

RELIGIONS OF SOUTHWEST ASIA: ISLAM



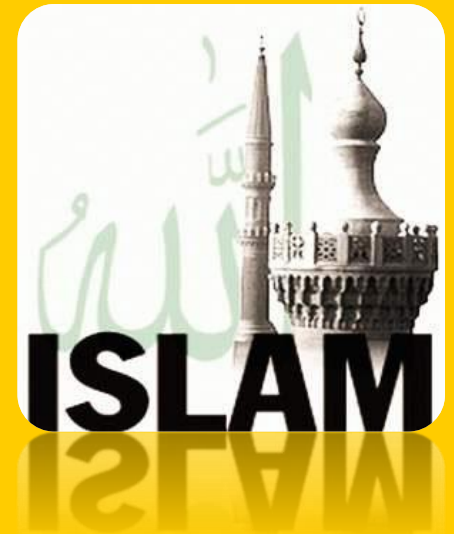
What do you **ALREADY** know?

- **Age of religion**
- **Founder/Important People/Prophets**
- **Holy Text(s)**
- **Beliefs**
- **Laws/guidelines**
- **Views on Jesus**
- **Holy Places**
- **Places of Worship**



Three religions originated in this region:

- **Judaism**
- **Christianity**
- **Islam**



TIMELINE OF ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS



1,400 BCE

TORAH ESTABLISHES THE JEWISH RELIGION

ISRAEL ENTERS RECORDED HISTORY WITH A PANTHEON OF GODS

ISAIAH WRITES "I AM THE FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; BESIDES ME THERE IS NO GOD" AND MERGES PREVIOUS GODS AND THEIR NAMES INTO ONE ENTITY. LEVITICUS IS WRITTEN AND EXODUS CHANGED TO COMBINE GODS.

