



TIMELINE: THE HISTORY OF ISLAM

- 570 CE Birth of Prophet Muhammad
Year of the Elephant, Abraha's attack on Makkah
- 578 Death of Abd al-Muttalib, the Prophet's grandfather
Prophet Muhammad adopted by uncle Abu Talib and his wife Fatima bint Asad
- 595 Prophet Muhammad's marriage to Khadijah
- 599 Birth of Ali ibn Abi Talib
- 610 First revelation to Prophet Muhammad in the Cave of Hira
Ali ibn Abi Talib declares his Islam at the age of eleven
- 613 The Prophet with young Ali's help arranges *Dawat Dhul-Ashira* ('summoning the family') to introduce the message of Islam
- 616 Makkan boycott of the Banu Hashim clan (Hashimites)
- 619 ***Year of Sorrow*** End of Makkan boycott
Death of Prophet Muhammad's wife Khadijah
Death of Prophet Muhammad's uncle and protector Abu Talib
- 621 *Al-Isra wal-Miraj* ('the night journey and ascension to heaven')
- 622 ***Beginning of the Islamic calendar: the first Hijri year (starting 15 July)***
Migration from Makkah to Medina
Ali ibn Abi Talib sleeps in Prophet Muhammad's bed (on *Laylat al-Mabit*, the night before migration) to thwart an

assassination attempt, ensuring the successful migration to Medina

624 Battle of Badr

Institution of fasting in Ramadan

Ali ibn Abi Talib marries Fatima, the daughter of Prophet Muhammad

625 Battle of Uhud

Birth of Hasan ibn Ali

626 Birth of Hussain ibn Ali

627 Battle of the Trench

628 Conquest of Khaybar

Treaty of Hudaibiyah

629 Battle of Mu'tah

First pilgrimage to Makkah

630 Prophet Muhammad's peaceful conquest of Makkah and rededication of the Kaaba

631 Event of Mubahala

632 Farewell pilgrimage

Event of Ghadir Khumm

Death of Prophet Muhammad

Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (born in 573) selected as the first caliph

Outbreak of the Riddah Wars (Wars of Apostasy)

634 Beginning of the Levant conquest

Death of Abu Bakr

Umar ibn al-Khattab (born in 585) becomes the second caliph

636 Battle of Yarmuk against Byzantine Empire

637–9 Conquest of Jerusalem, Levant and the beginning of the conquest of Egypt

644 Assassination of Umar ibn al-Khattab

Uthman ibn Affan (born in 576) becomes the third caliph

646 Conquest of Egypt

651 Conquest of the Sasanian Empire (Persia)

656 Assassination of Uthman ibn Affan

Ali ibn Abi Talib becomes the fourth caliph

Battle of the Camel (Battle of Basra)

- 657 Battle of Siffin
- 658 Battle of Nahrawan (with Kharijites)
- 661 Assassination of Ali ibn Abi Talib; Hasan ibn Ali becomes caliph
Hasan steps down as caliph, and hands authority to Muawiya ibn Abi Sufyan; Umayyad Caliphate begins
- 670 Assassination of Hasan ibn Ali
- 680 Death of Muawiya ibn Abi Sufyan and, as per his will, transfer of rule to his son Yazid
Death of Hussain ibn Ali in the Battle of Karbala
- 683 Umayyad army sacks Medina and places Makkah under siege
- 750 Rise of the Abbasid Caliphate (descendants of the Prophet's uncle Abbas who drew political support from the Hashim clan) overthrowing the Umayyad Caliphate
- 789 Rise of the Idrisid dynasty (descendants of the Prophet through Hasan ibn Ali and followers of the Shia Twelver school) in Fez, Morocco
- 898 Foundation of the Zaydi (Shia) Imamate in North Yemen
- 900 Foundation of the Qaramatian Ismaili state in Bahrain
- 909 Rise of the Fatimid dynasty (followers of the Shia Ismaili sect and named after the Prophet's daughter Fatima) in North Africa and Egypt
- 945 Rise of the Buyid dynasty (following Shia Twelver school) in Iran and Iraq
- 1299 Rise of the Ottoman Empire established by the Turkish tribes in Anatolia
- 1501 Rise of the Safavid dynasty (followers of the Sunni Shafi'i school who gradually adopted the Shia Twelver school and made it the state religion of Persia)
- 1526 Rise of the Mughal Empire in South Asia
- 1744 Foundation of the first Wahhabi state in central Arabia