

A - MAKKAH

- Important trade stop & religious center
- People settled there for the water
- Location for the Ka'aba
- Population
 - Jews, Christians, and Arabs

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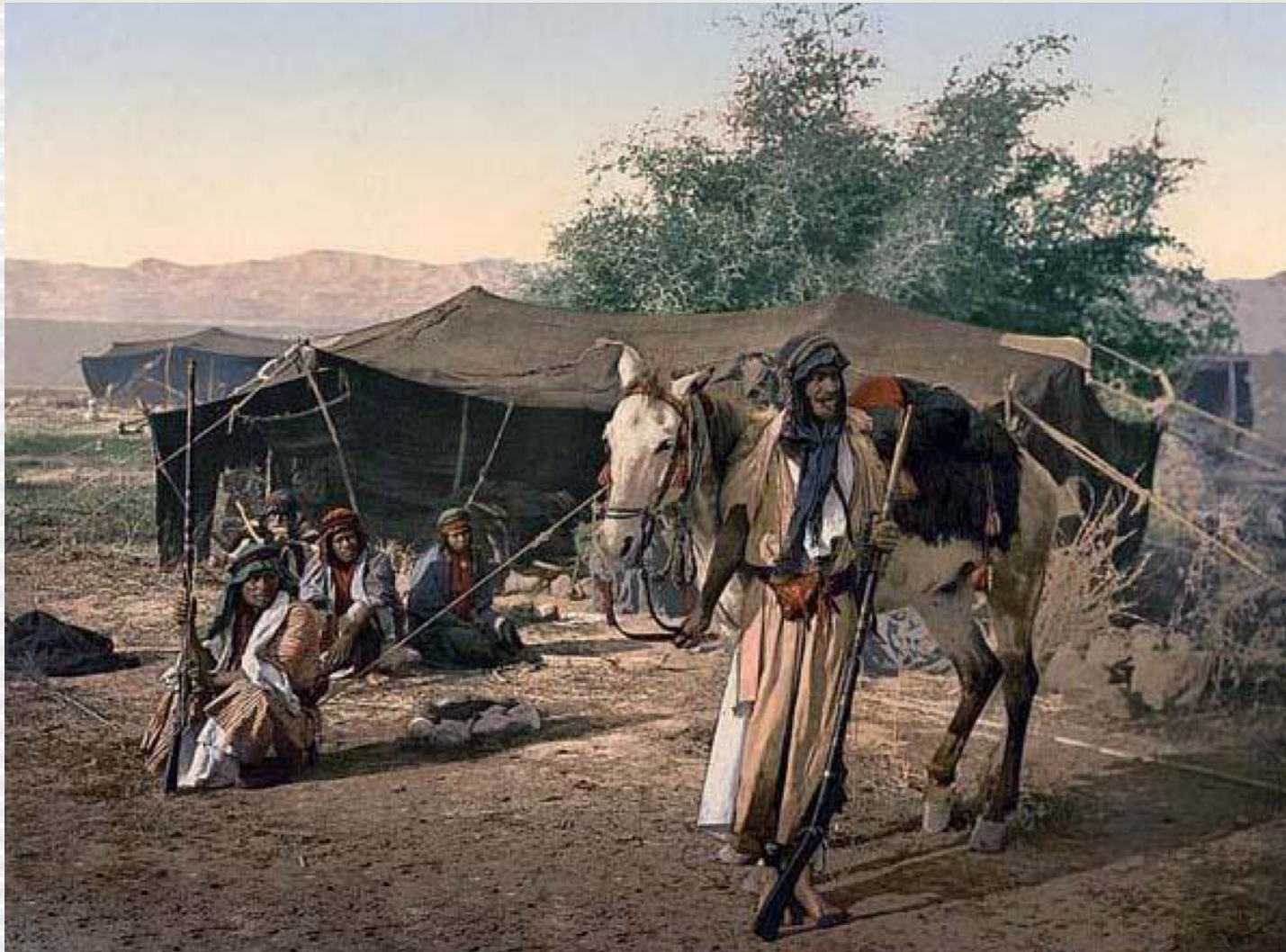




B - ARABS

- Arab- means “wanderer”-Bedouins
- Valued their camels and swords
- Practiced polytheism- believed in many gods.

