**Chapter 10: The Muslim World**

I. Rise of Islam

* 1.6 billion followers
* Around 1/6th of the world’s population
* Fastest growing of today’s major religions
1. Prophet Muhammad
* Born into a powerful family in Mecca
* Was orphaned at 6 and raised by his uncle
* Worked as a trader during his early life
* Lives a normal life until he was 40
* While meditating in a cave outside of Mecca, he received a message from the Angel Gabriel
* Told him there is only one God
* Also told Muhammad that he was the last of the great prophets
1. Basic Beliefs
* **Allah –**
* **Islam –**
* **Muslim –**
1. Hijrah
* Muhammad found little support for his new beliefs in Mecca
* **Hijrah –**

* Also marks the beginning of the Muslim calendar
* In Medina, Muhammad gains fame and support
* Becomes a religious, political, and military leader
1. Return to Mecca
* **630 –**
* People of Mecca are forced to submit to his rule
* Most people also convert to Islam – Not forced to convert
* Muslims discouraged forced conversion because they only taxes those outside of the faith
1. Five Pillars

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1. Source of Authority
* **Qur’an –** Muslim holy book
* Muslims are forbidden to eat pork and drink alcohol
* There are no priest all worshipers are to directly worship Allah
1. Links to Judaism and Christianity
* Muslims believe that Allah is the same God worshipped by Jews and Christians
* All three religions trace their roots back to the prophet Abraham
* Muslims view Jesus as one of the great prophets, but not God
* All three religions believe in a final judgment with a heaven and a hell
* Muslims believe that once one enters adolescence every action is recorded to be used on Judgment Day
* **People of the Book –**
* All three religions have the Old Testaments in their holy books