

Chapter 1 Section 2: The Rise and Spread of Islam

Study Guide

Things to Study

1. Explain what were nomads and explain how they made a living.

Nomads were people who moved from place to place and did not have a permanent home. They herded animals or worked as caravan guides.

2. Explain what the hijra is.

The hijra is the early movement of Muslims from Mecca to Yathrib

3. Explain what a Bedouin is.

Bedouins were nomads who were people that moved from place to place without a home. Sometimes would steal Meccan merchants trading goods.

4. Explain how Islam spread.

Islam spread because of merchants taking the religion with them when traveling, Muhammad united the Arabs into one community, Islam promised a new way of life.

5. Explain why the location of Mecca was important.

Mecca's location is important because it is located at a crossroads of trade.

6. Explain Muhammad's early life.

Muhammad grew up poor, he lost his parents at age 7, became an orphan, raised by his uncle, and worked for a caravan and his wife for a living.

7. Explain who Muhammad married and how he met her.

Muhammad married Khadijah, and he met her when he was working in the caravan, she owned the caravan Muhammad worked for.

8. Explain what the mission of Muhammad was.

To submit yourself to the one and only true God, and to obey this one true God.

9. Explain why few Meccans listened to Muhammad

Few Meccans listened to Muhammad, his teachings went against their beliefs about gods. Muhammad believed in only one God, while other Meccans believed in many gods and idols

10. Explain Islam's view of other religions.

respected the other religions and allowed them to practice their own faiths

11. Explain what all happened after the hijra.

the year of the hijra 622 became year 1 on the Muslim calendar and Yathrib was changed to Medina

12. Explain what the people believed in before Muhammad's teachings?

they worshiped many gods, many of these gods were idols or false gods.

13. How did Muhammad find out about his mission in life?

on one of his trips to the hills an angel came and commanded Muhammad to proclaim the message of God

14. Explain what the Kabah is.

was a cube-shaped building in the center of Mecca. It held a rock known as the Black Stone, a meteorite that fell from space. it was sacred to the Meccans.

15. Explain the geography of the Arabian Peninsula and how it affected the Arab culture.

the desert takes up most of the Arabian Peninsula and it was surrounded by bodies of water on all three sides. Forced the people to be nomads, and merchant traders because the land was not fertile for agriculture.