

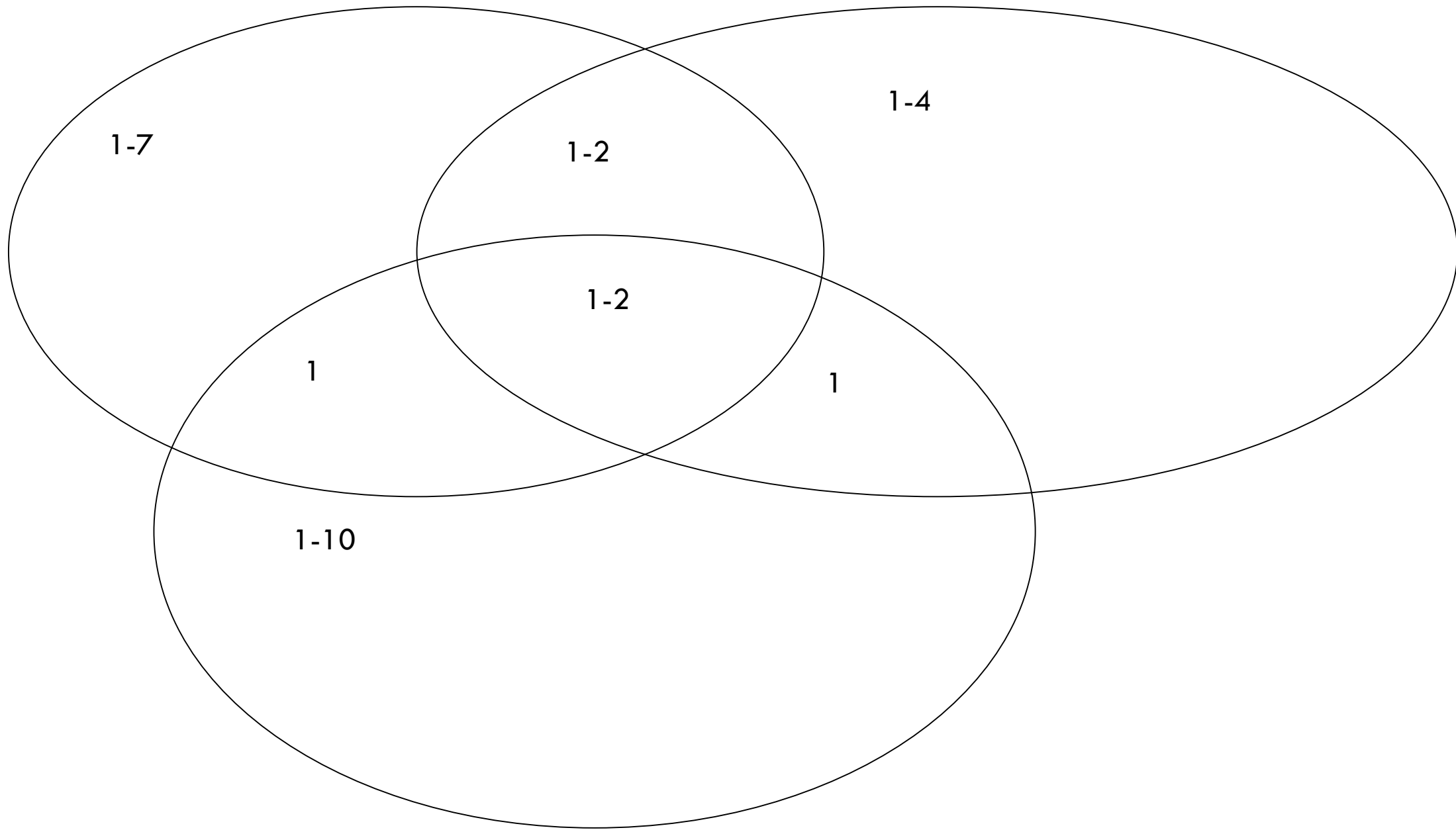
RELIGIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Judaism, Christianity, Islam




CAN YOU PAIR EACH SYMBOL WITH THE RELIGION?



- What Religions are represented in the images above?
- Which religion is the oldest, middle, and newest?



WHAT DO THESE RELIGIONS HAVE IN COMMON?

