## THE LIFE OF MUHAMMAD

- 570 Muhammad born in Mecca
- 610 Gabriel begins to dictate the Koran to Muhammad
- Muhammad ascends to heaven from "the farthest Mosque" (Jerusalem?) (Mi'raj)
- Muhammad flees to Medina (the Hegira)
- Muhammad wins the Battle of Badr (origin of the guarantee of Paradise for those Muslims who die in battle fighting for Islam)
- Muhammad returns to Mecca in force; overthrows the idols
- 632 Muhammad dies

## THE HISTORY OF ISLAM

- I. <u>ISLAMIC ASCENDANCY</u> (632 1099)
  - 600's -- CONQUERS MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA (638 Jerusalem Conquered)
  - 700's -- ATTACKS WESTERN & EASTERN EUROPE (711 Invasion of Spain)

(732 - Battle of Tours, France)

- 800's -- ATTACKS SOUTH CENTRAL EUROPE
  - (846 Attack on Rome)
- 900's -- LOSES ASIA MINOR & SYRIA (988 -- Vladimir adopts Christianity)
- II. THE CRUSADES (1099 1291)
- III. OTTOMAN EMPIRE & EUROPEAN COLONIZATION (1300 1924)
  - 1389 -- First Battle of Kosovo
  - 1393 -- Conquest of Bulgaria
  - 1453 -- Conquest of Constantinople
  - 1854 -- Crimean War against Russia
  - 1924 -- Secular Republic of Turkey Founded
- IV. MODERN ERA: ISLAM vs. ISRAEL & THE WEST
  - 1880's -- Jewish settlement of Israel
  - 1915 -- Hussein-McMahon Agreement (British agreement with Arabs to give them the Middle East)
  - 1916 -- Sykes-Picot Agreement (British agreement with France to control the Middle East)
  - 1917 -- Balfour Declaration (British declaration of support for Jews in Palestine)
  - 1922 -- On 9-11, U.S. Congress passes resolution favoring British Mandate
  - 1948 -- Jewish Statehood

