



Course: World Religions, Cults and Heresies
Section One: Christianity and World Religions
Lesson Four (Supplement)
Title: Islam

Life of Muhammad
Timeline

Pre-Hijra

- c. 570 Muhammad is born in Mecca.
Father (Abdullah) died 6 months before his birth;
- c.576 Mother (Amina) died 6 years after his birth – lived with grandfather for 2 years
- c.578 Brought up by uncle Abu Talib.
- 594 Employed by a wealthy widow Khadijah (a distant relative)
- c.595 Married Khadijah – she was about 15 years older than Muhammad and twice widowed.
- Before 610 Begins meditating for long periods in a cave on Mount Hira near Mecca.
Appalled by the apostasy in Mecca
- c. 610 Receives his first vision. Angel Gabriel told him to make recitations. (Koran 96:1-5)
Receives more revelations.
Khadijah believes Muhammad but he keeps revelations secret from those outside his family.
- c. 613 Begins preaching the revelations in Mecca.
Preaches monotheism.
Muhammad persecuted and attacked
- c.619 Khadijah dies.

Post Hijra

- 622 Muhammad and his followers flee to Medina (Yathrib). - Hijra.
Beginning of the Islamic Calendar (AH, Anno Hegirae)
- 624 Battle of Badr - Muslims overcome Meccans.
- 625 Battle of Uhud – Muslims defeated by Meccans.
- 627 Battle of the Trench and the Siege of Medina.
- 628 Treaty of Hudaibiyya made between Muslims and Meccans. Gives Muslims access to Holy site - the Kaaba at Mecca.
- 630 Muslims march on Mecca. City is taken without fighting..
Kaaba and pilgrimage rites become Islamic.
Arabian tribes ally with Muhammad
Muhammad returns to Medina.
- 632 Makes pilgrimage to Mecca. The first Muslim Hajj. Joined by tens of thousands.
- 632 June 8, Muhammad dies in Medina.
Buried in the mosque in Medina.

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