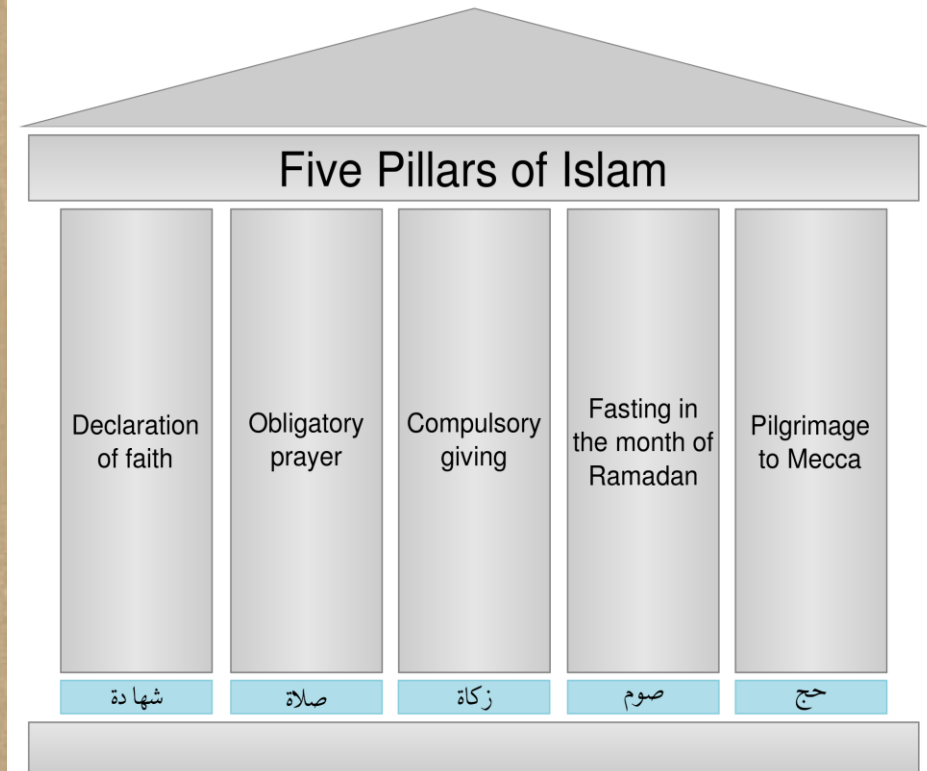
Religion	How many gods?	Holy Books?	Code of Conduct	Practices
Judaism 	<u>One-Monotheistic (God)</u>	<u>Torah</u>	<u>Ten Commandments</u>	<u>Saturday with Rabbis in a synagogue</u>
Christianity 	One-Monotheistic (God)	<u>Bible</u> (Old/New Testament)	Ten Commandments	<u>Sunday with Priests, ministers and pastors at church</u>
Islam 	One-Monotheistic (<u>Allah</u>)	<u>Qur'an</u>	<u>Five Pillars of Faith</u>	<u>Friday with Imans at a Mosque</u>

WHAT IS A “CODE OF CONDUCT”?



The Ten Commandments

- I. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
- III. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day
- IV. Honor your father and your mother.
- V. You shall not kill.
- VI. You shall not commit adultery.
- VII. You shall not steal.
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