600 BCE

OLD TESTAMENT WRITERS SWITCH FROM POLYTHEISM TO MONOTHEISM BELIEF "ONE GOD" STARTS



4 BCE

"BIRTH" OF JESUS GIVES RISE TO CHRISTIANITY



610 AD

PREACHINGS OF MOHAMMED START THE ISLAMIC FAITH

Nonreligious

Confucianism

Secular Humanism

Animism

Judaism

Hinduism

Buddhism

Christianity

Islam

Sikhism

2000 BC

1500 BC

525

446 BC

30 AD

610 AD

1496 AD

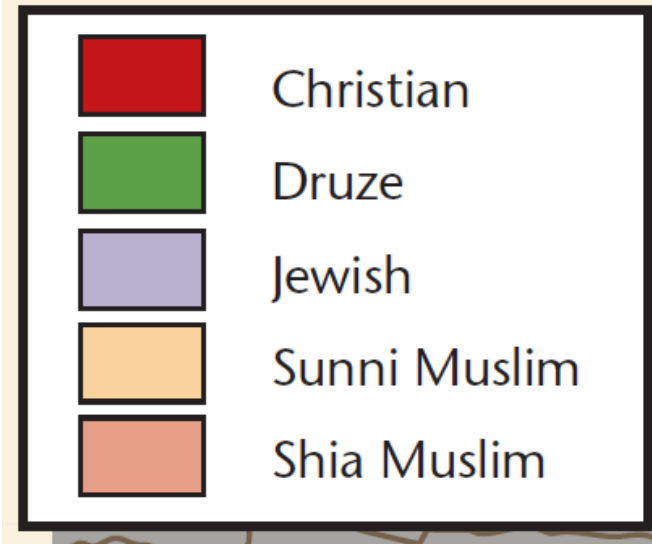
prehistoric

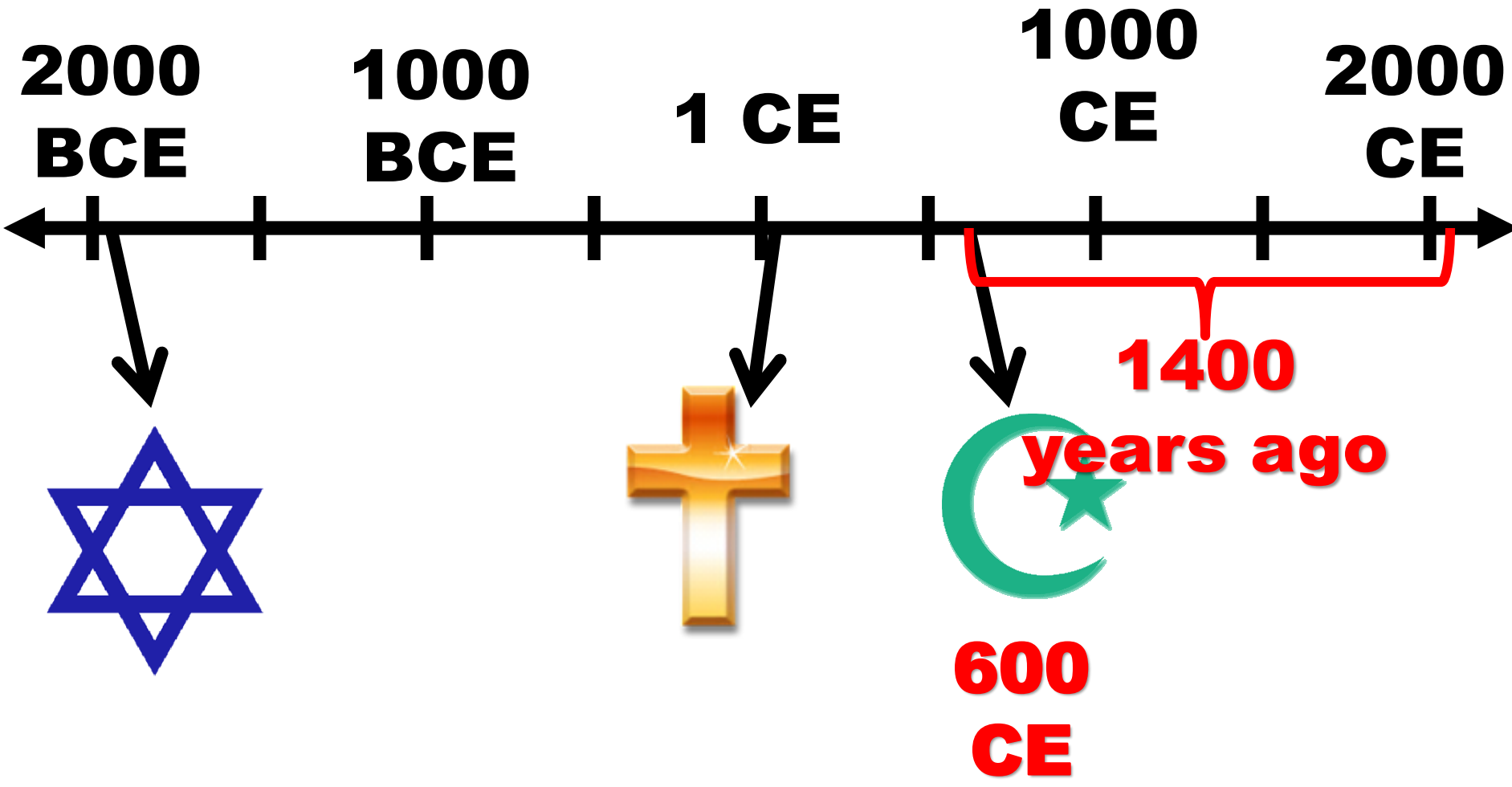
520 BC

18th Century

MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST







Monotheistic

Abraham was the first monotheist, a person who believes in only one God



Abraham's Genealogy

HAGAR = = = ABRAHAM ::::: SARAH
(Judaism)

