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The CALIPHATE : ZENITH

The Umayyad Dynasty (661 – 750 AD)

MU'AWIYA Umayyad (r. 661 – 680) from the Quraysh tribe
-leader of the Sunnis
-moves capital of the Caliphate to DAMASCUS
-death of Ali's son, HASAN (670)

Yazid I (r. 680 - 683)
-murder of Ali's son, Hussain (680) on his way to Kufa
> the ASHURA Day of Mourning (for Shia)

Mu'awiya II (r. 683 - 684)
Marwan (r. 684 - 685)

Abd al-MALIK (r. 685 - 705)
-the DOME of the ROCK in Jerusalem / Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem
-“Mohammed's Night Journey”

Al-Walid I (r. 705 - 715)
-invasion of the Iberian peninsula (711 >)
-Tariq ibn Ziyad > Jabal-al-Tariq

Sulayman (r. 715 - 717)
-siege of Constantinople (717 - 718)

Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz (r. 717 - 720)
Yazid II (r. 720 - 724)
Hisham (r. 724 - 743)
-Battle of Tours / Battle of Poitiers (732) / Charles Martel

Al-Walid II (r. 743 - 744)
Yazid III (r. 744)
Marwan II (r. 744 - 750)

Christian, Jewish and Persian (non-Muslim) subjects
were called *dhimmi* subjects > “the protected ones”
and they were obligated to pay a poll tax, the *jizya*

Diwan / Divan = a council of advisors to the Caliph

Wazir / Vizier = the prime minister of the Caliph

The ABBASID Dynasty (750 – 1258 AD)

The Abbasid family descended from Abbas, an uncle of Mohammed

The Abu Muslim revolt (747 >)

Abu al-Abbas as-SAFFAH / the “Shedder of Blood” (r. 749 – 754)
-first Abbasid caliph

-last Umayyad caliph (Marwan II) killed (750)
-flight of surviving Umayyad prince to Spain

al-MANSUR (r. 754 – 775) / 2nd Abbasid caliph

-BAGDAD (near Babylon)
-great Shia / Shi’ite center

HARUN al-RASHID (763 / r. 786 – 809) / 5th Abbasid caliph
-ZUBAIDA

-the BARMACIDE family (Barmaki)
-Ja’far al-Barmaki and Abbasa

-Charlemagne
-Byzantine Empress Irene

The height of Islamic civilization (800s to early 900s AD)
-great advances in mathematics, astronomy, medicine and the arts

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