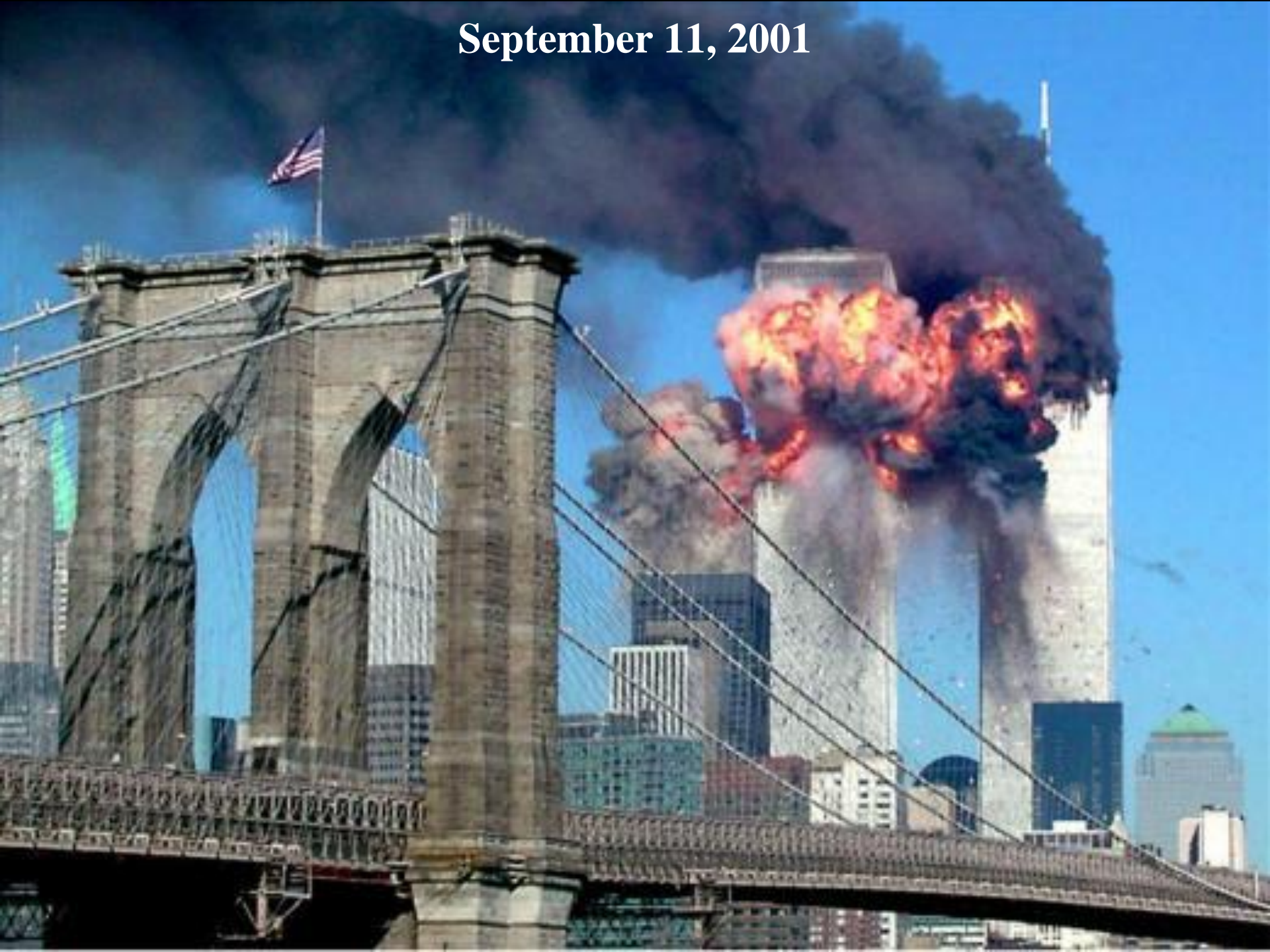




September 11, 2001



**September 17, 2001**

**Remarks by President Bush at the D.C. Islamic Center**

“The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. That's not what Islam is all about. Islam is peace. These terrorists don't represent peace. They represent evil and war.

“When we think of Islam we think of a faith that brings comfort to a billion people around the world. Billions of people find comfort and solace and peace. And that's made brothers and sisters out of every race.”



**June 28, 2006**

**Remarks by Senator Obama at a “Christian” conference in D.C.**

“Whatever we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation – at least, not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers.”



**June 2, 2009**

**Remarks by President Obama on Canal Plus (French T.V.)**

“...if you actually took the number of Muslim Americans, we'd be one of the largest Muslim countries in the world. ”

## THE FACTS

There are 1.6 billion “Muslims” in the world (23 % of the population).  
There are 2.3 billion “Christians” in the world (32 % of the population).

There are 2.6 million “Muslims” in the U.S.

(0.8 % of our population & only 0.1% of the world’s “Muslim” population).

*We are not, by any possible metric, “one of the largest Muslim countries in the world.”*

By looking at the raw numbers we discover that these United States of America actually rank ...

**54<sup>th</sup>**

among countries with any “**Muslims**”

&

**1<sup>st</sup>**

among countries with any “**Christians.**”

There are 246 million “Christians” in the U.S.

(73 % of our population & a staggering 11 % of the world’s “Christian” population).

*Despite declines in devotion to “The Faith,” we remain “home” to the most “Christians.”*

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

In AD 632, the Islamic Prophet Muhammad died at the age of 63.

A few months before his death he delivered a final message to his Muslim followers.

His remarks represent the very heart of Islam.

*“O People, listen to me in earnest, worship Al’lah, say your five daily prayers, fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in zakat [2.5% to charity]. Perform hajj [pilgrimage to Mecca] if you can afford to.”*

[Collectively, these items are called “The Five Pillars of Islam.”]

*“O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Qu’ran and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray.”*

[Together, the Qu’ran (or Koran) & Muhammad’s example form the basis of "Shariah Law.”]

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

At the beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> Century, the Arabian city of Mecca was an oasis trading center controlled by the Quraysh tribe – descendants of Ishmael.





# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Mecca existed just beyond the SE border of the “Christian” Byzantine Empire, which wrapped around the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea.