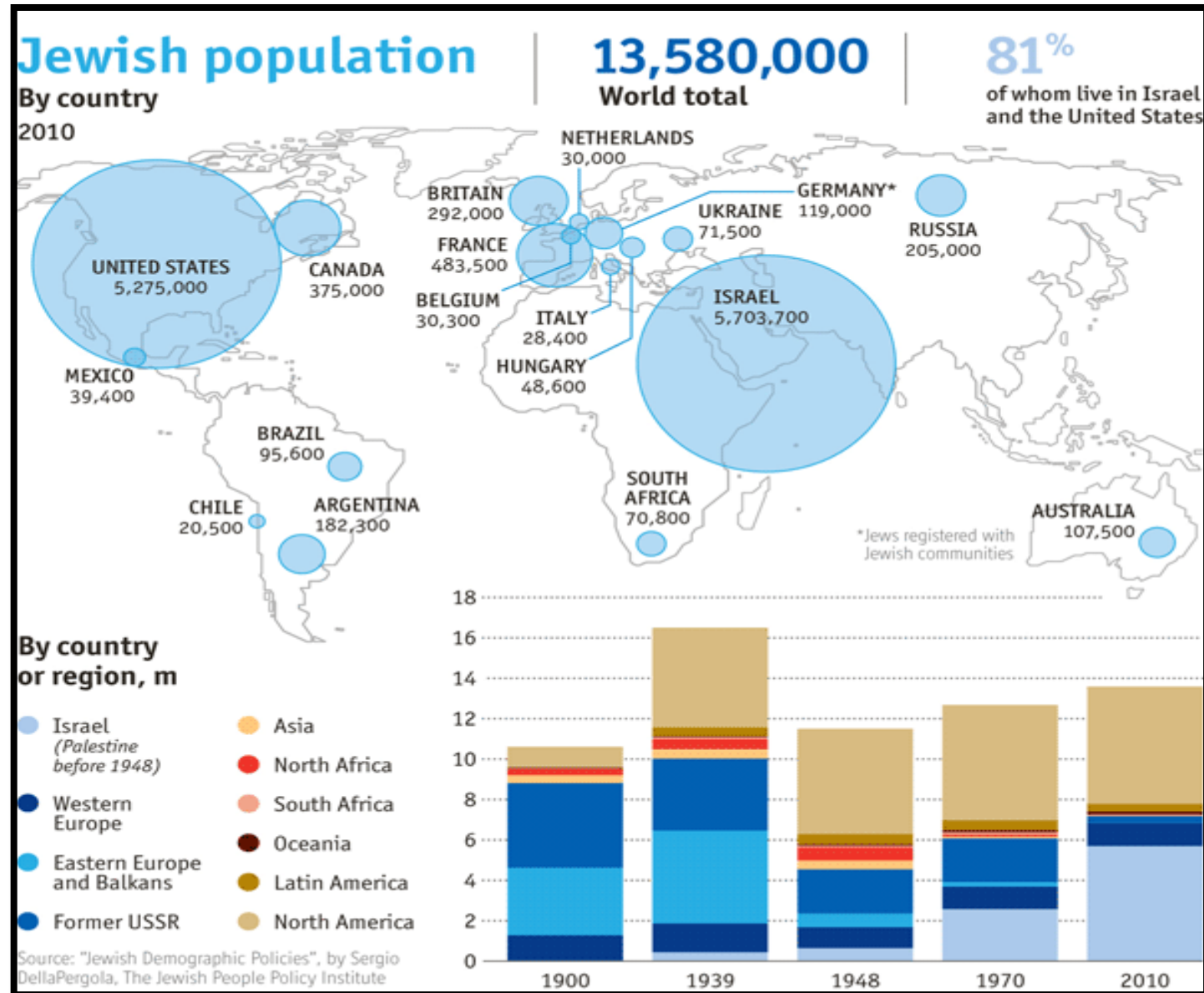


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Religion	Holy Sites	Leaders of Faith	Specifics	Country of	Beliefs
Judaism 	<u>Jerusalem</u> <u>Wailing Wall</u>	<u>Abraham</u> <u>Jesus</u> (both really strong leaders but not Godly)	<u>Speak Hebrew</u> <u>No Pork</u> <u>4 Major Sects</u>	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Peace</u>
Christianity 	<u>Jerusalem</u> <u>Holy Sepulcher</u>	<u>Jesus Christ</u>	<u>60 Large Sects - (Catholicism)</u> Resurrection of Jesus	<u>No Official Country</u>	<u>Peace</u> <u>Hell and Paradise</u>
Islam 	<u>Jerusalem, Mecca,</u> <u>Dome of the Rock</u>	<u>Muhammad</u> and <u>Abraham</u>	<u>Pray 5 times a day</u> <u>Pilgrimage to Mecca</u> <u>2 Major Sects</u>	<u>Iran, Saudi Arabia,</u> <u>Iraq,</u> (and many others)	<u>Peace</u> <u>Hell and Paradise</u>

GLOBAL JEWISH POPULATION AND SPREAD

- Judaism is the smallest of the 3 religions.
- Judaism spread through emigration/captivity/expulsion
- After the Holocaust, most Jews relocated to Israel and the United States
- The massive influx (1930-1940's) to what is today Israel caused extreme tension in Palestine



