

ISLAM 1:  
MOHAMMED

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God created Adam and Hawwa (Eve)

-the angel IBLIS > al-SHAIRAN

-the BURQA

-a winged, horse-like animal with the head of a man

-Ibrahim and the re-building of the Ka'aba

Three Goddesses

Al'Lat -the Mother

Al'Uzza -the Mighty One

Al'Menat -the Goddess of Fate and Time

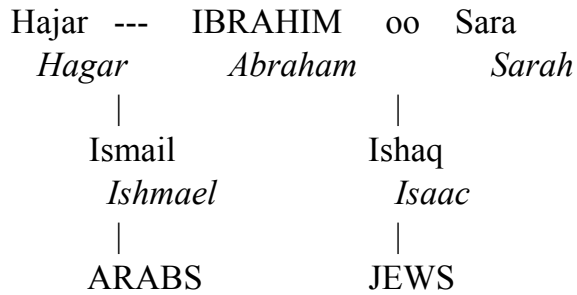
The Legend of the Lost City of "IRAM of the TALL COLUMNS"  
-or the Lost City of Ubar

-“the Atlantis of the Sands”

-the well of Shisr in the Dhofar province of OMAN

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## The Patriarchs



## ARABIA

Bedouin (*Badawiyin*) = “inhabitants of the desert” / (*badiya* = desert)  
-the wisest and strongest man > *shaikh* (translated as “chief”)

Mecca (*Makkah*) (from the Sabean word for “sanctuary”)

-the hub of a prosperous caravan trade  
and of a prosperous pilgrimage trade

-*al ilah* = Allah (“the God”)

-the Ka’aba / Ka’bah

-ancient pilgrimage rites: -circumambulation of the Ka’aba shrine  
-drinking from the well of Zamzam  
-casting stones to drive out the devil  
-animal sacrifice and celebration

-the 360 idols

-the goddesses

-the Quraysh tribe controlled Mecca in Mohammed’s time

MOHAMMED ibn Abdullah (c. 570-632 AD)

-his uncle, Abu Talib

-Khadija oo Mohammed

-Fatima (eventually marries Ali)

-the prophetic visions ( 610 AD > )

-the angel Gabriel (Jibril):

“Recite ! ‘In the name of your Lord,  
who created, created mankind from clotted blood.’

“Recite ! ‘And your Lord is most noble,  
who teaches by the pen,  
teaches mankind what they did not know.’ ”

-*Qur’an / Koran* (“The Recitation”)

-*islam* (“submission”)

-*moslem / muslim* (“one who submits”)

-Abu Bakr (Mohammed’s closest friend and advisor)

-Yathrib > Medinat al-Nabi (“the City of the Prophet”) = MEDINA (“the City”)

-*hijra* (“the Flight” / “the Migration”) / 622 AD

-*umma* = the single, unified Muslim community

-Mohammed marries A’isha (a daughter of Abu Bakr)

-*masjid* (“place of prostration”) = mosque

-*muezzin* (“the proclaimer”)

-*jihad* (“the holy war”)

-“Fight in the cause of Allah  
against those who fight against Him.”

-Those who draw the sword “in the cause of the faith ... will be  
transported to Paradise and revel in eternal pleasure.”

-the “People of the Book”

-Mohammed established a community united not by blood ties (family & clan)  
but united by obedience to a common faith

## Conquest of Mecca

- defeat of Meccan armed forces / 624 AD
- fall of Mecca / 630 AD

## The great sermon on Mt. Arafat (632)

“O ye men ! Harken unto my words and take ye them to heart !  
Know ye that every Moslem is a brother unto every other Moslem, and that ye are now one brotherhood. It is not legitimate for any one of you therefore to appropriate unto himself anything that belongs to his brother unless it is willingly given him by that brother.”

## Death of Mohammed / 632 AD

- the brotherhood of faith
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## More about the Bedouins:

### Book:

**Married to a Bedouin** by [Marguerite van Geldermalsen](#) (2010)

### Internet:

My Jordan Journey: a day with the Bedouin

<http://thetravellingmom.ca/my-jordan-journey-a-day-with-the-bedouin/>

### YouTube:

Arab Life: Desert Dwellers, A Day at Bedouin Camp - Takeoff with Captain

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Bedouin Lifestyle -- Documentary in Wadi Rum, Jordan

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