Bedouin Society

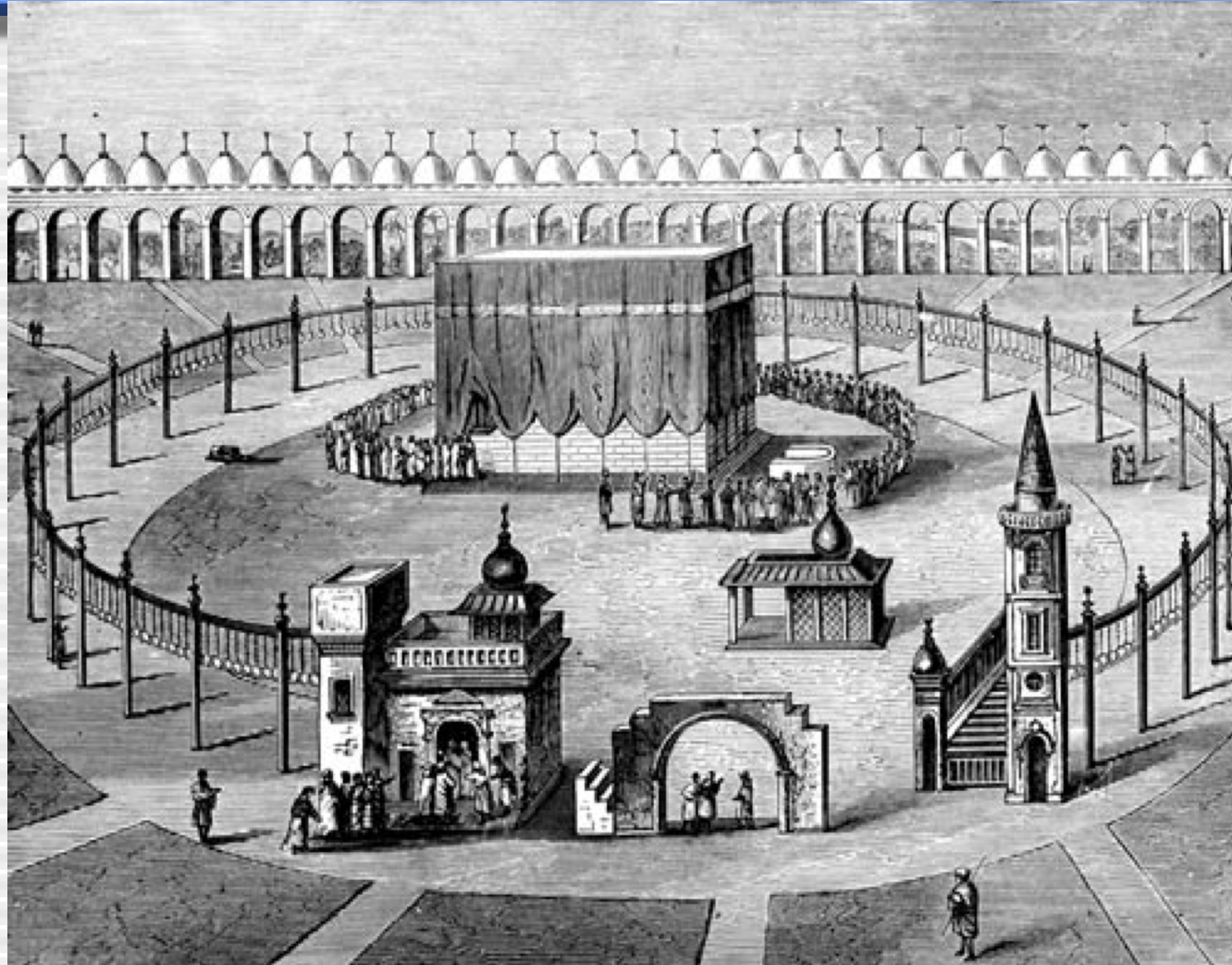


C - QURAYSH

- Powerful local tribe in Mecca
- Encouraged others to deposit their idols in the Kaaba



The Kaaba



MAJOR PROPHETS OF ISLAM

- 6000 B.C. ADAM
- 3000 B.C. NOAH
- 2000 B.C. ABRAHAM
- 1920 B.C. ISHMAEL
- 1907 B.C. ISAAC
- 1850 B.C. JACOB
- 1200 B.C. AARON & MOSES
- 1000 B.C. DAVID
- 950 B.C. SOLOMON

- 20 B.C. JOHN
- 00 JESUS

- 570 A.D. MUHAMMAD

MUHAMMAD' S EARLY LIFE

- Born into the Quraysh tribe c. 570 A.D.
- Angels told parents to name him Muhammad (highly praised)
- Parents died at an early age
- Raised by uncle (powerful member of Qurash)
- Worked for a wealthy widow(Kadisha) and married her
- Had 7 children- only one survived (daughter Fatima)
- Known as a seeker of solitude – ill of the world

THE DIVINE REVELATIONS

- Muhammad received first revelations on his visit to Mt. Hira (circa. 610AD)



Beginnings of Islam

- Neighbor and wife convinced Muhammad he was a prophet
- Learned in another revelation that sinners must submit to the mercy of God. (islam)
- People converted to Islam to follow him

A - MUHAMMAD' S TEACHINGS

1. Only one God
2. All people are equal
3. Rich should share with the poor
4. All people should live a good life
5. All people will be judged on Judgment Day

B - ANGRY MAKKANS

- Muhammad's preaching angered people of Mecca
- Wanted to make people give up their gods and idols
- Critical of wealthy merchants

PROTECTION FOR THE PROPHET

- He was able to remain in Mecca because of his powerful family.