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Traveling Meccan merchants had frequent contact with Jews,  
who were very strongly monotheistic (they worshipped “One God”);

but,

who were also very “anti-Christian” (they denied that Jesus was the incarnate “Son of God”).

**“Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”**

1 John 2:22-23 (ESV)

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

They were also well acquainted with the Ebionites (“Jewish-Christian” heretics),

who believed that Jesus was sent by the “One God” of the Jews;

but,

who, like the Jews, denied Jesus’ divinity & virgin birth.

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The Quryash tribe of Mecca controlled access to the Ka'abba (“The Cube”), a cubical building which housed 360 idols worshipped by the Arabian tribes-people.



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

In AD 610, Muhammad,

the 40-year old nephew of the Quryashi leader & the husband of a respected merchant-woman, had taken to engaging in long periods of personal meditation in a cave near the city of Mecca.





# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

During his meditations, the Arch-Angel Gabriel supposedly came to him, appointing him as the greatest and final prophet of Al'lah (Arabic for "THE God"), putting him above all Al'lah's previous prophets - Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses & JESUS.

As Gabriel squeezed him (during the month of Ramadan), the illiterate Muhammad supposedly began to recite the first of Al'lah's messages to Mankind.

*Proclaim! in the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created-  
Created man, out of a (mere) clot of congealed blood:  
Proclaim! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful,-  
He Who taught (the use of) the pen,-  
Taught man that which he knew not.*

Sura 96:1-5 of the Qur'an ("The Recitation"):

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

AS YOU HEAR THIS ACCOUNT,  
KEEP IN MIND THIS PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE.

**“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”**

Galatians 1:6-9 (ESV)

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Fleeing from the cave, Muhammad thought he was going mad.

His wife (who was 40 years older than he) barely calmed him by wrapping him in blankets.

At times throughout the next three years he supposedly contemplated suicide.

Then, he had another supposed vision of Gabriel.

This time his wife brought in her cousin, a blind Ebionite priest, who assured Muhammad that the visions were true & that he really was Al'lah's final prophet.

So, encouraged by the Ebionite heretic & his motherly wife,

Muhammad gave himself fully over to these supposed angelic visions.

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Beginning in AD 613, Muhammad (43 years old) began to preach Islam.

*“Islam” = “Submission” or “Surrender”*  
*“Muslim” = “One who has submitted” or “...surrendered”*

## Muhammad’s Message

There is no God but Al’lah, to whom everyone must submit/surrender.

I, Muhammad, am Al’lah’s greatest & final prophet.

You must attend to the words of the Qur’an (“The Recitation” from Al’lah, via Muhammad).

You must pray only to Al’lah.

You must give to the poor.

Al’lah’s “Day of Judgment” is coming upon everyone who fails to submit/surrender unto him.

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

The earliest Suras of the Qur'an were fairly generic (from a monotheistic viewpoint), focusing upon past prophets – Noah, Abraham & Moses – and upon Al'lah's "Day of Judgment."

Between AD 613-617, Muhammad made very few converts at Mecca.

The Ka'abba, with its 360 idols, was too lucrative a tourist attraction to give up for monotheism.

He & his converts were only tolerated because of his powerful uncle & his well-respected wife.



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Around AD 617, Muhammad's "recitations" took on an anti-Christian tone, perhaps in an effort to appeal to the anti-Christian mindset of Jews & Ebionites.

*They say: "(Al'lah) Most Gracious has begotten a son!"*

*Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous!*

*At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder  
and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin,*

*That they should invoke a son for (Al'lah) Most Gracious.*

*For it is not consonant with the majesty of (Al'lah) Most Gracious that He should beget a son.*

Sura 19:88-92

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*We have sent them the Truth: but they indeed practise falsehood!  
No son did Al'lah beget, nor is there any god along with Him:  
(if there were many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created,  
and some would have lorded it over others!  
Glory to Al'lah! (He is free) from the (sort of) things they attribute to Him!*

Sura 23:90-91

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

THUS, FROM ITS VERY EARLIEST DAYS,

ISLAM HAS BEEN VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO A KEY BIBLICAL TRUTH:

THAT JESUS IS THE INCARNATE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

[Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 16:15-17 (ESV)

THIS FACT ALONE MAKES CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM

COMPLETELY & IRRECONCILABLY INCOMPATIBLE!

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

In AD 619, Muhammad's uncle & wife both died. Muhammad now feared assassination.

In AD 622, he & his Muslims migrated *en masse* to the city of Medina (then called Yathrib).



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

At Medina, Muhammad had enough followers & an air of respectability to be chosen as the arbiter of a long-standing quarrel between regional factions.

His “solution” became “The Medina Constitution.”

It established an *Ummah* (“Community”) made up of Muslims (“believers”) & non-Muslims.

Jews & other non-Muslims within the *Ummah* were theoretically equal with Muslim believers.

In reality, this was only true IF they went along with Muhammad’s leadership.

Here’s the practical reality of the Medina Constitution:

**Al’lah had the final say in all matters & Muhammad was his sole spokesman.**

**Loyalty to the *Ummah* = Loyalty to Al’lah & his prophet, Muhammad.**



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It was at Medina, during this time, that Muhammad put forward the two recitations which established the principle of *al-Nasikh wal-Mansoukh* (“*Abrogator and the Abrogated*”). In a nutshell, the more recent Qur’anic passage completely replaces any conflicting older one.

*"When We substitute one revelation for another,  
and Al'lah knows best what He reveals (in stages),  
they say, "Thou art but a forger":  
but most of them understand not."*

Sura 16:101

*"None of Our revelations do We abrogate or cause to be forgotten,  
but We substitute something better or similar:  
Knowest thou not that Al'lah hath power over all things?"*

Sura 2: 106

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

This is not an altogether unfamiliar principle for Christians. After all, the Old Testament is best understood in the light of the New Testament.

However...

It is exceptionally important to understand that the essential character of the Qur'anic Suras changed radically after Muhammad & his Muslims emigrated to Medina.

The oldest Suras, recited when Muhammad had few followers & little power, tended to be conciliatory & peaceful. These are the Suras most often cited by those who claim that Islam is a “religion of peace.”

