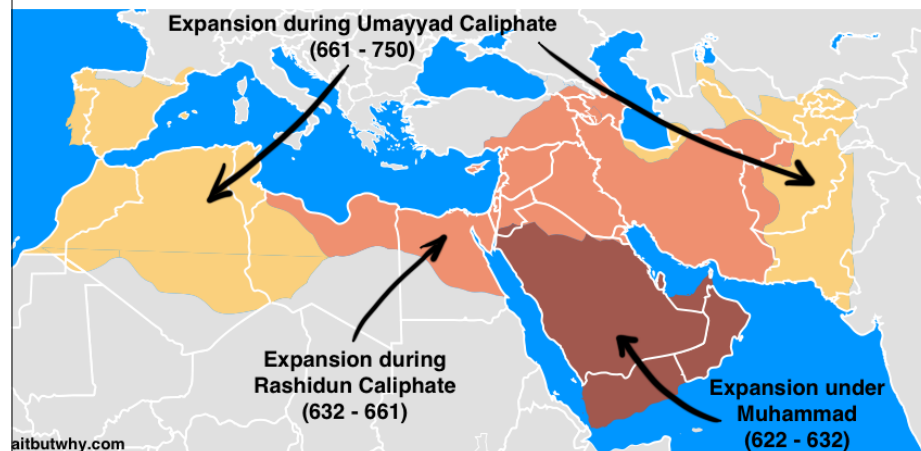


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The History, Scope, and Goals of Jihadist Ideology

The Early Spread of Islam (632 - 750 AD)



How Could They Do This?

- No superior technology to be exploited by the existing powers
- Almost all existing armies were composed of foreigners, mercenaries. In some places, many were Arab.
- The existing armies were built as garrison troops, not as fighting units.
- The Arab armies used camels, not horses.
- The Muslims emphasized mobility and promoted on merit.

Muslim Governance

- Quickly became decentralized
- A small ruling Muslim elite ruling over a largely unconverted population
- As rulers, the Muslims were brutal and intolerant, like everyone else.
- Jews and Christians were tolerated, but they could not build new churches, nor read or pray in public, lest overhearing Muslims be offended. They sometimes had to wear markers. They were severely taxed.

Conversions to Islam

- Some populations were “converted” en masse by treaty
 - But those are not “conversions” that affect a person’s beliefs or practices
 - Social scientists would tell you that there are no “mass conversions.”
- It is reliably estimated that it took 250 years of 50% of the population to convert to Islam.



**Alexei Comnenus
Emperor of
Byzantium**

**Wrote an SOS to
the Count of
Flanders**

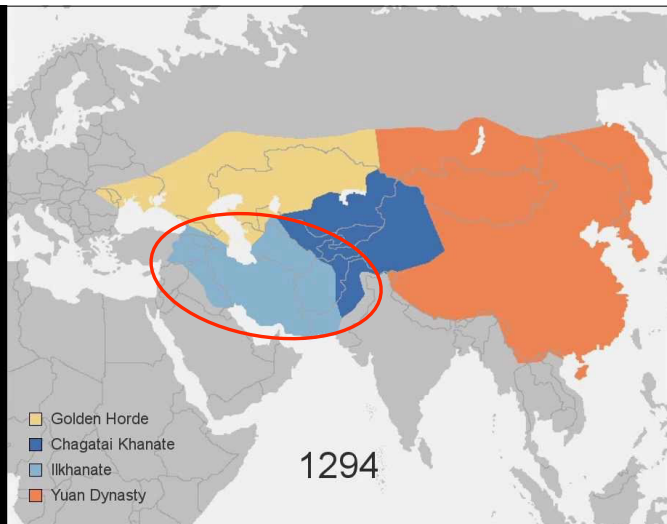


Pope Urban II

Called a church council in Clemont and, on Nov 27, 1095, he called for the first crusade