Ishmael

Isaac

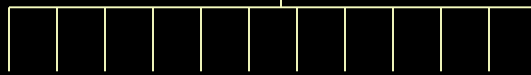


12 Arabian Tribes



Jacob

Esau



12 Tribes of Israel



Muhammad (570 AD)
(Islam)



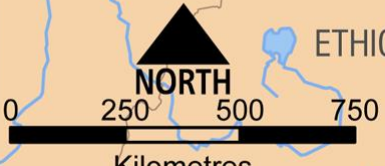
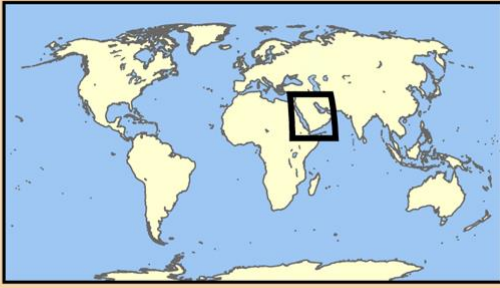
Hebrews & Jesus (1 AD)
(Judaism) (Christianity)



Jerusalem

Medina

Mecca





Country of Origin:
SAUDI ARABIA

Middle East



IMPORTANT PLACES CITIES



1. **Mecca** (Saudi Arabia)

- Muhammad's birth
- Ka'aba is located

2. **Medina** (Saudi Arabia)

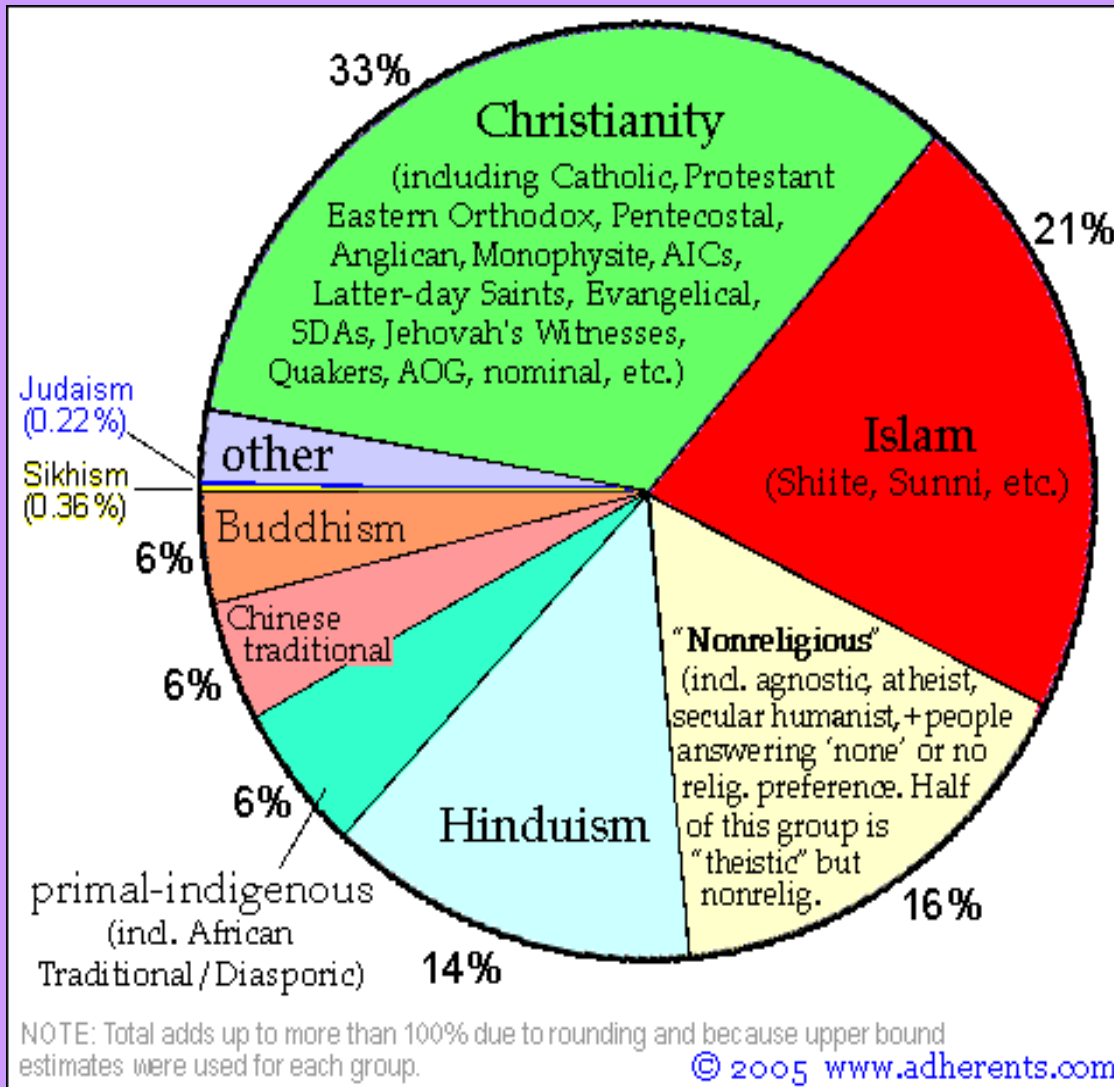
- where Muhammad and his followers fled during the *Hijrah*.

