

"THE DISCOURSE ABOUT ALLAH WOULD NOT CONCLUDE EVEN IF ALL THE TREES ON THIS EARTH WERE MADE INTO PENS AND THE ENTIRE SEA SERVED AS INK"

- HOLY QURAN 31:27



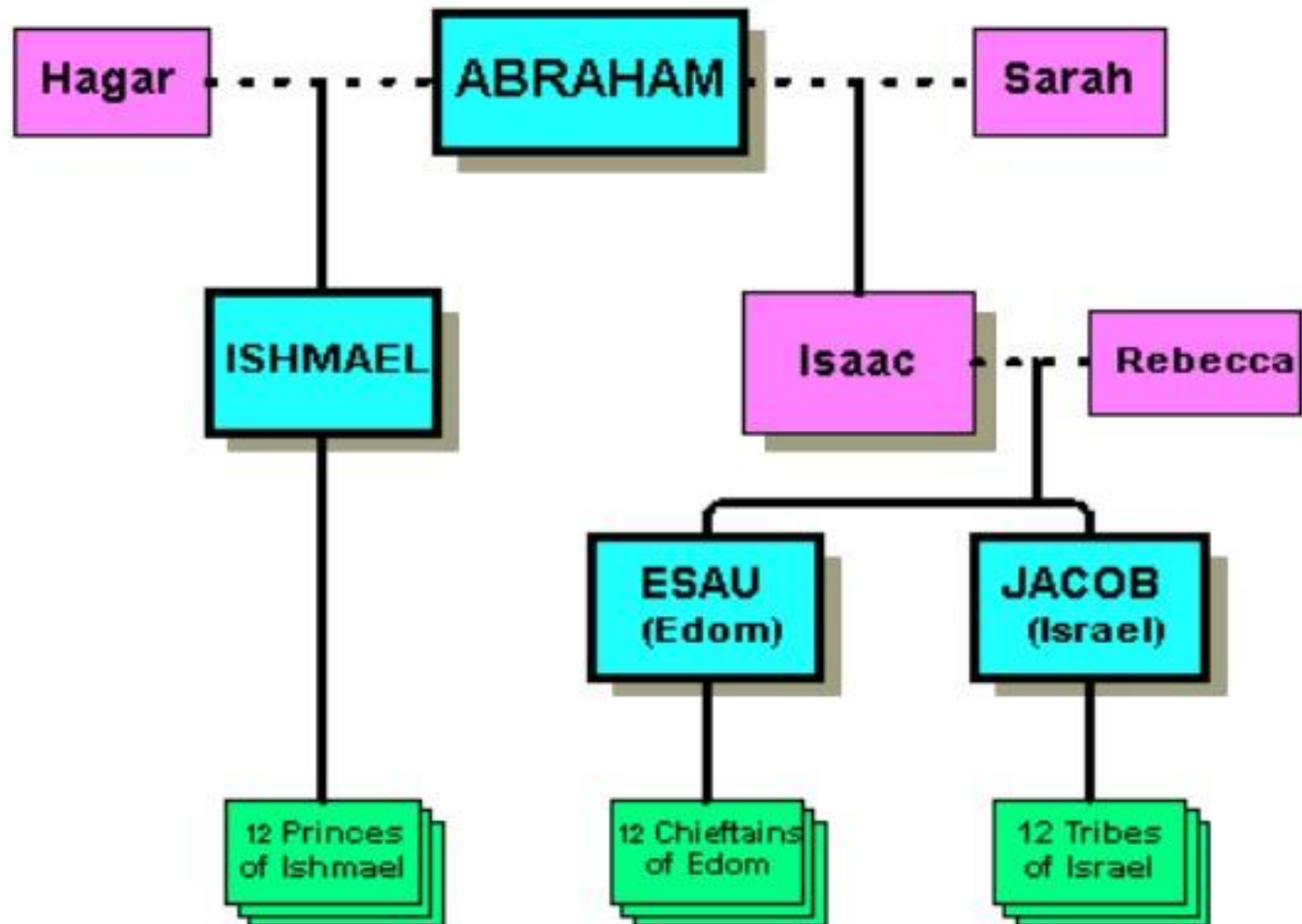
# History of Islam

- The story of Islam starts with the prophet Muhammad. However, Islam rose in a certain historical and geographical context.
- Islam is the religion articulated by the Quran, a text considered by its adherents to be the verbatim word of God (Allāh ).
- The Arabian Peninsula was originally the home of nomadic peoples who coped with the desert climate by migrating every season ("Arab" roughly translates as "desert dweller")

- Abraham plays a prominent role as an example of faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- In Muslim belief, Abraham fulfilled all the commandments and trials where in God nurtured him throughout his lifetime.
- As a result of his unwavering faith in God, Abraham was promised by God to be a leader to all the nations of the world.
- Paganism was cleared out by Abraham in both Arabia and Canaan.
- It is believed that Muhammad is a descendent of Abraham through Ishmael.