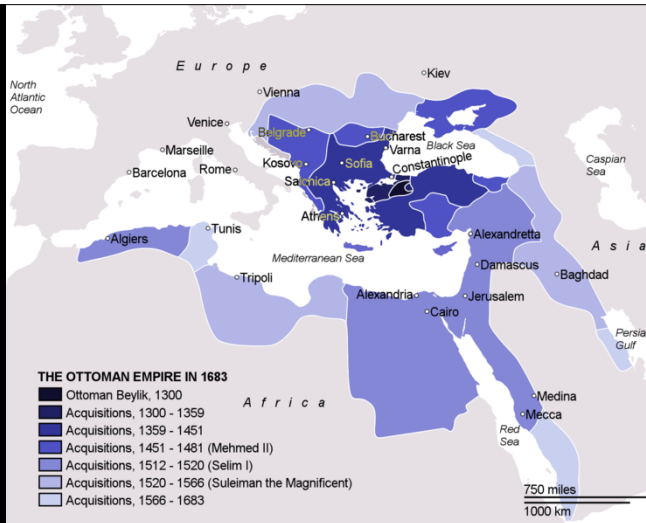
The Fall of Acre in 1291, 200 years after Clement called for the first crusade.



ibn Taymiyyah — Islamic scholar (1263 - 1328)

- Islam requires state power
- Muslims could not live under the rule of infidels
- Return to the *Quran* and *hadith*, in all respects — the *shari'a*
- Called for *jihad* — “struggle” to free others from falsehood and lead them to truth, including infidels, apostates, and muslims who will not wage jihad

Rise of the Ottoman Empire: from 1300 to 1683



Battle of Vienna, 1683

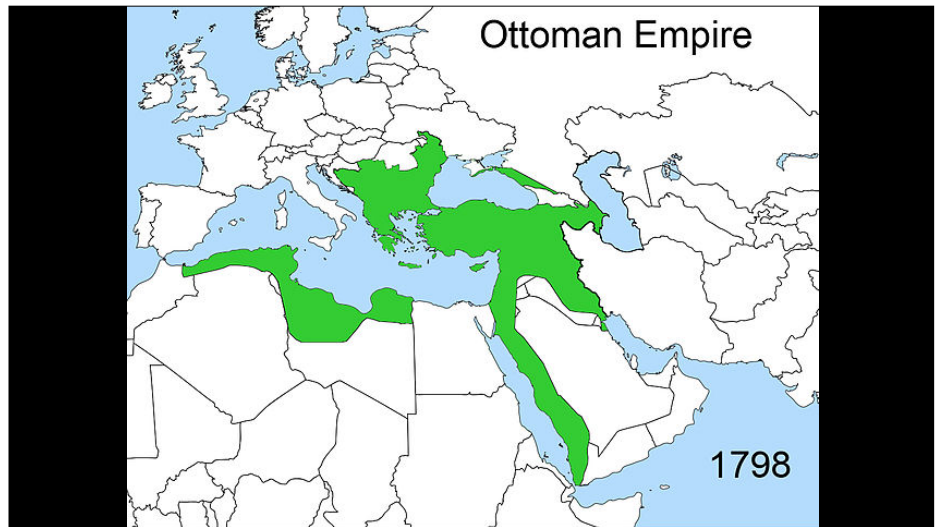
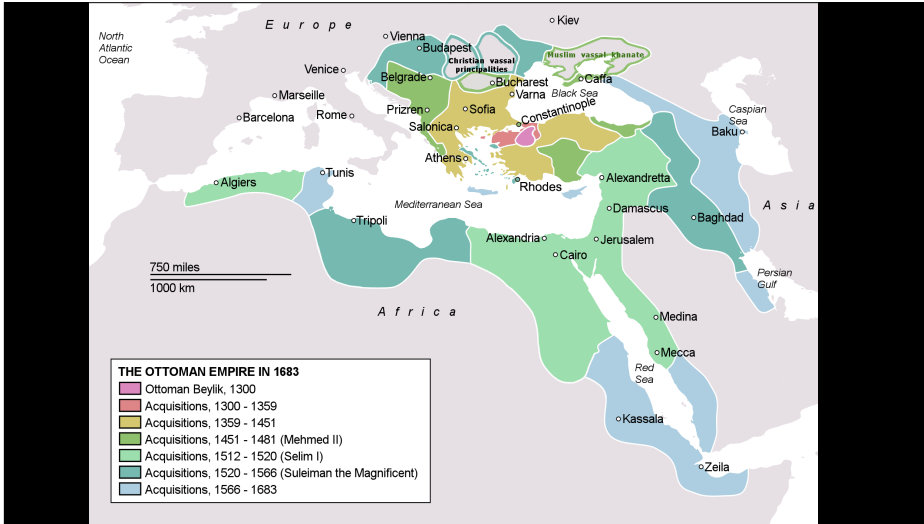