3. **Jerusalem** (Israel)

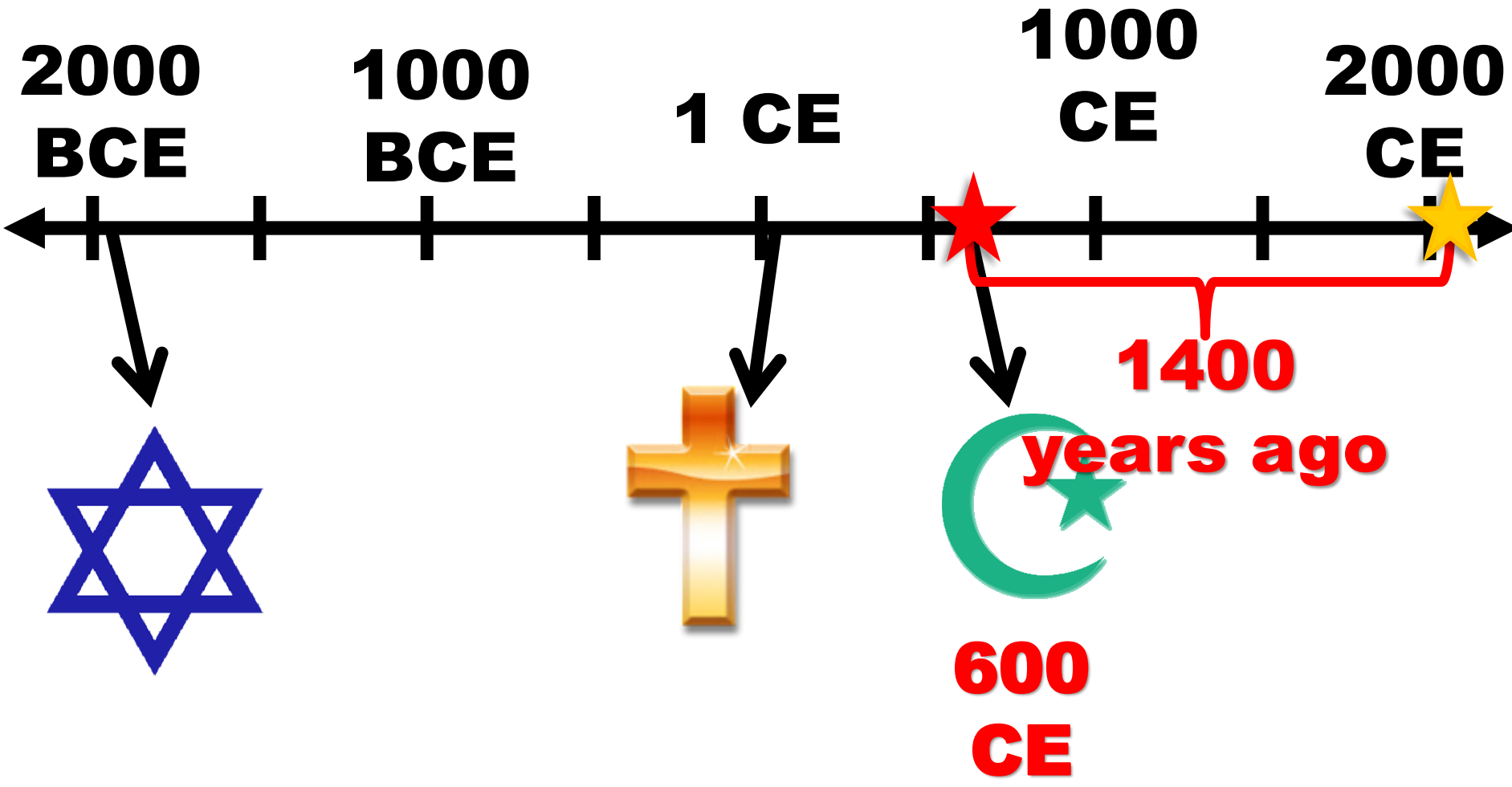
- Dome of the Rock
- where Muhammad made a night journey to heaven



