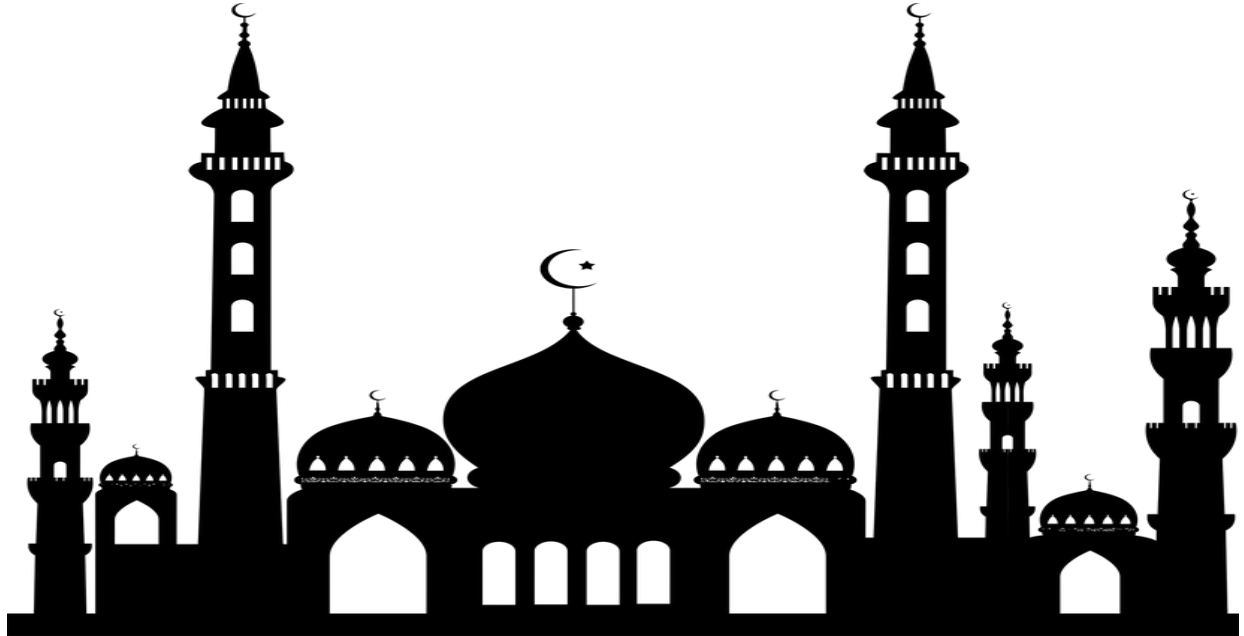


# Islamic Empire Notes



Unlike Christianity, Judaism, and the other world religions that we have studied, Islam was not only a religion, but also a militaristic empire. At its beginning and early expansion, Islam used conquest and trade to spread the empire and culture. As we have heard already today in our lesson, Muhammad returned to Mecca, militarily and conquering, destroying much of the city.

Islam was 'born' roughly 500 years after Christianity, and Christianity had already spread through the Roman Empire and beyond.