The newer Suras, recited after Muhammad had assumed power in Medina & was gaining many followers, tended to be authoritarian & threatening. These are the Suras most often cited by those usually called “Radical Muslims,” “Muslim Extremists,” “Jihadists” or “Islamists.”

**According to the Qur'an itself, this second group is actually presenting the more correct interpretation of the Qur'an.**

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

## HOW MECCA BECAME THE CENTER OF ISLAM

When the Muslims left Mecca, their abandoned property was confiscated by the Meccans.

After gaining power at Median, Muhammad & his Muslims raided unguarded Meccan caravans.

In 624, they defeated the Meccan army, which had come out to defend the caravans.

In 625, they again defeated the Meccan army, which had come out to avenge their previous loss.

In 627, the Muslims defeated an attacking confederation of Meccan, Arabs & JEWS.

In 628, the Muslims extracted a truce which permitted Muslims to make pilgrimages to Mecca.

In 630, they took control of Mecca, emptied the Ka'abba of its idols & made it a Muslim shrine.



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

As previously stated, Biblical Christianity was considered an enemy of Islam from early on, believing as it does that Jesus is the virgin-born “Son of God” & “God Incarnate.”

After about 630, the Jews who had rejected Muhammad’s message were also considered enemies. (Believe it or not, Muslim prayers were originally directed toward Jerusalem, not Mecca.)

Thus, Muslims can have neither Christians nor Jews as friends. (Although Muslims are permitted to “fake” friendship in order to protect themselves.)

*Let not the believers Take for friends or helpers Unbelievers rather than believers:  
if any do that, in nothing will there be help from Al’lah:  
except by way of precaution, that ye may Guard yourselves from them.  
But Al’lah cautions you (To remember) Himself; for the final goal is to Al’lah.*

Sura 3:28

*O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors:  
They are but friends and protectors to each other.  
And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them.  
Verily Al’lah guideth not a people unjust.*

Sura 5:51

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Make no mistake about it.

Biblical Christianity & Judaism will forever be targeted by Qu'ranic Muslims.

Here is Muhammad's final (and therefore most authoritative) word  
regarding how Muslims should treat Christians & Jews.

*Fight those who believe not in Al'lah nor the Last Day,  
nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Al'lah and His Messenger,  
nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book,  
until they pay the Jizya [“tribute”] with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.*

Sura 9:29

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Following  
the more recent Suras of the Qu'ran  
&  
the example of their prophet, Muhammad,  
Muslims have widely expanded Islam since his death.

During this process, Muhammad & his Muslims typically gave people three choices.

1. Convert to Islam (full submission to Al'lah as your only God).
2. Become a *dhimmi* (a non-believer who “voluntarily” submits to Islamic rule).
3. Fight. [After which you were either killed or accepted choices (1) or (2).]