# The Origins of Islam



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIGSNRCTkQI>

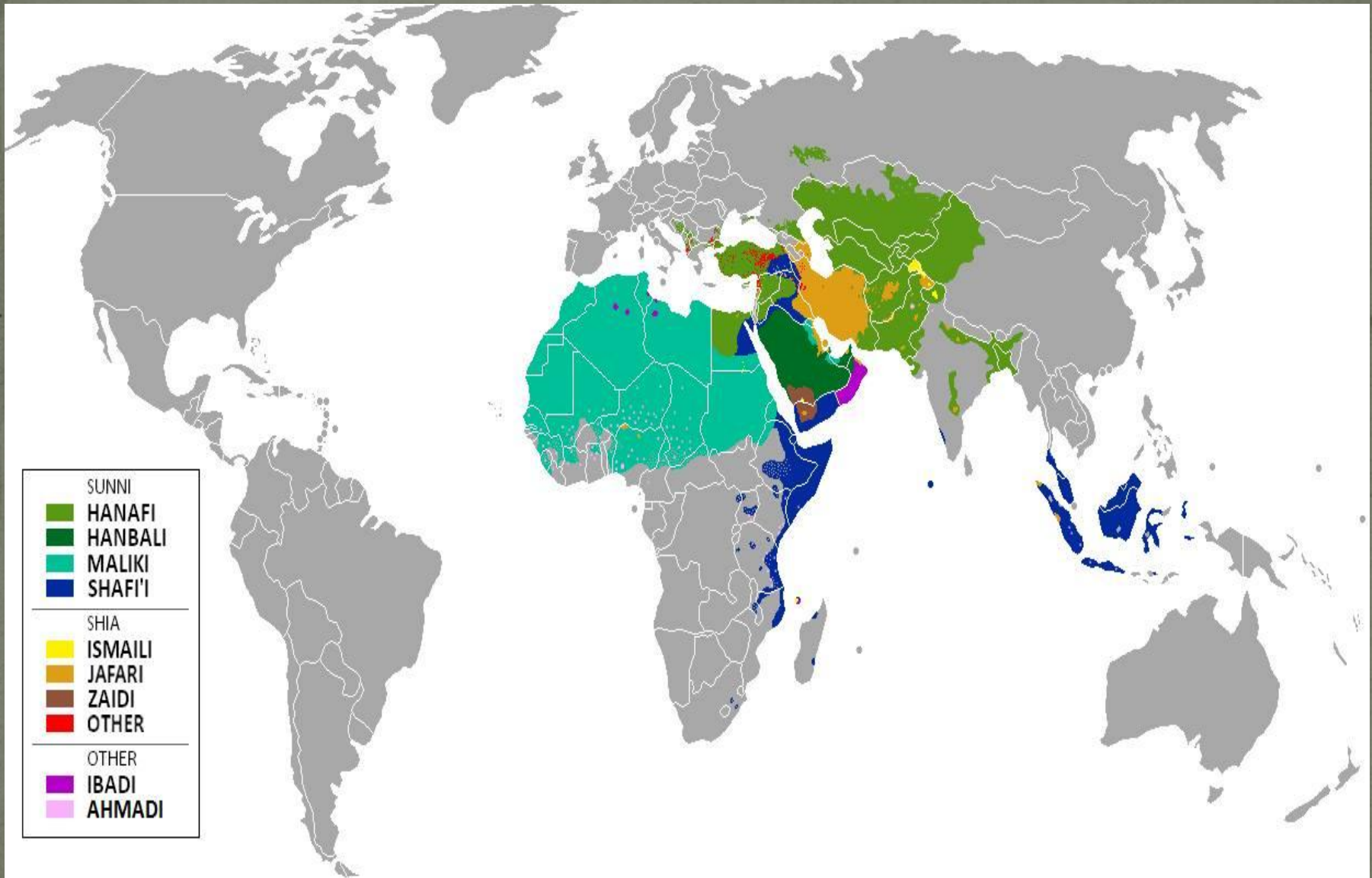


- When some people groups began to establish settlements around the fifth century BC, many chose Mecca, near the west coast of Saudi Arabia, as their home. It did not offer a favorable climate or many natural resources, but it was the site of the Ka'ba, a large cubical shrine dedicated to various deities.



# Sunni and Shia

- Sunni and Shia Islam are the two major denominations of Islam. The demographic breakdown between the two denominations is difficult to assess and varies by source, but a good approximation is that 85–90% of the world's Muslims are Sunni and 10–15% are Shia, with most Shias belonging to the Twelver tradition and the rest divided between many other groups.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KLvjs7Yrtw>



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	AHMADI



# Fulfillment in Islam:

- The **Crescent moon and star** is found on top of Mosque, minarets and on many Muslim nation flags.