ISLAM: Size of Religion



- 2nd largest religion in the world
- 1.5 billion followers



Islam

FOUNDER



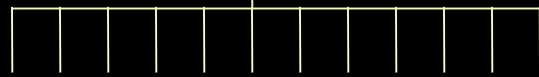
- **Muhammad (Mohammed)** is the founder of Islam.
- He claims to be the **final prophet**, or messenger, of God.
- **Abraham** and his son **Ishmael** built the Ka'aba in Mecca. They are also considered the fathers of the Muslim people.

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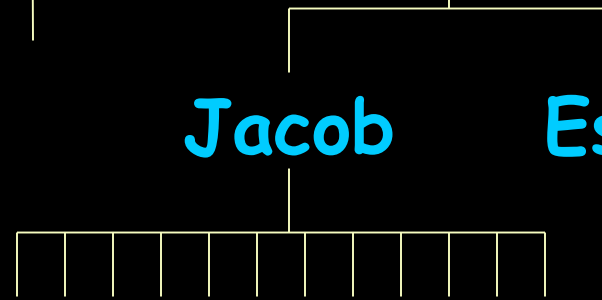
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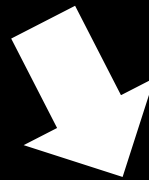
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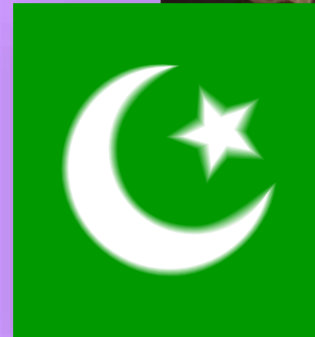
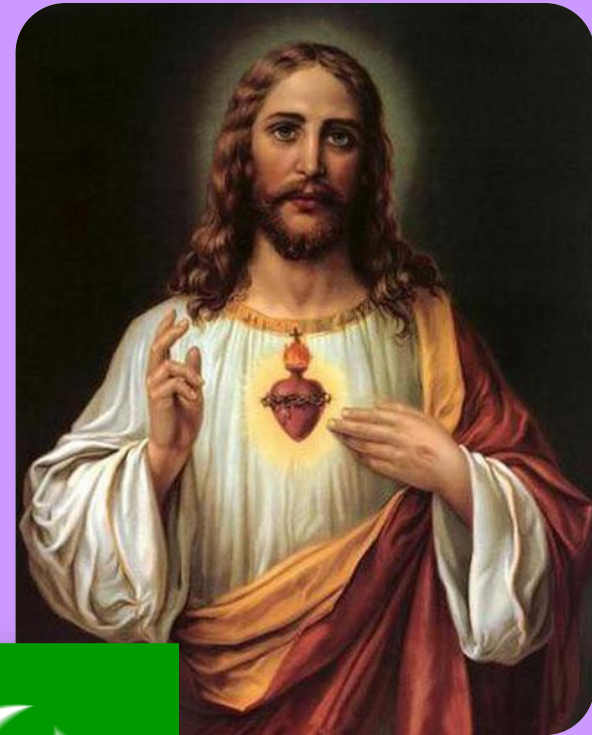