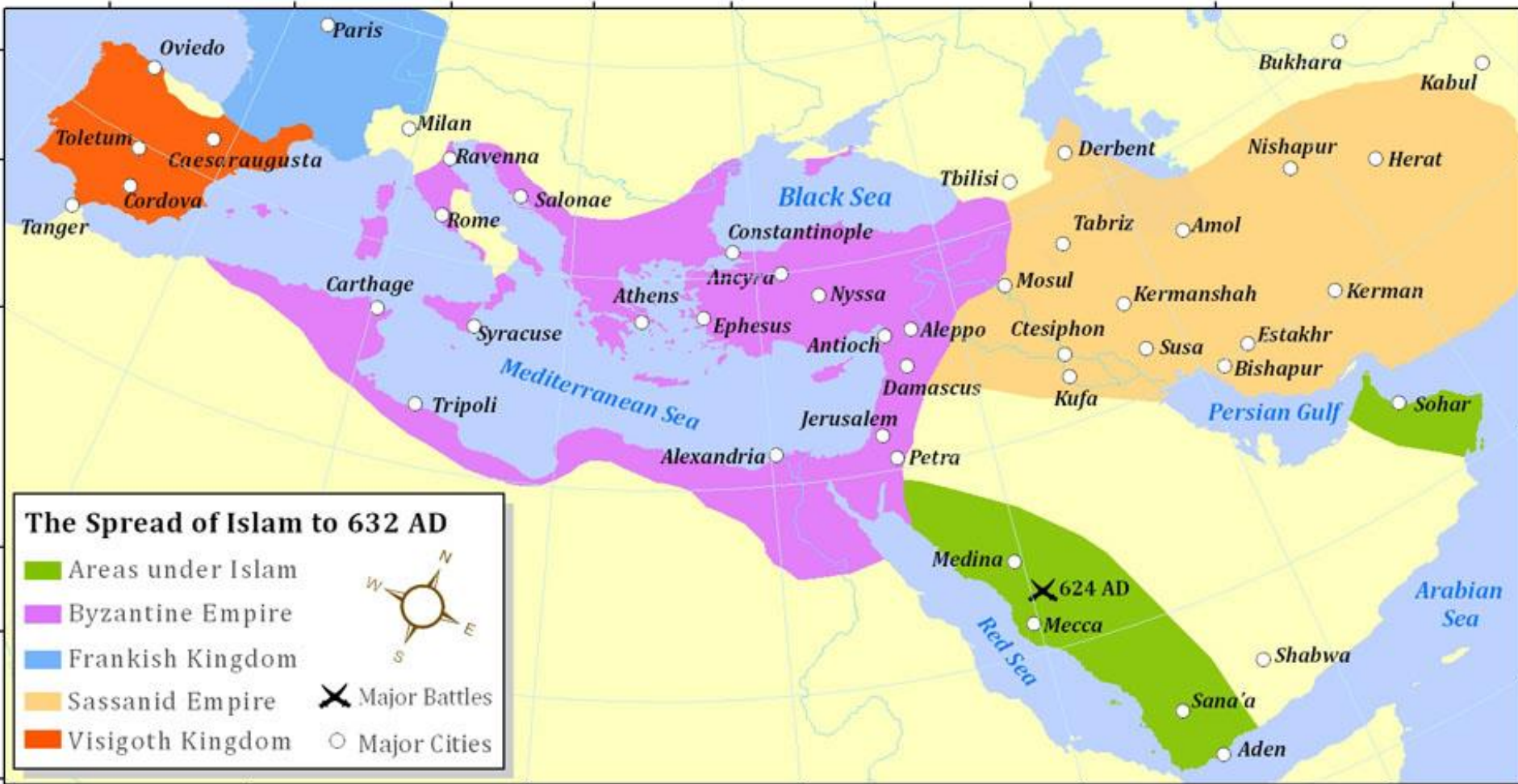
## The Life Of A *Dhimmi*

- A *dhimmi* paid an annual *jizyah* [“tribute”], demonstrating acceptance of Islamic rule.
- A *dhimmi* had to adhere to *Sharia* Law.
- A *dhimmi* could practice his own faith, provided that doing so did not conflict with *Sharia* Law.
- A *dhimmi* could not serve in the military, the police force or have any personal armament.
- A *dhimmi* had to depend fully upon the protection of the Islamic state, via *Sharia* Law.
- A *dhimmi* attempting to escape Islamic control was subject to punishment under *Sharia* Law.