What Went Wrong?
 As Europe emerged from the dark ages, Islam was the unrivaled economic power and military power and the height of civilization . . .
 But now!??



Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab (1703 — 1792)

- When faced with exile, forged an alliance with the Saudi family
- The Qur'an and sunna are supreme. No ruler can alter the sharia in any way. It came from Allah!
- Urged a return to the ways of the *salaf*, the "predecessors."
- All objects of worship — things or people — that take Allah's place are to be destroyed.
- Willing to use violence, if needed.
- But — marginal influence in Islam for 200 years.





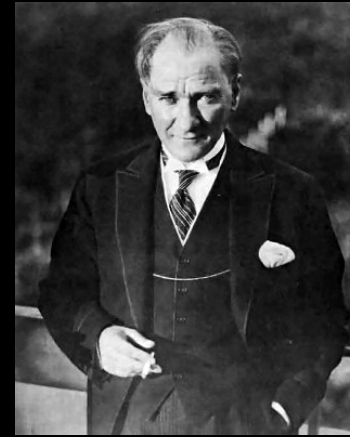
Two ways forward. Which will it be?

The way of the west
Modernism
secularization
education
nationalism
liberalism

the modernists

Return to the true
Islam, embracing
the way of their
righteous
predecessors, the
Salaf

the *salafi*, aka the
Islamists



Mustafa Kemal Ataturk
first president of Turkey after WW1

embraced the West, modernism,
liberal democracy (after a fashion)
abolished the Caliphate in 1924



Muhammad Rashid Rida
1865-1935

Began as a modernist, but slowly came to embrace the salafist ideology. When Ataturk abolished the Caliphate, Rida wrote that Islam “does not really exist unless an independent and strong Islamic state is established which could apply the laws of Islam and defend it against foreign opposition and domination.”



Hassan al-banna

1906 - 1949

Egyptian

Founder of the Muslim Brotherhood

- Emphasized the threat to Islam posed by European ideas and education.
- Used the Qur’anic term *da’wa* to mean the call to the work for the revival of true Islam, including extensive social services.
- Called for jihad to drive unbelievers from Islamic lands and then on to the rest of the world. The goal — the salvation of humankind.
- The Muslim Brotherhood began as a political party, but from the beginning was characterized by calls to *da’wa* and *jihad*.

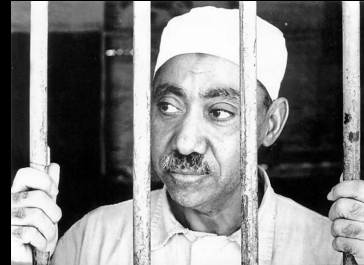


Sayyid Abdul A'la Mawdudi

1903 - 1979

Indian

- Believed in political pursuit of an Islamic state but also believed that it would come to war.
- Modernity and liberalism are the “ignorance” that true muslims combat.
- Nothing is outside the Lordship of Allah — thus nothing must be out of the control of the Islamic state — a la the Taliban.



Sayyid Qtub

1906 - 1966

Egyptian

Most influential Jihadist ideologue in the 20th century
Most influential member of the Muslim Brotherhood