GLOBAL SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY

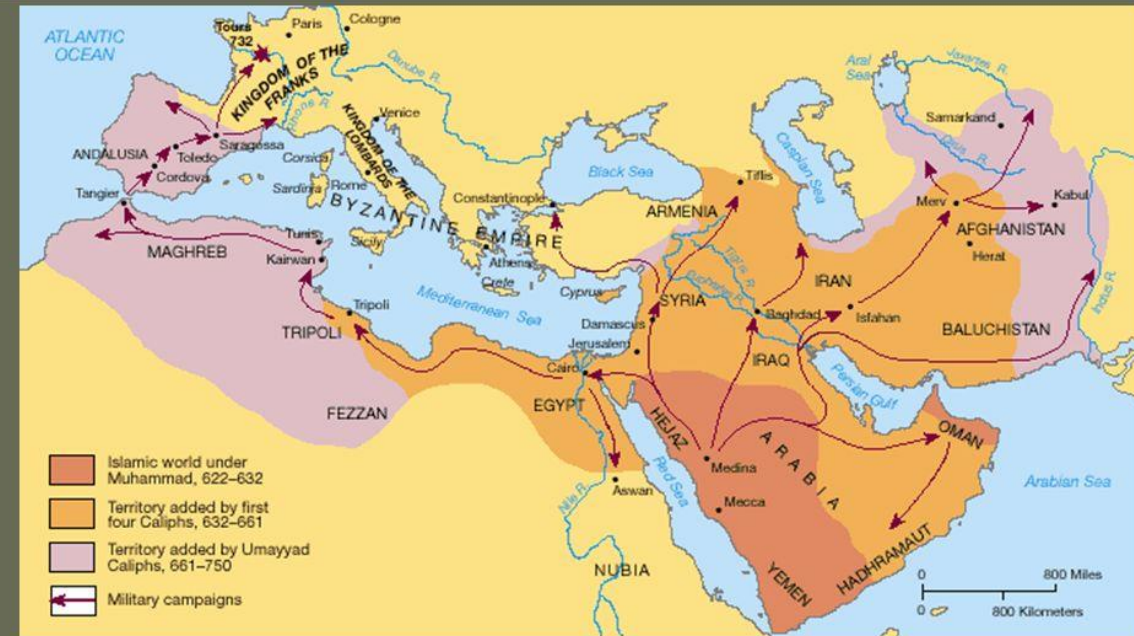
- Initially expanded throughout the Mediterranean region and into Europe.
- Brought to the New World during exploration and conquest
- Significant modern growth in Sub-Saharan Africa / Asia Pacific regions and around the world.



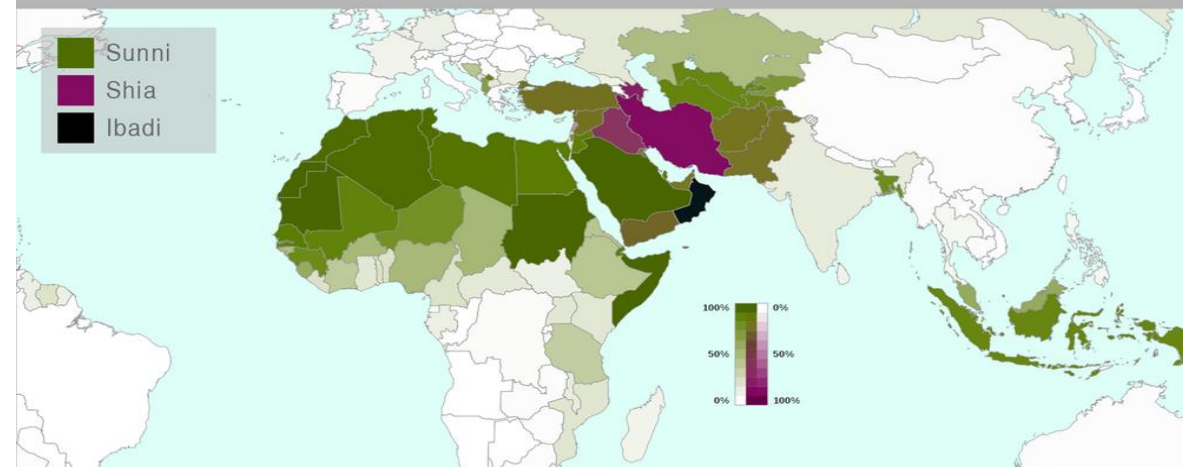
GLOBAL SPREAD OF ISLAM

- Islam was a unifying force in the Arabian Peninsula.
- Spread east, often by trade (Indonesia, Malaysia). West, mainly through conquest.
- Spain, Hungary, southeast Europe were all under **Islamic rule** for centuries
- **Current strongholds:** Philippines, Nigeria, Kenya

The Spread of Islam: Where? How? Why?