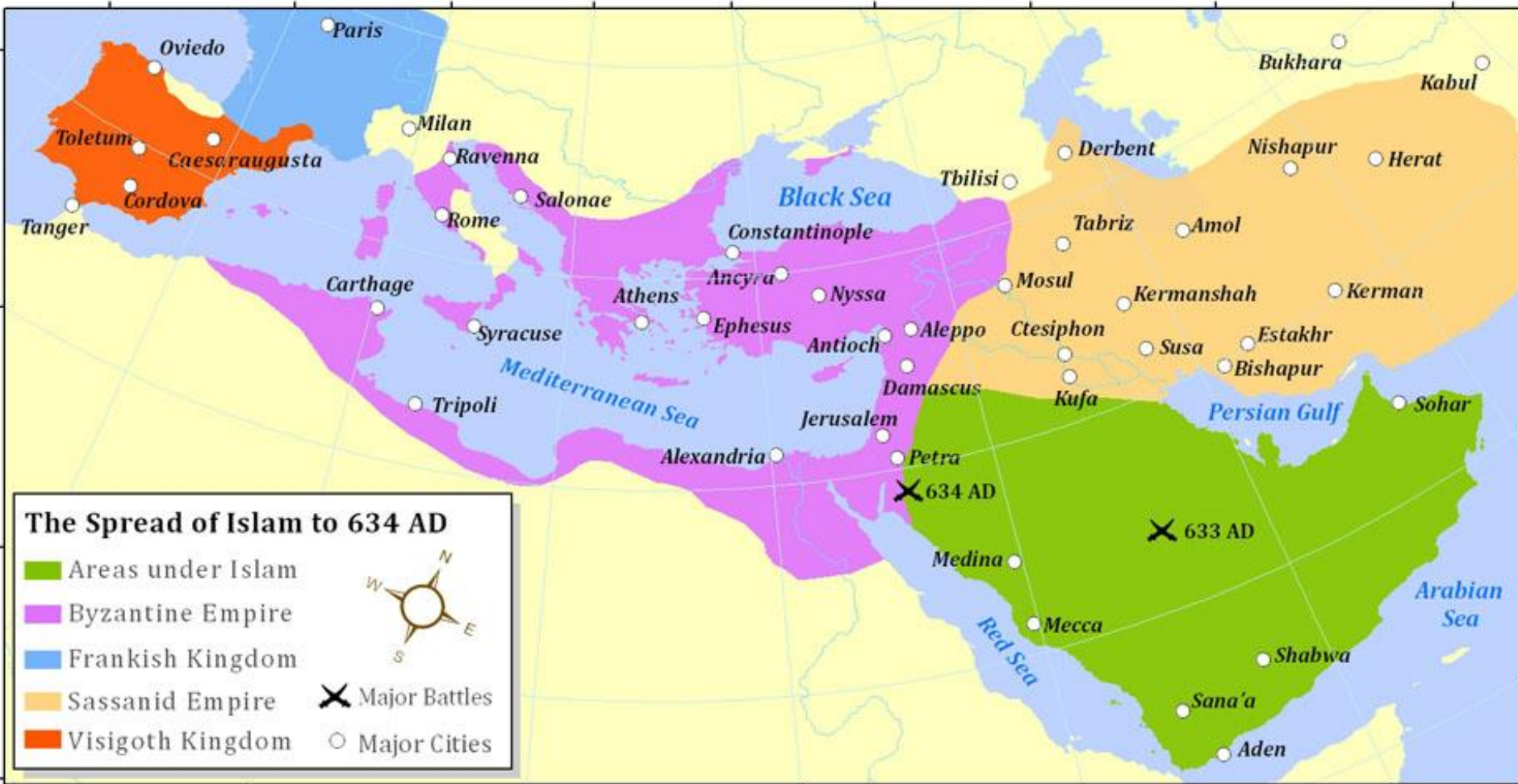
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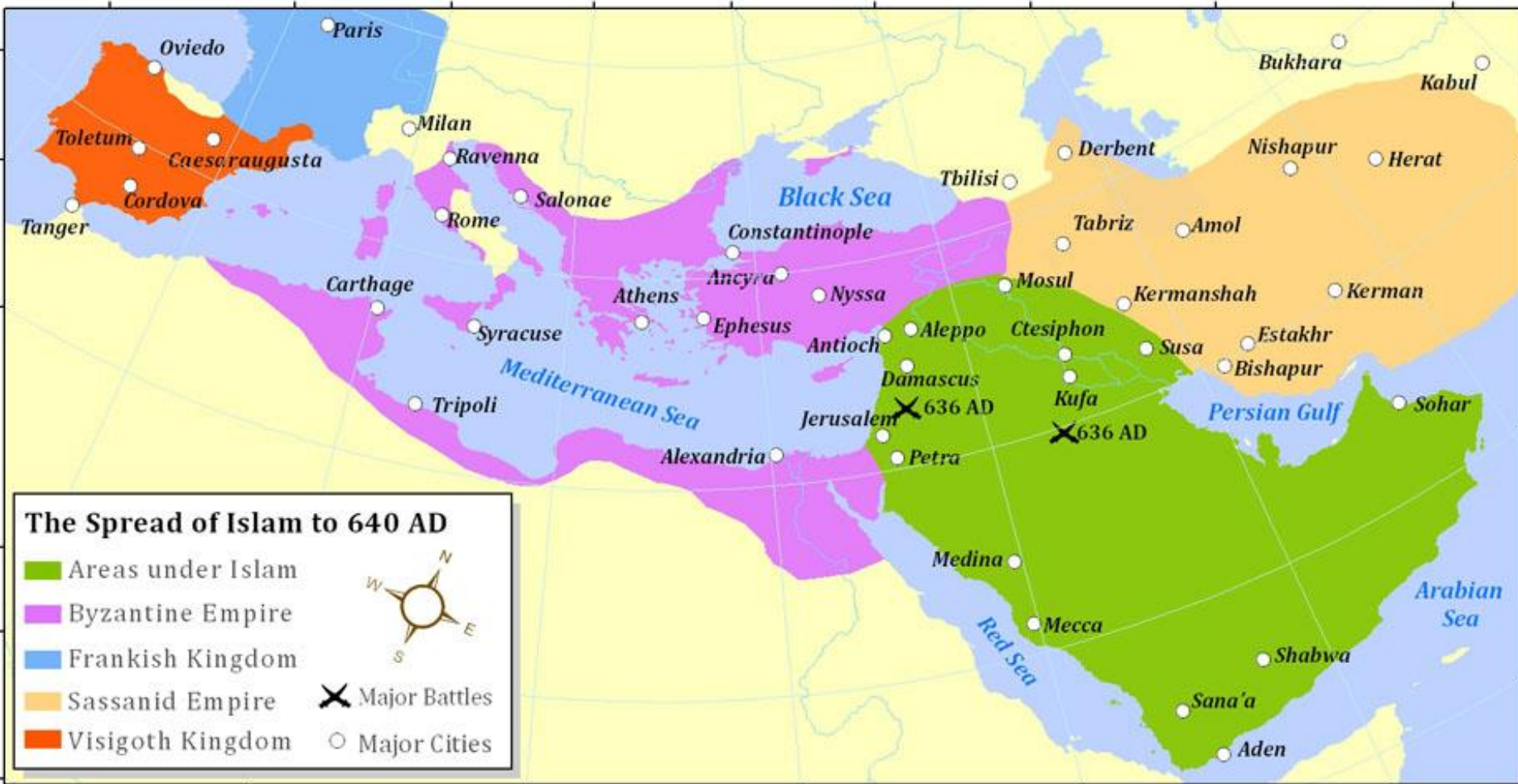
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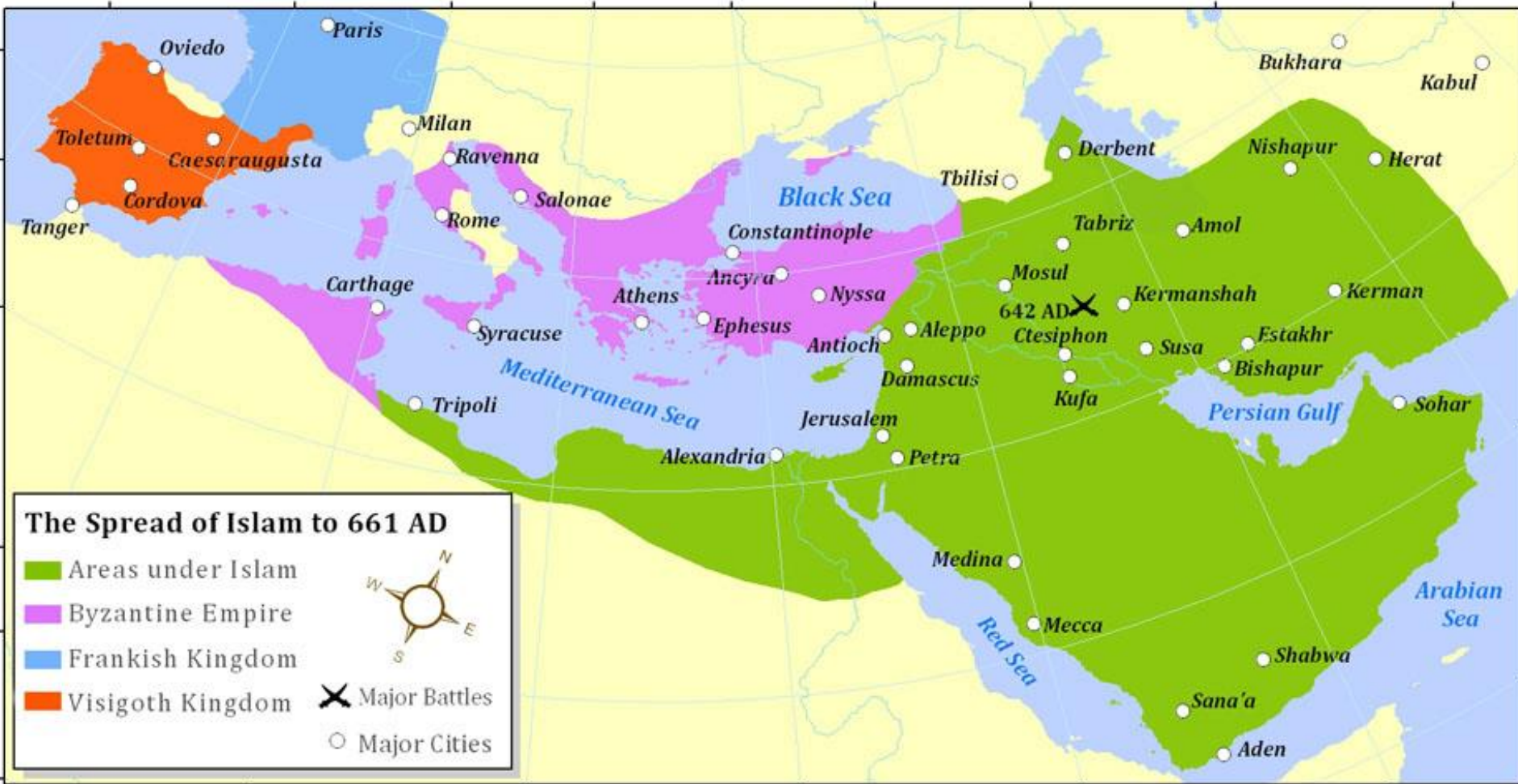
