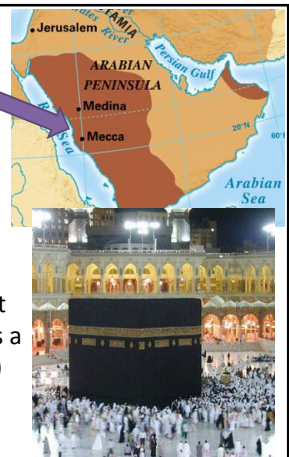
- **Video will cover...** (take notes as you watch)
 - Early life of Muhammad
 - What life in the desert was like
 - Religion in the desert (before Islam)
 - Definition/significance of Mecca & Ka'aba
 - Muhammad's life as a merchant & marriage
- **I will call on students to respond to questions & "I don't know" won't be good enough.**

Vocabulary

- **Bedouin** → Arab herders known for their nomadic lifestyle
- **Clan** → Family of people related by blood or marriage
- **Oasis** → Place in the desert with water
- **Prophet** → Someone who speaks the word of God (e.g. Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, etc.)

Mecca

- Trade & religious center
- **Ka'aba** – shrine in the center of Mecca people visited to worship
 - Arabs thought it was built by Abraham & Ishmael as a temple to God (i.e. **Allah**)

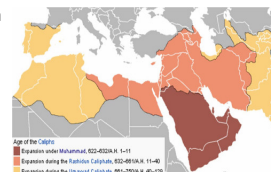


Muhammad

- **Recap** (from video): lived with Bedouin as a youth, life as merchant, marriage to Khadijah
- **Early Islam**
 - Meditated alone in a cave
 - Archangel Gabriel appeared & gave Muhammad a message from God (later became basis for **Qur'an**)
 - Continued meditating for 3 years before beginning to preach his new religion

Muhammad & the Hijrah

- 1) M. & followers persecuted in Mecca
- 2) **Hijrah** → Muhammad's escape to Medina
 - Medina converted to Islam & helped Muhammad
- 3) M. forgave people of Mecca & dedicated the Ka'aba to Allah
- 4) M. made alliances with Bedouin in desert (who helped spread his message)
- 5) Unified most of Arabian peninsula before dying in 632 C.E.



Major Beliefs of Islam



- Monotheistic → one god (**Allah**)
- **Qur'an** → Revelations of God's word to Muhammad from the angel Gabriel
- Muslims as descendants of **Abraham** (also the ancestor of Jews & Christians)
- Qur'an, Torah, & Bible all have the word of God, **BUT** Qur'an was the perfected, or "finished," version