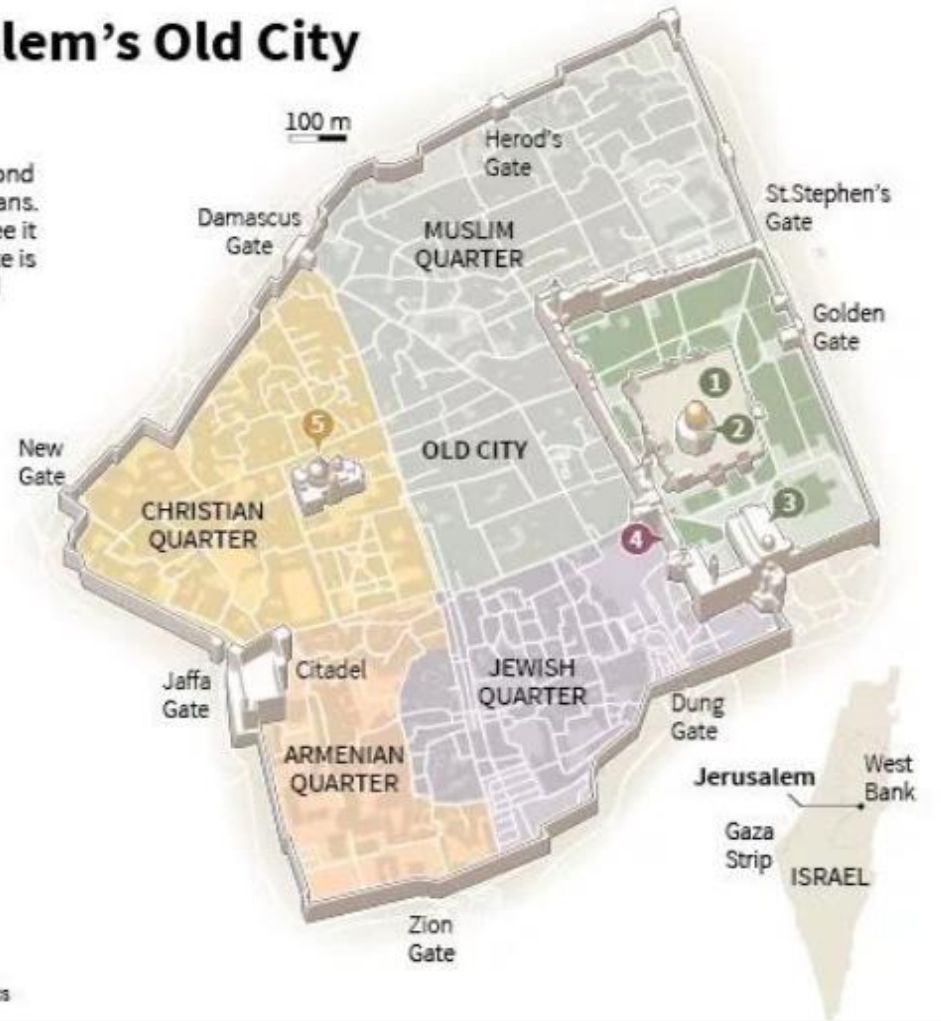
Islam around the world



JERUSALEM HOLDS SOME OF THE HOLIEST SITES FOR JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS.

Holy sites in Jerusalem's Old City

- 1 Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary**
Jews call the 35-acre compound Temple Mount because it was the site of their Second Temple, which was destroyed by the Romans. Muslims call it the Noble Sanctuary and see it as the third most Holy site in Islam. The site is controlled by Muslims but some Jews and Israelis want the right to pray there.
- 2 Dome of the Rock**
Islamic tradition says that the Prophet Mohammad ascended to heaven on a winged horse from this spot.
- 3 Al-Aqsa Mosque**
The third holiest in Islam after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.
- 4 Western Wall**
The last remnant of the Second Temple compound and one of the holiest sites in Judaism.
- 5 Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
Christians believe the church marks the sites where Jesus Christ was crucified and buried.



Sources: XPlore Jerusalem | C. Inton, F. Chan/ReutersGraphics

WESTERN WALL/ WAILING WALL

1. It is the only remains of the **Second Temple of Jerusalem** and is uniquely holy to Jews.
2. It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 ce.
3. Also known as the **Wailing Wall**, it is a major site of **pilgrimage** for Jews around the world – with over 1 million **pilgrims** visiting each year.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

Christian Holy Site

1. The site is said to be where **Jesus** was crucified and killed.
2. It is also believed by Christians to be the site of the Jesus' **tomb** and **the resurrection into Heaven**.
3. Located in the **Christian Quarter** of Jerusalem
4. It was **partially destroyed** in 1099 by the Fatimid Caliphate.
5. Throughout history, a **Jordanian Muslim** family keeps the keys and premises safe



DOME OF THE ROCK / AL AQSA MOSQUE/ NOBLE SANCTUARY

Islamic Holy Sites

The site is where **Mohammad** is traditionally believed to have **ascended into Heaven**.

It was completed in **691 ce**, with modifications by several Islamic empires.

The grounds are built on what Jews call the Temple Mount. They include **The Dome of the Rock**, gardens, the **Al Aqsa Mosque** and the **Noble Sanctuary**.

This is currently a **flashpoint** between Jewish and Muslim worshippers and source of tension