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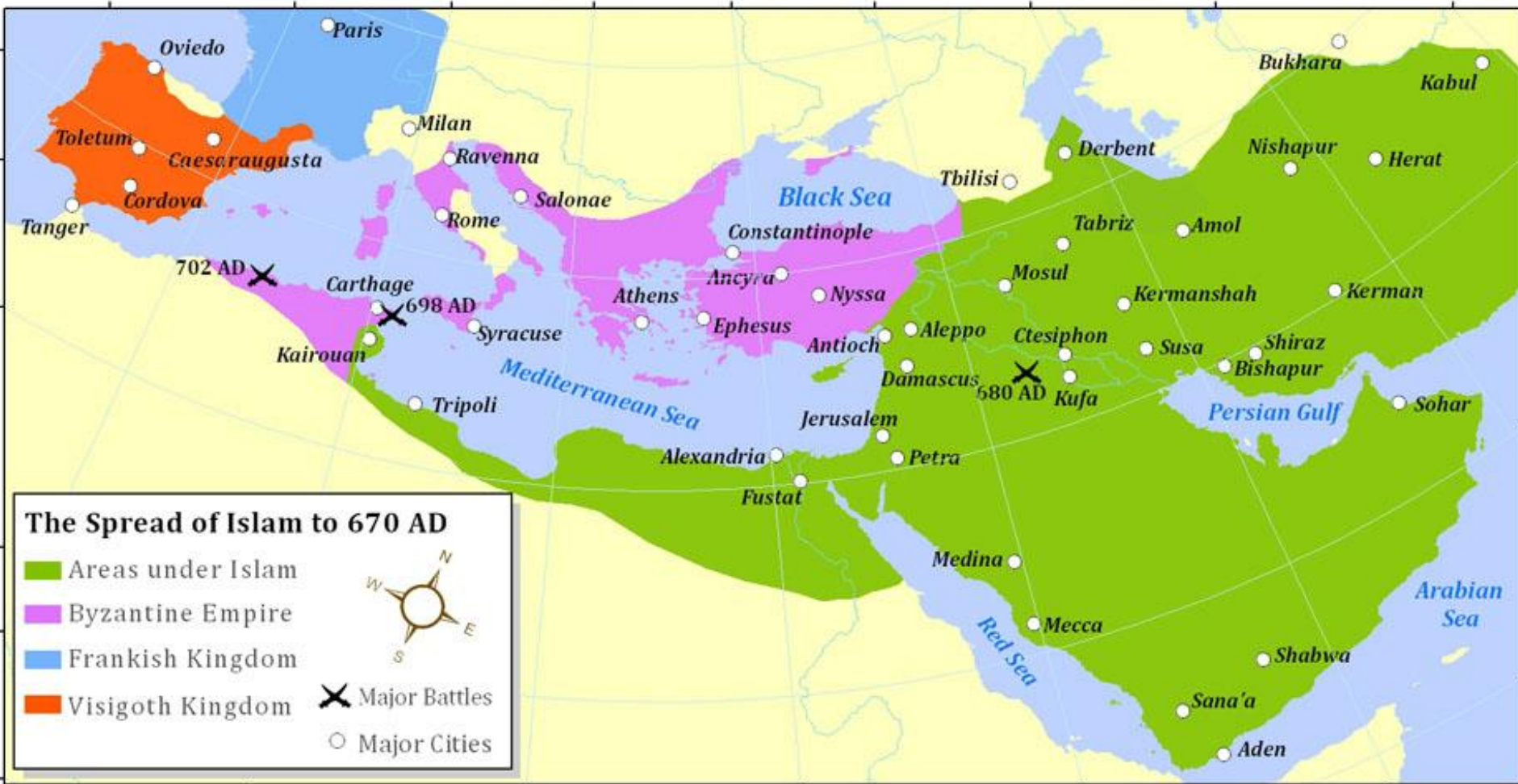
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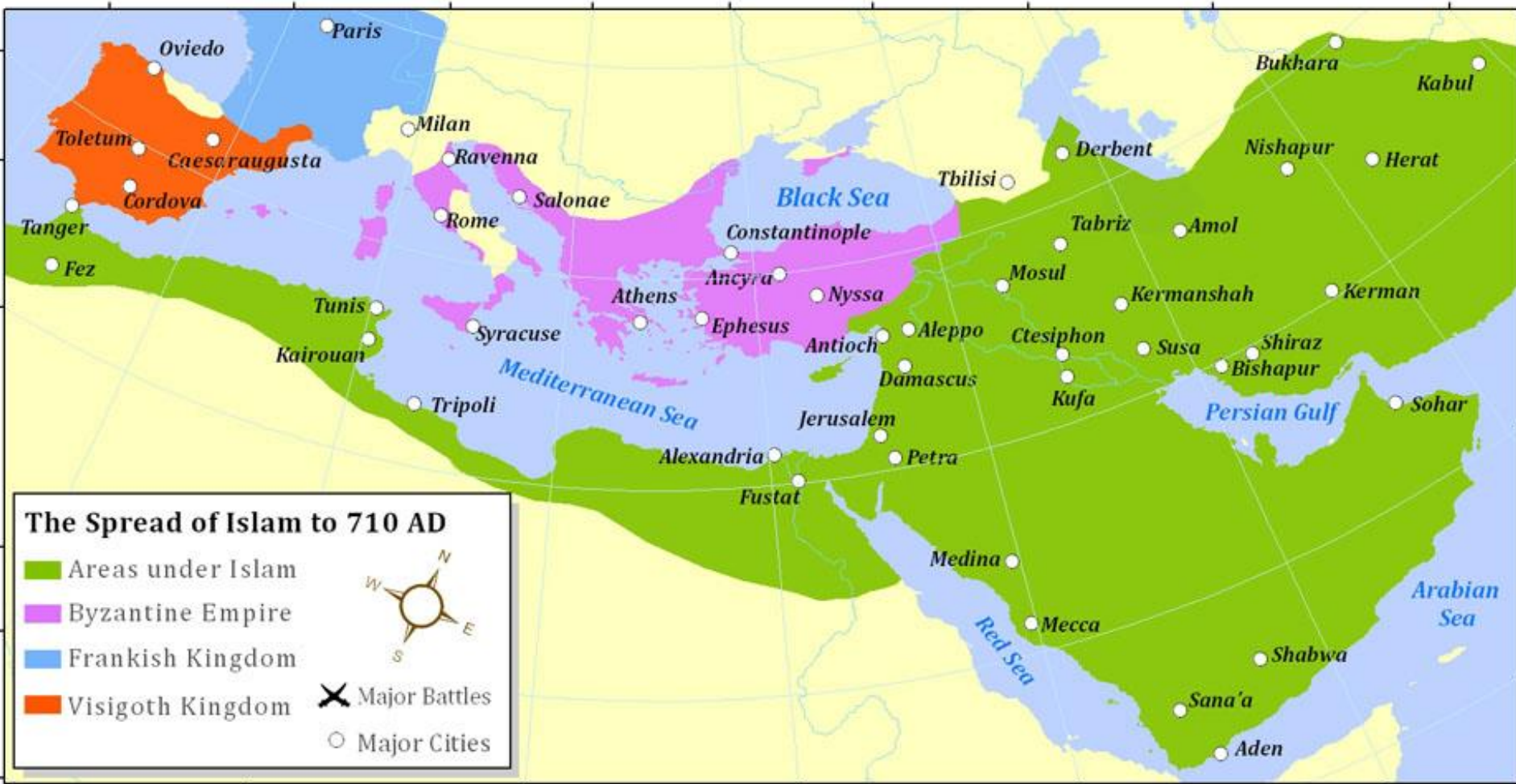
