

**UNDERSTANDING MUHAMMAD**

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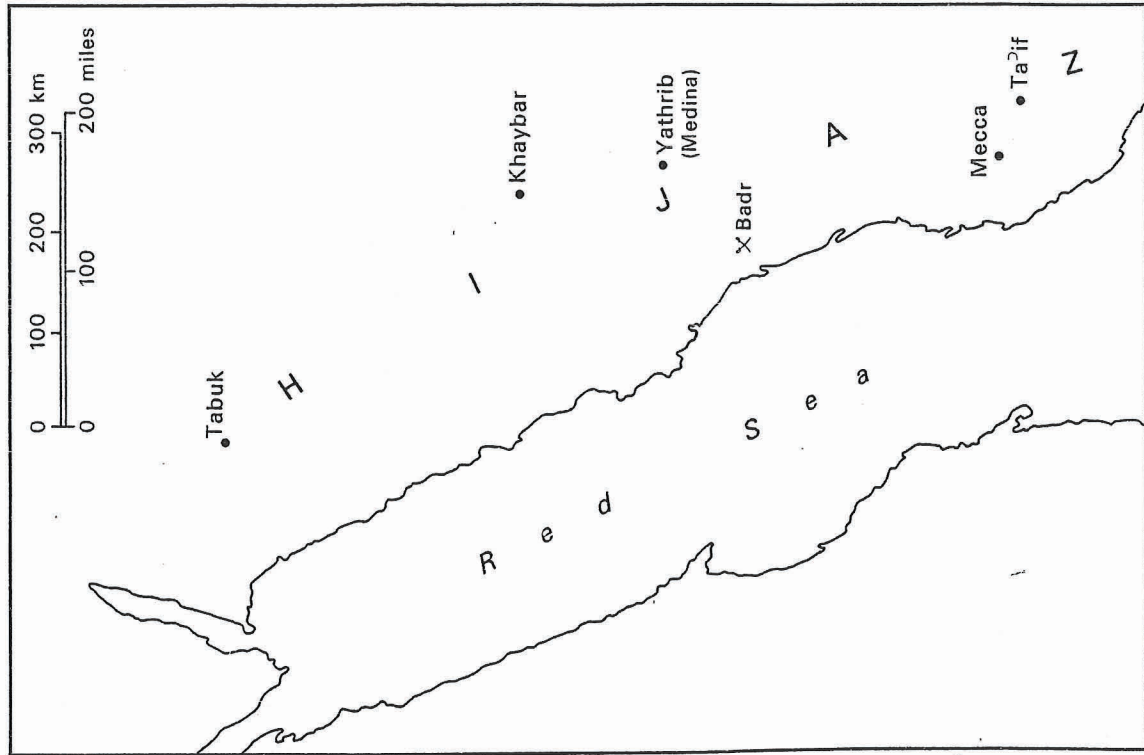
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## The life of Muhammad

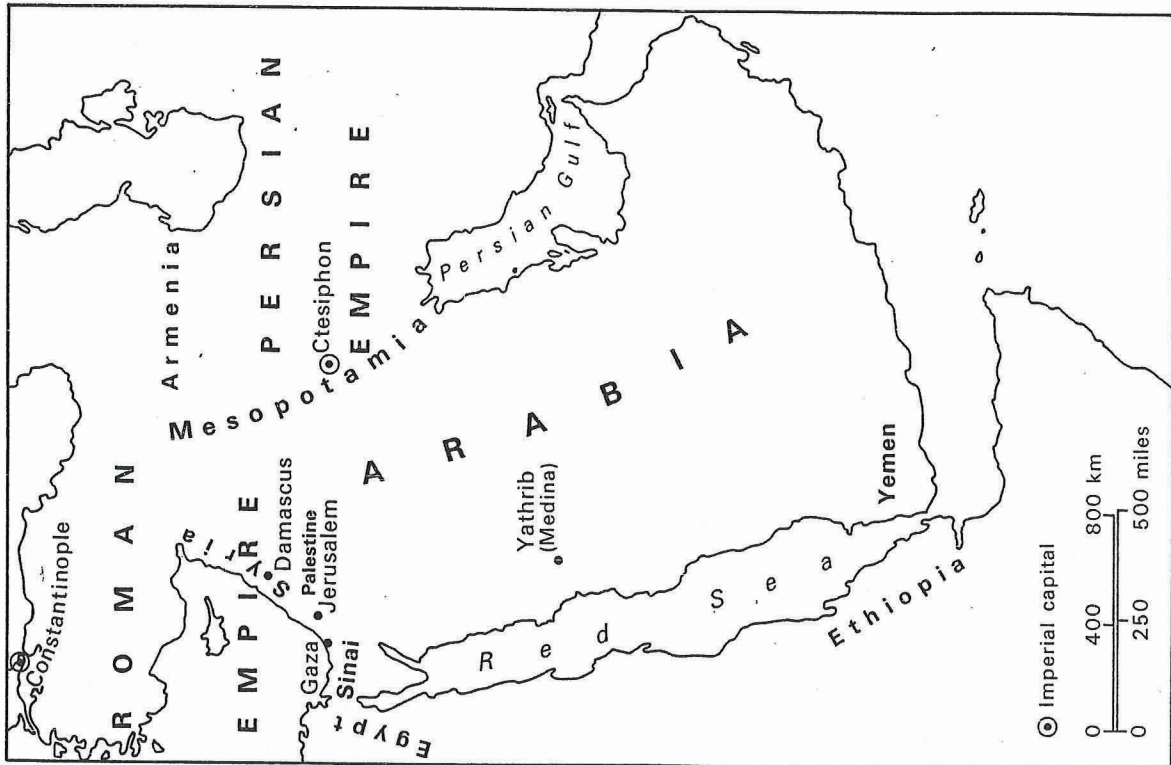
c. 570 A.D.	birth in Mecca
c. 610	beginning of revelation
622	migration ( <i>hijra</i> ) from Mecca to Medina
627-8	raid on the Banū 'l-Muṣṭaliq
630	submission of Mecca
632	death in Medina

## Other events

631	death of 'Abdallāh ibn Ubayy
632	death of Thābit ibn Qays
634	beginning of Muslim conquests outside Arabia
c. 650	collection of the Koran
676	death of Juwayriya
678	death of 'Ā'isha
697	minting of first reform coins
767-8	death of Ibn Ishāq
823	death of Wāqidī



Western Arabia



The Middle East









A silver coin (*dirham*, ultimately from Greek *drachma*) minted in Balkh (near Mazār-i Sharif in northern Afghanistan) in the year 115 of the Hijra (= 733-4 AD).



Note: Everything written on this coin is Koranic bar the passage underlined. Actual size: bottom right.

OBVERSE (on left):

In the center:  
“There is no god but God alone, without companion.”

Surrounding the above:  
“In the name of God! This dirham was minted in Balkh in the year fifteen and a hundred.”

REVERSE (on right):

In the center:  
“He is God, One, God, the Everlasting Refuge, who has not begotten, and has not been begotten, and equal to Him is not any one.” (Sūra 112)

In the margin:  
“Muhammad is the Messenger of God, whom He has sent with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may uplift it above every religion, though the unbelievers be averse.”

