

Three Monotheistic Religions and African Kingdoms

Monotheistic Religions



Judaism

- **Monotheistic Religion** (one God) that began in Mesopotamia
- Holy book is the **Torah** which includes the 10 Commandments



I THOU SHALT HAVE
NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME

II THOU SHALT NOT
MAKE UNTO THEE
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE

III THOU SHALT NOT
TAKE THE NAME
OF THE LORD THY
GOD IN VAIN

IV REMEMBER THE
SABBATH DAY,
TO KEEP IT HOLY

V HONOUR THY FATHER
AND THY MOTHER

VI THOU SHALT
NOT KILL

VII THOU SHALT NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY

VIII THOU SHALT
NOT STEAL

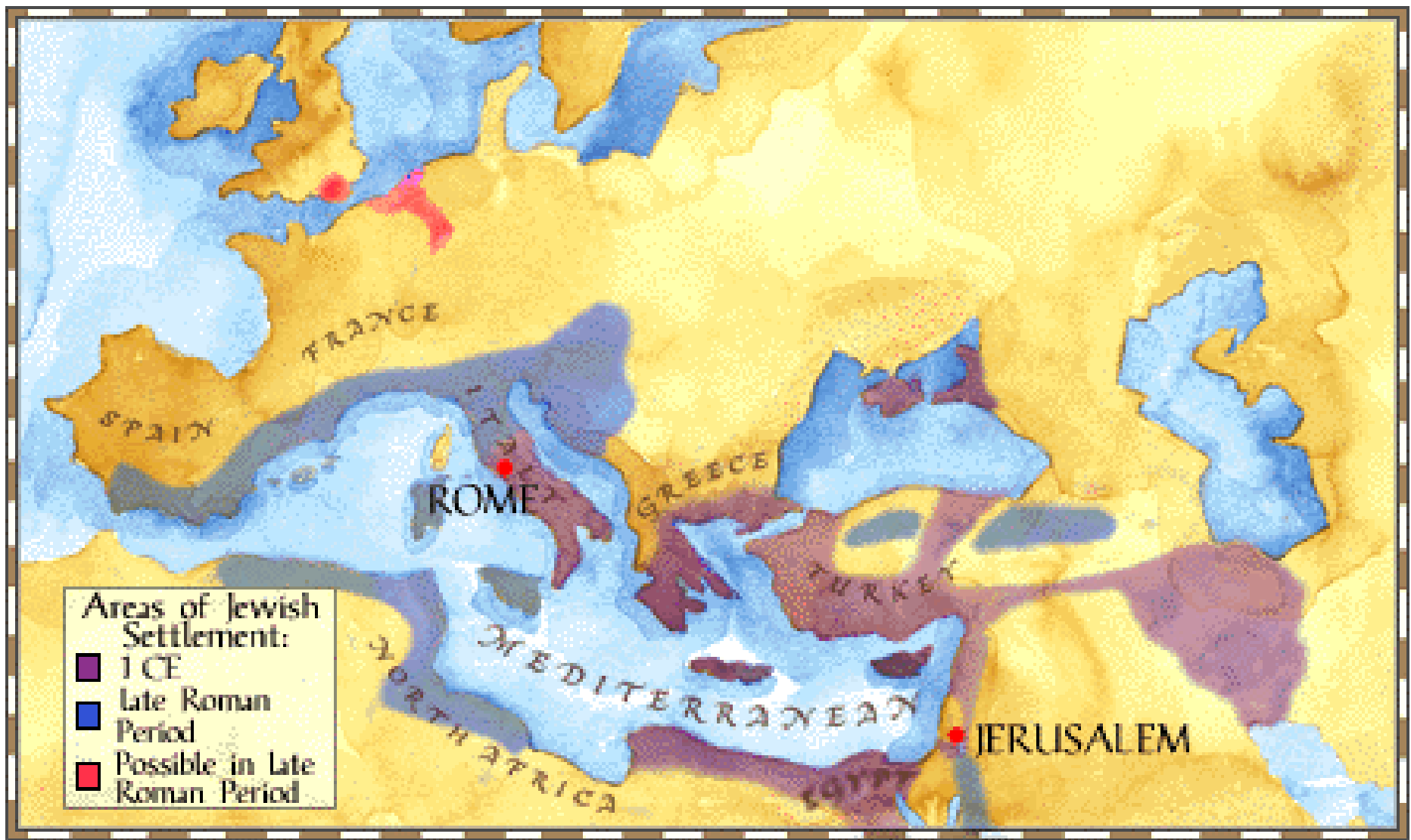
IX THOU SHALT NOT
BEAR FALSE
WITNESS AGAINST
THY NEIGHBOUR

X THOU SHALT
NOT COVET

Judaism



- Jewish **Diaspora**- spread of Jewish people through the world



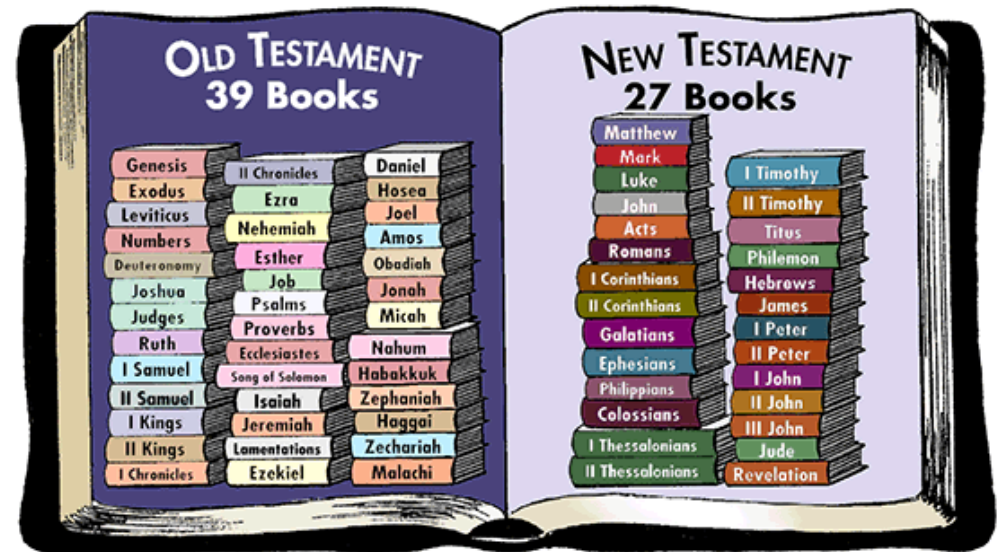
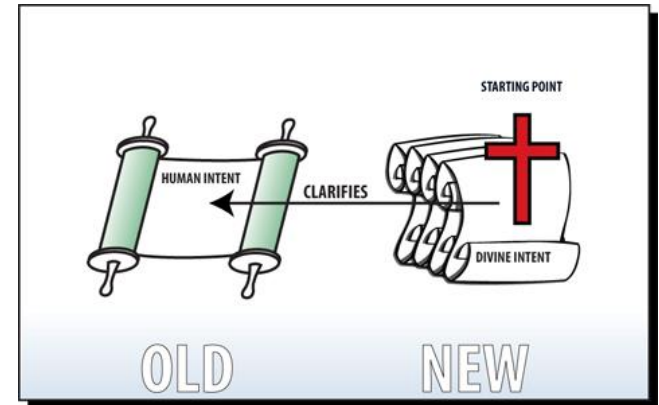
Christianity

- Began in Palestine under Roman rule (1st Century AD) by Jesus
- After Jesus' death, religion spread throughout Roman Empire