A - THE HIJRAH

- Muhammad left Mecca when his wife died & the people of Mecca tried to kill him
- Traveled to Medina, an oasis city
- This journey marks the beginning of Islam (to submit to the will of God)



Medina

SAUDI ARABIA

NORTH

0 250 500 750

Kilometres

B - MUHAMMAD'S WELCOME

- Prophet was welcomed by the Jews and Arabs in Medina
- Both groups hoped Muhammad would prevent a civil war
- Believers of Muhammad called themselves Muslims (people who submit to the will of God)

C - CONFLICT IN MADINAH

- Muhammad hoped to win new converts
- Some Jews did not accept Muhammad as God's new prophet
- Jews who opposed him were expelled from the city

THE BATTLE OF BADR

- QURAYSH

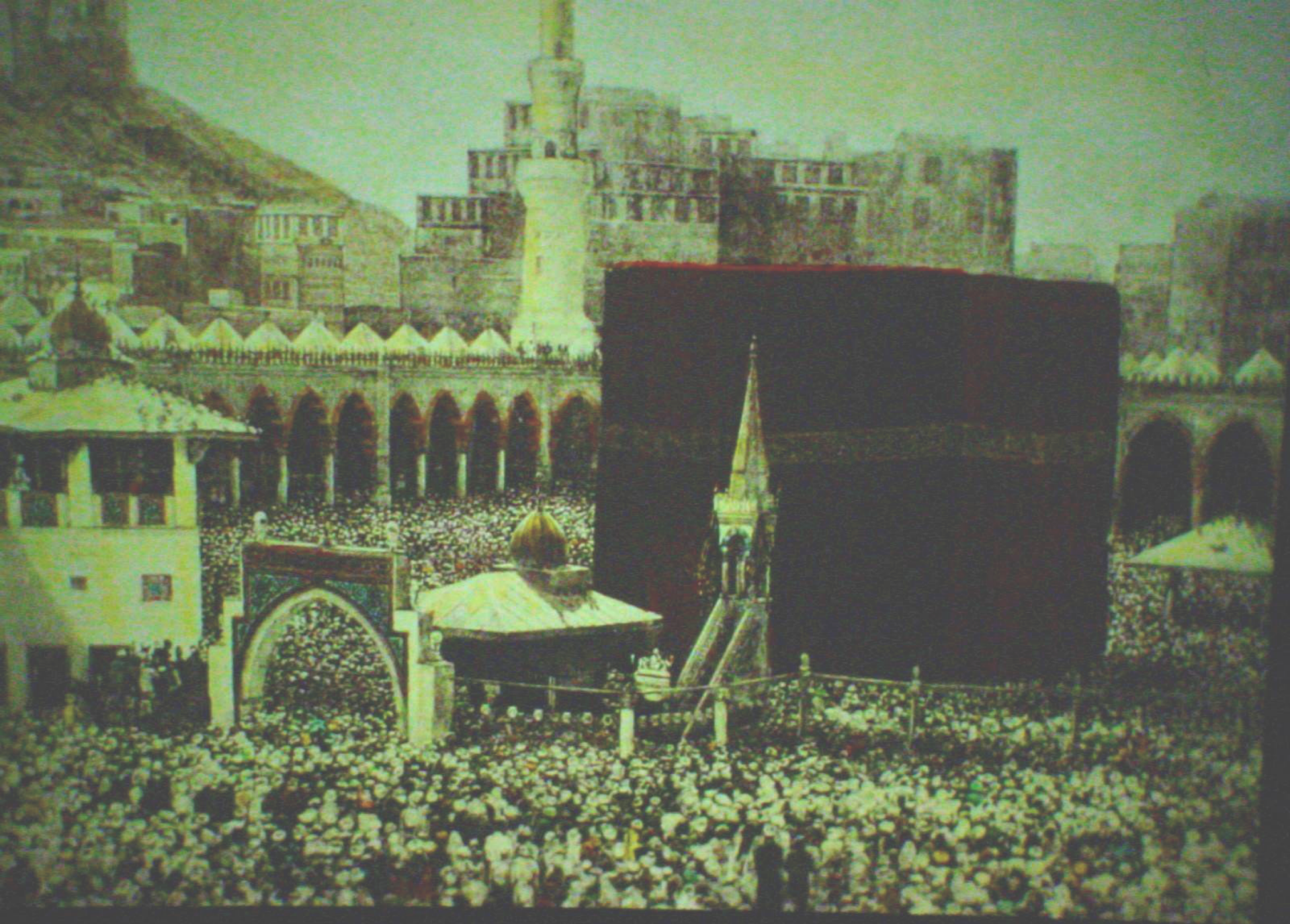
- As more people accepted Islam, the Quraysh became hostile towards the Muslims

