

*Important Dates*  
*Diana Steigerwald Diversity in Islamic History*

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**Annex**  
**Important Dates and Dynasties**

The Prophet, c. 570-632

- Muhammad in Makka c. 570-622
- 622 Migration (Hijra) to Madīna; first year of Islamic calendar
- Muhammad in Madīna 622-632
- 624 Battle of Badr (victory for Muslims)
- 625 Battle of Uhud (defeat for Muslims)
- 627 Battle of the Trench (victory for Muslims)
- 628 Treaty of Hdaybiyya

The Rightly Guided Caliphs, 632-661

- Caliphate of Abū Bakr 632-634
- Caliphate of ‘Umar 634-644
  - 636 Muslims conquer Syria.
  - 638 Muslims conquer Persia and Jerusalem.
  - 641 Muslims conquer Alexandria (Egypt).
- Caliphate of ‘Uthmān 644-656
- Caliphate of ‘Alī 656-661
  - First *fitna* (civil war): ‘Ā’isha leads opposition forces against the Caliph ‘Alī.

The Twelver Shī‘ī Imāms, 632-940

The Nizārī Ismā‘īlī Imāms, 632-Present

The Umayyad Caliphs, 661-750

- 680 Second *fitna*: martyrdom of Husayn at Karbalā’
- 685-705 Reign of the Caliph ‘Abd al-Malik, builder of the Dome of the Rock (Jerusalem)
- 711 Arabs advance into Spain.

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712-713 Arabs conquer Bukhārā and Samarqand

732 Battle of Poitiers: Charles Martel stops Arab advance into France.

749 Third *fitna*: the ‘Abbāsids overthrow the Umayyads.

#### The ‘Abbāsīd Caliphs, 750-1258

786-809 Golden Age under the Caliph Hārūn al-Rashīd

813-833 Pro-Mu‘tazilite policy of the Caliph al-Ma’mūn

830 Caliph al-Ma’mūn establishes the “House of Wisdom” (*Bayt al-Hikma*)

847-861 The Caliph al-Mutawakkil revokes the decrees in favor of Mu‘tazilites.

The Aghlabids, 800-909

The Sāmānids, 819-1005

The Hamdānids of Aleppo, 944-1004

The Būyid Dynasty in western Iran and Iraq, 934-1062

945 The Shī‘ī Būyids take Baghdad making the Caliph a puppet.

The Ghaznavids, 977-1186

998-1030 Mahmūd of Ghazna invades northern India

1096 Crusades begin.

#### *Islamic Rulers of Spain, 756-1492*

The Umayyad Amīr(s), 756-912

756 Emirate of Cordoba founded by the Umayyad Amīr ‘Abd al-Rahmān

The Umayyad Caliphs, 912-1031

929-961 The Caliph ‘Abd al-Rahmān III establishes the Umayyad Caliphate at Cordoba.

The Mulūk al-Tawā’if (party kingdoms), 1010-1114

The Almoravid (Murābit) Sultāns, 1067-1147

The Mulūk al-Tawā’if, 1144-1266

The Almohad (Muwahhid) Caliphs, 1147-1238

1225 Almohads leave Spain. Only remains the small Muslim Kingdom of Granada (1232-1492).

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#### *Islamic Rulers of North Africa, 789-1163*

The Idrīsids of Morocco, 789-985

The Aghlabids, 800-909

The Shīʿī Fātimid Caliphs, 909-1171

The Almoravid (Murābit) Sultāns, 1067-1147

The Almohad (Muwahhid) Caliphs, 1147-1238

#### The Great Saljūq Sultāns, 1037-1194

1071 Saljūqs defeat the Byzantines at the Battle of Manzikart getting access to Anatolia.

1090-1118 Nizārī Ismāʿīlī uprisings against the Sunnī power.

Saljūq Sultāns of Rūm, 1078-1307

The Khwārazm Shāhs, 1097-1231

#### Mongols rule Central Asia, 1206-1370

1256-1336 Mongol Il-khānids rule Persia.

1256 Fall of Alamūt (South of the Caspian Sea) a Nizārī Ismāʿīlī stronghold

1258 Destruction of Baghdad by Mongols

The Tīmūrids, 1370-1506

#### The Ayyūbid Sultāns, 1169-1252

1171 Salāh al-dīn conquers Egypt restoring Sunnī rule.

1187 Salāh al-dīn expels the crusaders from Jerusalem.

#### *Islamic Rulers of North Africa, 1217-1659*

The Marīnid Amīrs of Morocco, 1195-1465

#### The Mamlūk Sultāns of Egypt and Syria, 1250-1517

The ʿAbbāsid Puppet Caliphs of Egypt, 1261-1517

1260 The Mamlūks defeat the Mongols at the battle of ʿAyn Jālūt in Syria.

1291 End of Crusades

#### The Ottoman Sultāns & Caliphs, 1281-1924

1453 Ottoman Turks conquer Constantinople. The city is renamed Istanbul and becomes the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

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1520–1566 Süleyman the Magnificent rules as Sultān of the Ottoman Empire. The Empire reaches its peak in culture, art, architecture, and laws.

1914-18 Defeat of Ottoman Empire in the First World War

The Shāhs of Iran, 1501-1979

The Safavids, 1501-1736

1501 The Safavids make Twelver Shī'ism the State religion.

The Afsharids, 1736-1750

The Zands, 1750-1794

The Qajars, 1794-1924

1906-08 Constitutional Revolution in Iran

The Pahlavis, 1924-1979

1979 Āyat Allāh Khumainī establishes the Islamic Republic.

Sultāns of Delhi, 1205-1555

Moghul Emperors, 1526-1540 and 1555-1858

1526 Battle of Paniput (India): Bābur, a Tīmūrid prince, becomes the founder of the Moghul Empire.

#### *Modern Islam*

The House of Muhammad 'Alī in Egypt, 1805-1953

The Sanūsī Amīrs & Kings of Libya, 1837-1969

The Sultāns of Oman and Zanzibar, 1754-Present

The Hāshimites, 1827-Present

The 'Alawid Sharīfs, Sultān & Kings of Morocco, 1631-Present

The Husaynid Beys of Tunisia, 1705-1957

The House of Sa'ūd, 1735-Present

The Sultāns of Brunei, 1405-Present