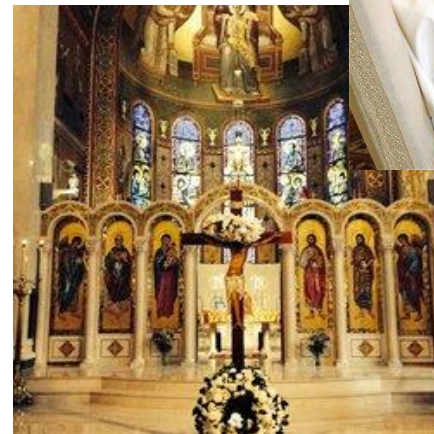
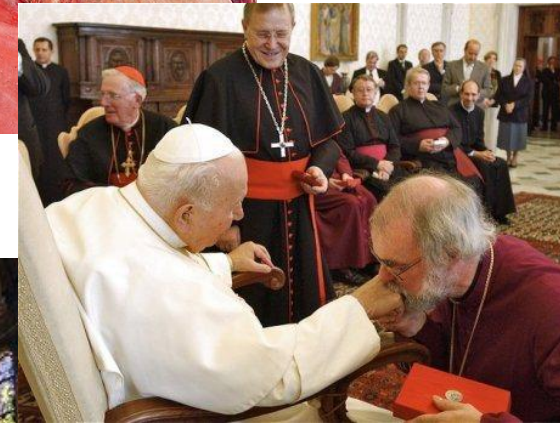
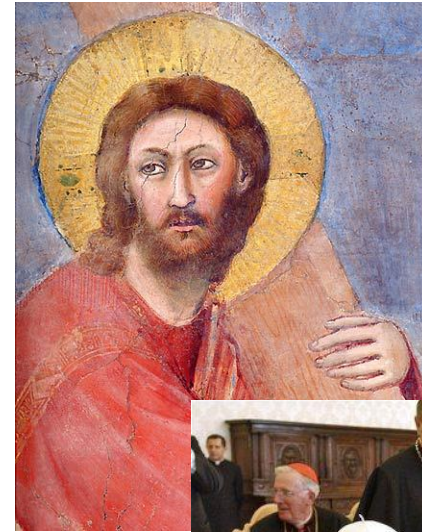
Christianity

- Holy book is the **Bible**:
 - Old Testament (from Judaism)
 - New Testaments- Gospels (stories of Jesus) and letters



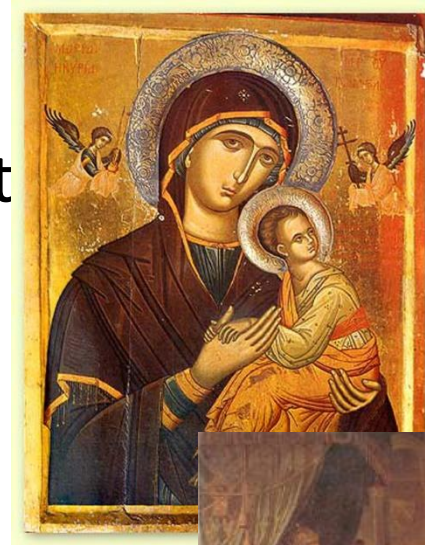
Christianity

- Beliefs:
 - Jesus is the **Messiah** (prophesied spiritual leader) and the son of God
 - Jesus died and was resurrected, has the power to forgive sins



Christianity

- 3 major branches of Christianity:
 - **Catholic**
 - **Orthodox** (split in the Great Schism),
 - **Protestant** (split in the Reformation)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84aFDETXbRo>

Islam

- Began in the Arabian peninsula by **Muhammad** who had revelation
- Holy book- **Qur'an**
- Holy cities- **Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem**



Islam

- Split over who would be the **caliph** (leader) of Islam
 - **Sunnis**- wanted Caliph to be a political leader who was chosen by his ability (majority of Muslims)
 - **Shi'as**- wanted Caliph to be a political and religious leader and be descended from Muhammad