Muhammad
(Islam)

Jews & Jesus
(Christianity)

Islam's View of Jesus:

- Muslims see Jesus as prophet (messenger of God).
- **NOT** the son of God



HOLY BOOK/SACRED TEXT



Qu'ran (Koran)

- Muslims see it as the final & complete word of God
- contains much of the Old Testament (Judaism) and the New Testament (Christianity).



IMPORTANT PLACES BUILDING



Mosques are the buildings in which **Muslims** worship.



BASIC BELIEFS:



Five pillars of Faith – guidelines for Muslims

1. Shahada - belief in one God, Muhammad is his prophet
2. Salat - pray 5 times daily towards Mecca
3. Zakat - giving of charity
4. Sawan - fasting during the holy month of Ramadan
5. Hajj - pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, the birthplace of Muhammed



What about these required prayers?

**The mandatory prayers
performed 5 times a day:**

- * dawn
- * noon
- * late afternoon
- * sunset
- * before going to bed

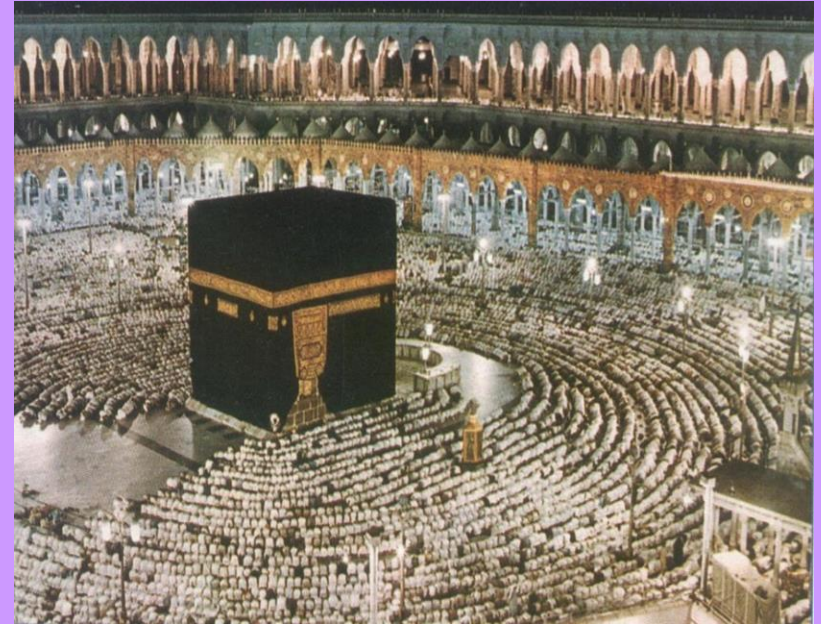
Wash before praying.

**Face Mecca and use a
prayer rug.**



Ka'aba

(Mecca, Saudi Arabia)



The hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) is an important aspect of Islam

***Millions travel to Mecca each year!**

ISLAM Basic Beliefs



Dietary laws

- No pork
- No alcohol



Don't get confused!

- All 3 Middle Eastern Religions are monotheistic
- Christians believe in god as a trinity (father, son, holy spirit) and that Jesus was god's *son*
- Muslims believe that Muhammed was god's *messenger* (not son)
- All 3 share the same foundation through the lineage of Abraham