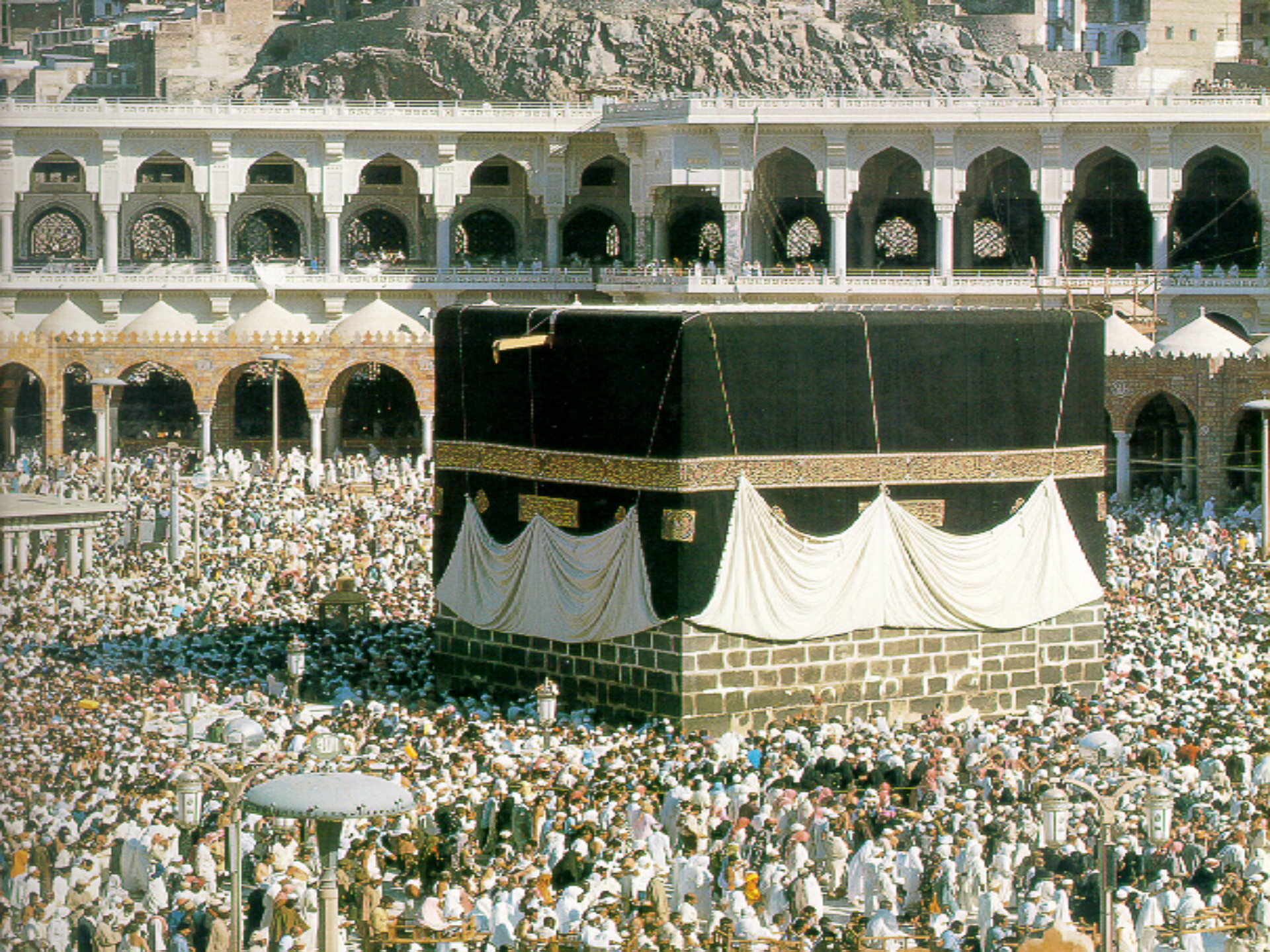
- MUHAMMAD & HIS FOLLOWERS

- Muhammad's army won the battle even though they were outnumbered

OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE OF BADR

- More battles were fought after the Battle of Bakr
- Muhammad and his supporters captured Mecca in 630 A.D.
- 360 idols in the Ka'aba were destroyed. The Kaaba was rededicated to Allah.
- Muhammad led a pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca
- Muhammad died in 632 A.D.