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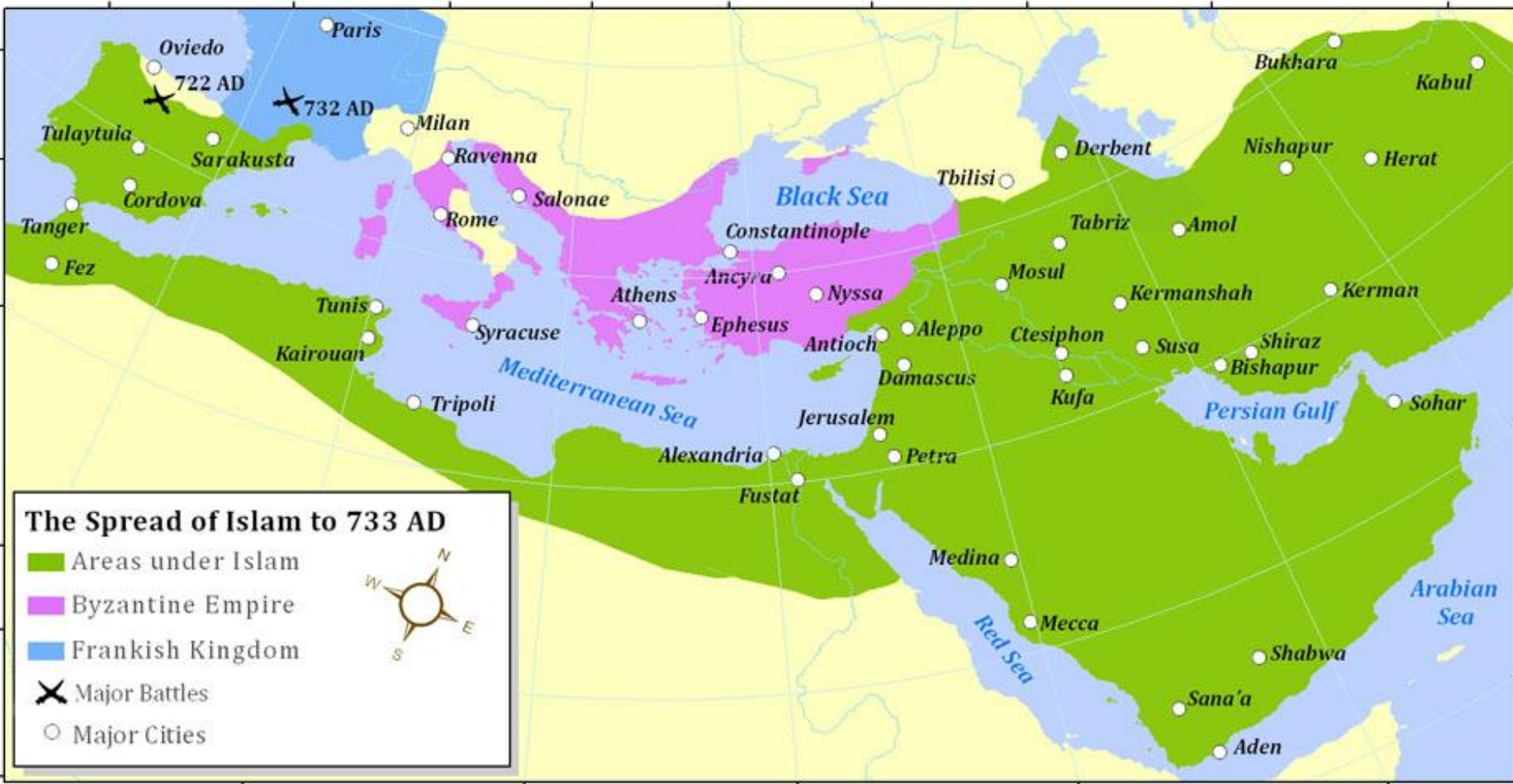
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The First Hundred Years of Islam – One Hundred-One Years After Muhammad's Death