THE ROOTS

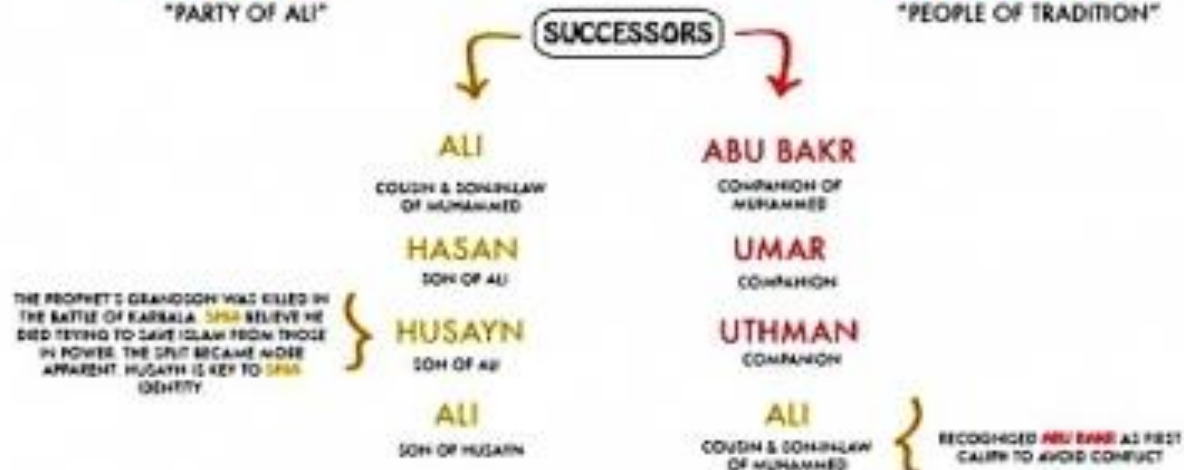
632 AD
PROPHET MUHAMMED DIES

There was no such thing as **SHIA** and **SUNNI** during the Prophet's time. Both sects agree Muhammad was the last Prophet of Islam. But while **SHIA** believe only the descendants of the Prophet can rule, **SUNNI** believe any qualified Islamic ruler can take over.

SHIA
"PARTY OF ALI"

WHO SUCCEEDS AS LEADER OF ISLAM?

SUNNI
"PEOPLE OF TRADITION"



SHIA debate the legitimacy of the first three caliphs whom **SUNNI** follow.

SUNNI recognise **ALI** as the fourth caliph.

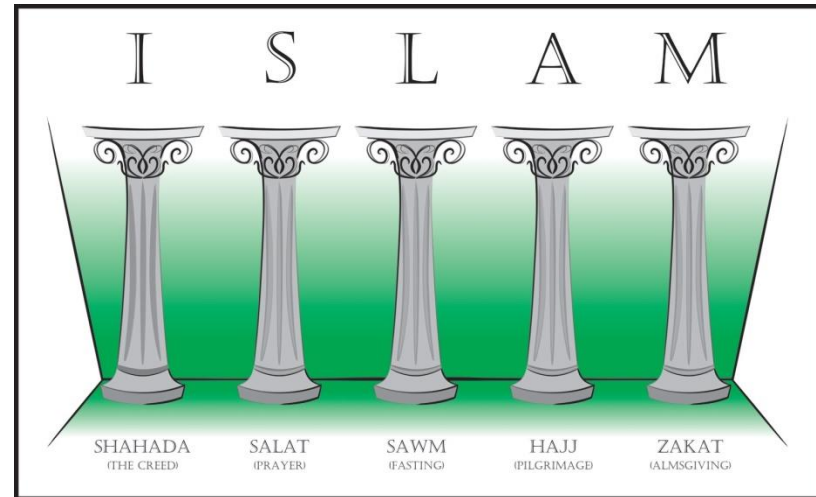




Islam

- **Five Pillars (Core beliefs) of Islam**

1. Declaration of Faith (One God, Muhammad is prophet)
2. Prayer five times a day (facing Mecca)
3. Give alms to the poor
4. Fasting during the month of Ramadan
5. Make the pilgrimage to Mecca (**hajj**)



5 pillars of Islam

1 Faith

Muslims must believe and confess that "There is no God but God (Allah) and Muhammad is the Messenger of God"



2 Prayer

Muslims must offer prayers towards the city of Mecca 5 times a day: at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset and evening



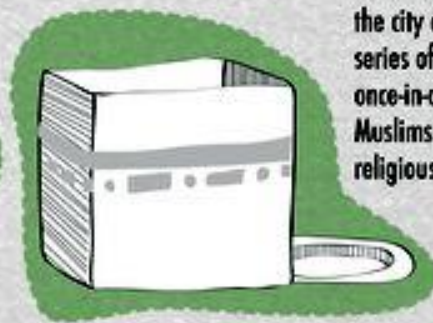
3 Fasting

During the month of Ramadan, all the able-bodied Muslims must fast from food, drink and sexual relations from sundown to sunset. Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan with a festival called "Eid al-Fitr" or simply "Eid"



4 Almsgiving

As a gesture of social responsibility, Muslims must donate a portion of their income to the welfare of the community, especially to supply the needs of the poor



5 Hajj

All physically and financially able Muslims must make a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca and participate in a series of ceremonies there. This is a once-in-a-lifetime requirement, which Muslims consider the peak of their religious experience

Spread of Islam

- Expanded through military and by trade
- Soon controlled Arabia, Persia, North Africa, and Spain
- **Moors**, North African Muslims, invaded Spain but expansion in Europe stopped in Battle of Tours



THE SPREAD OF ISLAM, 622 – 750 CE