Turkey



Tunisia



Algeria



Mauritania



Pakistan



Azerbaijan



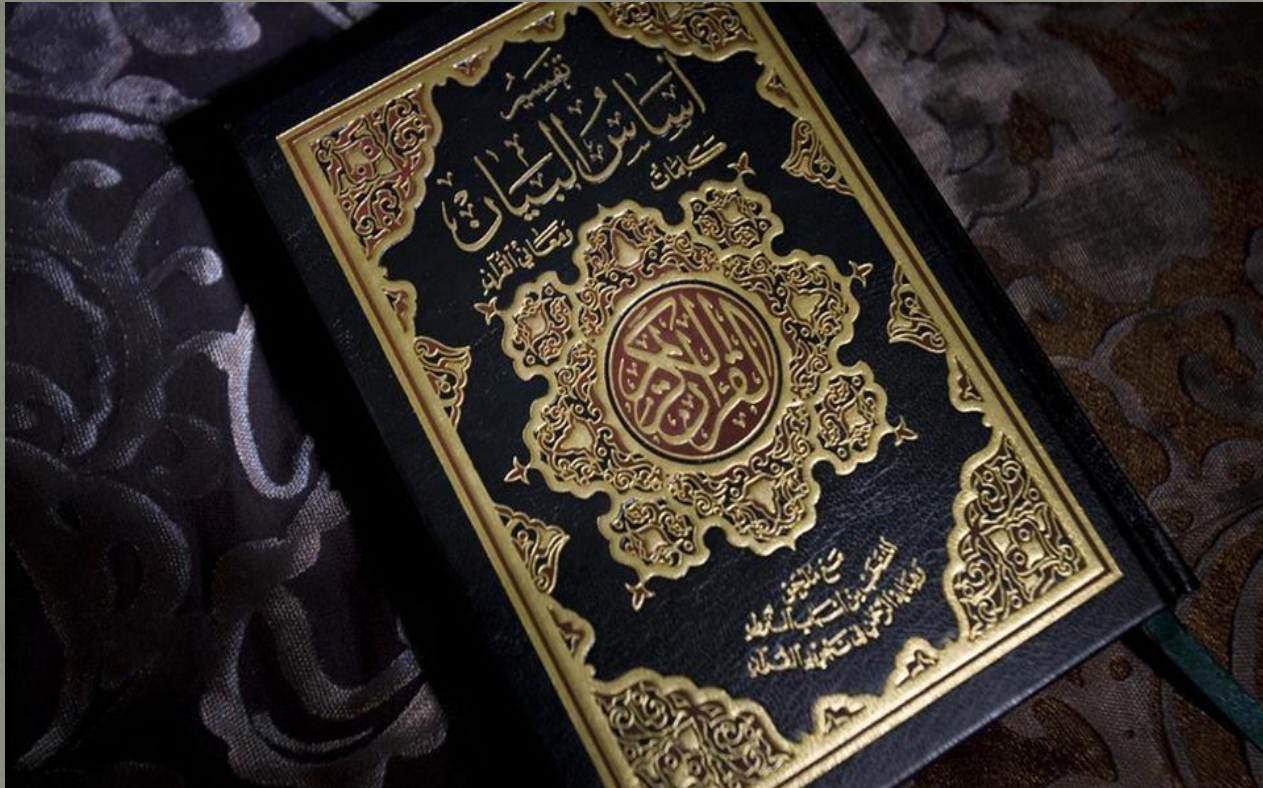
Uzbekistan

# Muhammad

- Arab polytheism was focused entirely on the earthly life, and religion was not a source of morality. By Muhammad's time, blood feuds, violence, and general immorality abounded. Yet monotheism was not unheard of among the Arabs.
- There was contact with Zoroastrianism, which was the official state religion of Persia from the 3rd century BC to the 8th century AD and influential on its neighbors. It was a dualistic religion with beliefs in heaven, hell and a final judgment. In addition, both Judaism and Christianity had established a presence on the Arabian Peninsula, especially in the south. In Yathrib (later renamed Medina), the Jewish population was especially influential



# Quran





# The richest man on history

## Musa Keita I

- **Musa Keita I** (c. 1280 – c. 1337) was the tenth Mansa, which translates as "sultan" (king) or "emperor", of the wealthy West African Mali



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3YJMaL55TM>



# 9/11

- The September 11 attacks (also referred to as 9/11) were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the terrorist group al-Qaeda on the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 others, and caused at least \$10 billion in property and infrastructure damage and \$3 trillion in total costs.



# Islamophobia or Muslimophobia

- Islamophobia or Muslimophobia is the prejudice, hatred, or bigotry directed against Islam or Muslims.



# Before 9/11      After 9/11

- It has been established that discrimination toward Muslim Americans was present before the attacks on September 11, which may relate to Islam being frequently portrayed by the media as intrinsically intolerant and violent.
- Since Muslim Americans are part of American society, negative attitudes and discrimination would have detrimental effects not only on the recipients of the negative expression , but also on society at large.



“I hid all physical evidence in my home that I was Arab or Muslim. This includes the Lebanese flag that used to hang in my bedroom, the “I LOVE LEBANON” t-shirts I gardened in, my prayer beads, scarves and carpets, my family photo albums, my Arabic coffee pots, cups and saucers, my Qur’an and its reading/display stand, and any framed art with Arabic script in it. That way, when non-Muslims came over, they could feel safe and they wouldn’t later try to hurt me.”



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