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

## *“But what about the Crusades?”*

During the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, Muslims began to destroy Christian sites & persecute Christian pilgrims in the “Holy Land.” They also invaded the “Christian” Byzantine Empire, threatening its capital at Constantinople. The Emperor subsequently appealed to the “Holy Roman Empire” for assistance.

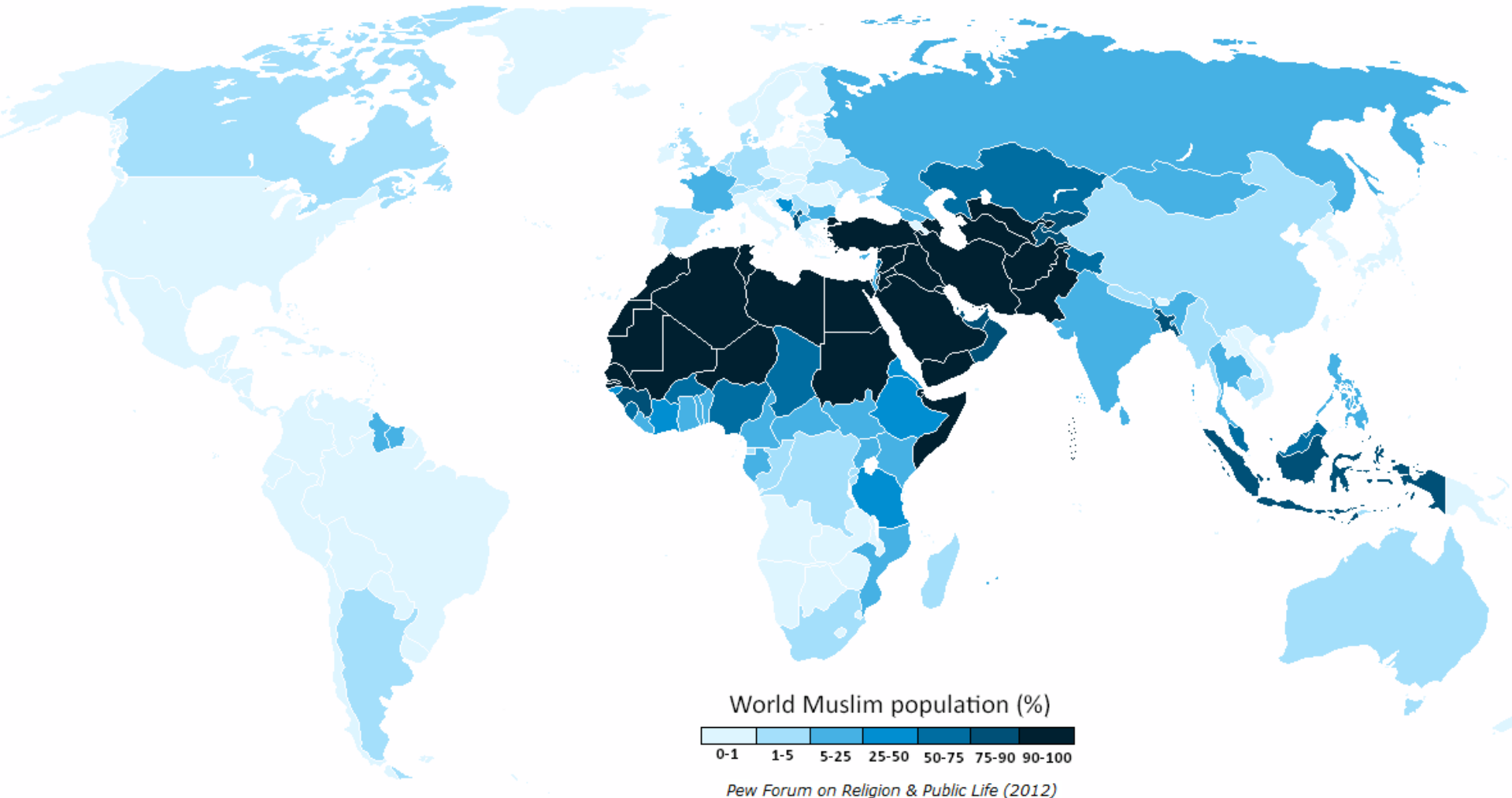
Roman Catholic Popes (who had great influence over the “Holy Roman Empire”) decided that not only should Constantinople be defended, but that the entire “Holy Land” needed to be liberated from Islam. These Popes offered “absolution” of sins for “Christian” crusaders. (FYI: Papal “absolution” was one of the contributing factors for the Protestant Revolution.)

Between 1095 & 1295 there were Eight Crusades with millions of deaths. After everything was said & done, both the “Holy Land” AND the Byzantine Empire ended up under Muslim control. To put it mildly, the Crusades were an abysmal failure.

Even now, five centuries into the Protestant Revolution & the New World, Islam continues to spread its anti-Christian/anti-Jewish message far & wide.

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

## The Muslim World Reality



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

*“So, what are we supposed to do?”*

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

*“So, what are we supposed to do?”*

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR OWN FAITH!**

**Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.**

**1 Peter 3:14b-16 (ESV)**

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

*“So, what are we supposed to do?”*

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR OWN FAITH!**

**PRAY FOR THE MUSLIMS!**

**But I say to you who hear, ‘Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.’**

**Luke 6:27-28 (ESV)**



# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

*“So, what are we supposed to do?”*

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR OWN FAITH!**

**PRAY FOR THE MUSLIMS!**

**HELP EVANGELIZE THE MUSLIMS!**

**For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

**How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?**

**And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?**

**And how are they to hear without someone preaching?**

**And how are they to preach unless they are sent?**

**As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”**

**Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)**

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

*“So, what are we supposed to do?”*

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR OWN FAITH!**

**PRAY FOR THE MUSLIMS!**

**HELP EVANGELIZE THE MUSLIMS!**

**PRAY FOR & ENCOURAGE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT,  
SPECIFICALLY FOR ITS RESISTANCE OF MUSLIM EXPANSION!**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

**1 Timothy 2:1-6 (ESV)**

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Day after day the Muslims recite their *Shahadah* (their “testimony”).

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

*"There is no God but Al'lah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Al'lah."*

# UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY

**Day after day we Christians must not mouth the empty words of a “religion.”  
Instead we must faithfully live out our own personal testimonies of “relationship.”**

**“Hear, O Israel: *Yahweh* is our God; *Yahweh* is one. You shall love *Yahweh* your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”**

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV, with some changes to highlight the divine name)

**“Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

Based on Matthew 16:16 (ESV)

**“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**

Acts 4:12 (ESV)