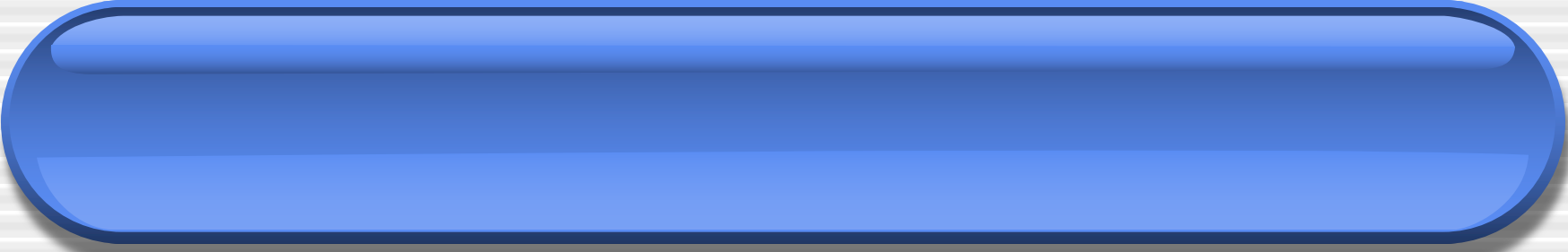






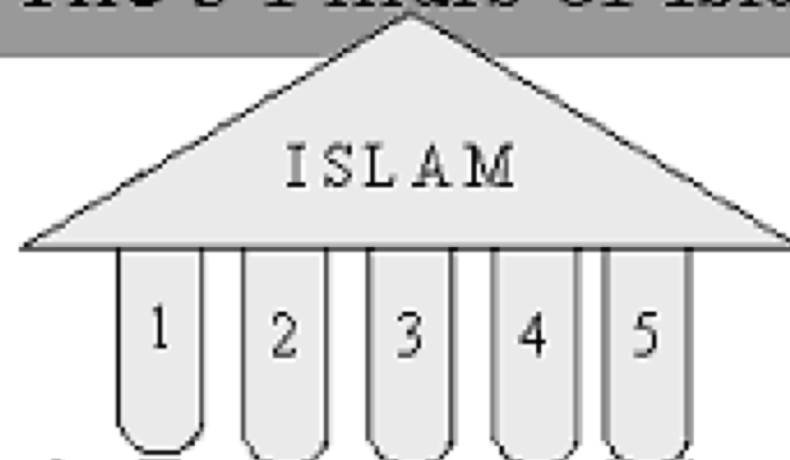
THE FIVE PILLARS OF FAITH

- Rules and duties of Muslims to live by.
- Quran -- the revelations from Allah to Muhammad
- Sunna -- the life and teachings of Muhammad

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- FAITH
 - Only ONE God and Muhammad is His prophet
 - PRAYER
 - Pray 5 times a day, everyday
 - SHARING
 - Give to the poor
 - FASTING
 - From sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan
 - PILGRIMAGE
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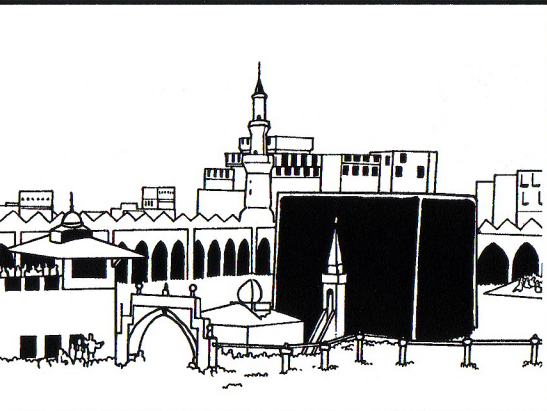
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The 5 Pillars of Islam



1. **Shahada**- Testimony and declaration of faith
 2. **Salah**- Prayer 5 times a day
 3. **Zakat**- 2 1/2% charity to the poor
 4. **Saum**- Fasting during the month of Ramadan
 5. **Hajj**- Pilgrimage to Mecca at least once a lifetime
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Slide 1.2F: Islam as a Way of Life



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