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Key points of early theology

Surah 96:1–5 – Allah is Creator of all things and is grantor of true knowledge

Surah 112:1–4 - Allah is the one and only god, there is no other; he neither begets nor is born

Surah 99:6–8 - God will judge man based on his works

Surah 74:1–7 – Live lives that glorify Allah; avoid uncleanness, do not bribe or flatter for gain

Surah 107:1–3 - Care for the poor, the orphan and the oppressed and think not that riches reflect good standing with God.

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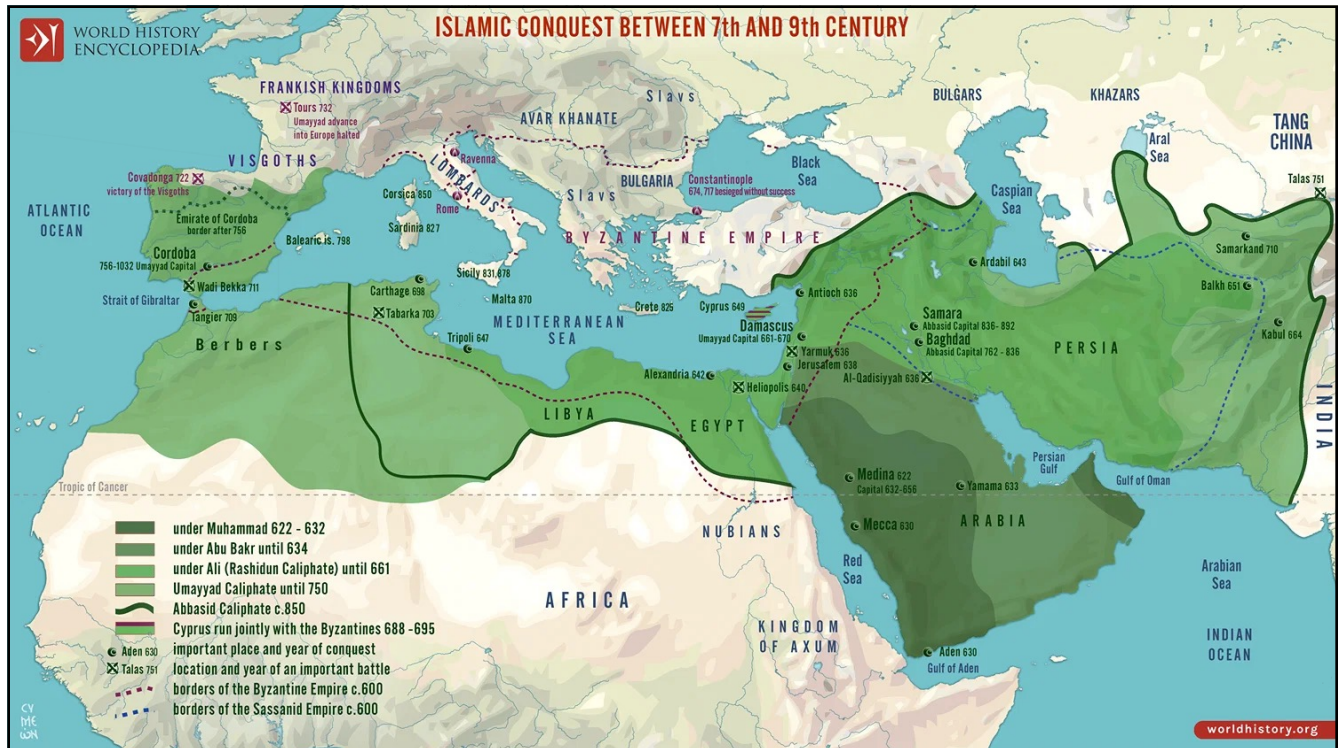
Justifying raids

- They may fight against those who oppressed them
- The raids were recompence for losses they incurred in their escape from Mecca
- Acquiring “war booty” is good because it results from just warfare against an enemy
- Breaking tradition was wrong, but it corrected the greater evil of rejecting Allah and keeping Muslims out of Mecca

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Surah 9:5

"And when the sacred months have passed, then kill the polytheists wherever you find them and capture them and besiege them and sit in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they should repent, establish prayer, and give zakah, let them [go] on their way. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

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Justifying “holy war”

Surah 9:29

"Fight those who do not believe in Allah or in the Last Day and who do not consider unlawful what Allah and His Messenger have made unlawful and who do not adopt the religion of truth from those who were given the Scripture—[fight] until they give *the jizyah* willingly while they are humbled."

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Stages of expansion

Stage 1 - Infiltration

Stage 2 – Consolidate power

Stage 3 – Impose Sharia Law

Stage 4 – Enforce Islamic Theocracy