

Jerusalem, Israel

“city of peace”

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Holy city for 3 Major World Religions...

✧ Christianity/Christian

✧ Judaism/Jewish

✧ Muslim/Islamic



ALL 3 Believe...

- ✧ One “God” created the universe
- ✧ Foretells and “end” when “God” will triumph over the world
- ✧ Recognizes the prophets of Abraham and Moses

Judaism

- ✧ 4,000 yrs. Old
- ✧ Based of the Torah
(Torah = Sacred Jewish Teachings/Text)
- ✧ Torah in basic form:
“old testament”
- ✧ A spiritual leader
“Messiah” (God) will
lead the world to
paradise



Sacred Jewish Text



The Torah

Blessings Before Reading the Torah

Before the reading of the Law:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ.

Barchu et Ado-nai ha-m'vorach.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרֵּךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch Ado-nai ha-m'vorach l'olam va-ed.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר-בָּנוּ מִכָּל־
הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן-לָנוּ אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ,

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Baruch ata Ado-nai, Elo-heinu Melech ha'olam, asher
bachar banu mi-kol ha-amim, v'natan lanu et Torato,
Baruch ata Ado-nai, notain ha-torah.

Sacred Jewish Symbol

"Star of David" ("Magen David", "Shield of David", "Sign of the Messiah"): Because David used a shield like this in battle. The Jews use it since the 7th century AC; the Zionists adopted it as their symbol. The Christians use it even before the 7th century, as the "Star of Bethlehem" and the "Trinity" because of the crossed triangles

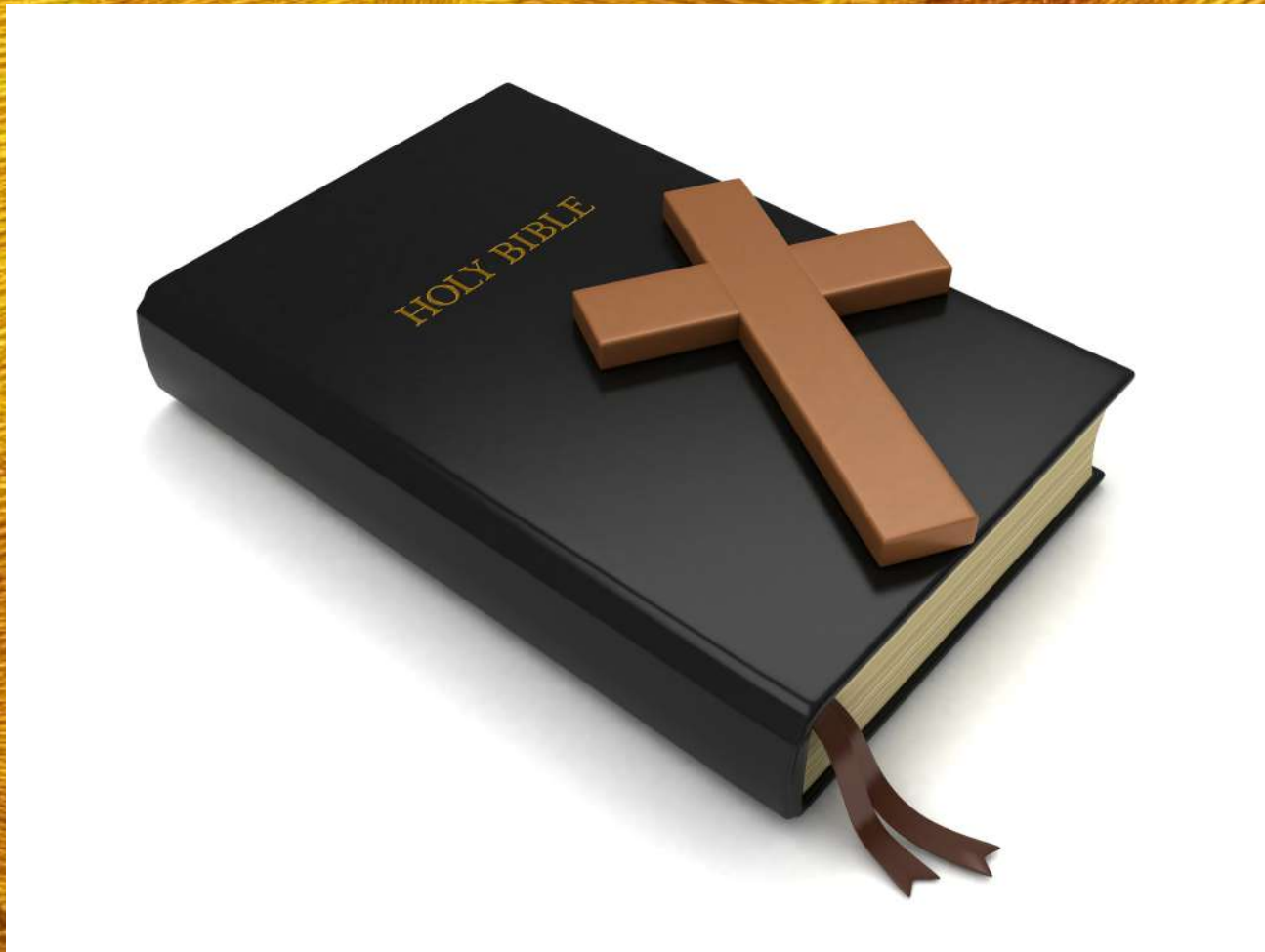


Christianity

- ✧ 2,000 yrs. Old
- ✧ Based on the Bible (New and Old Testaments)
- ✧ Believes Jesus is the son of God



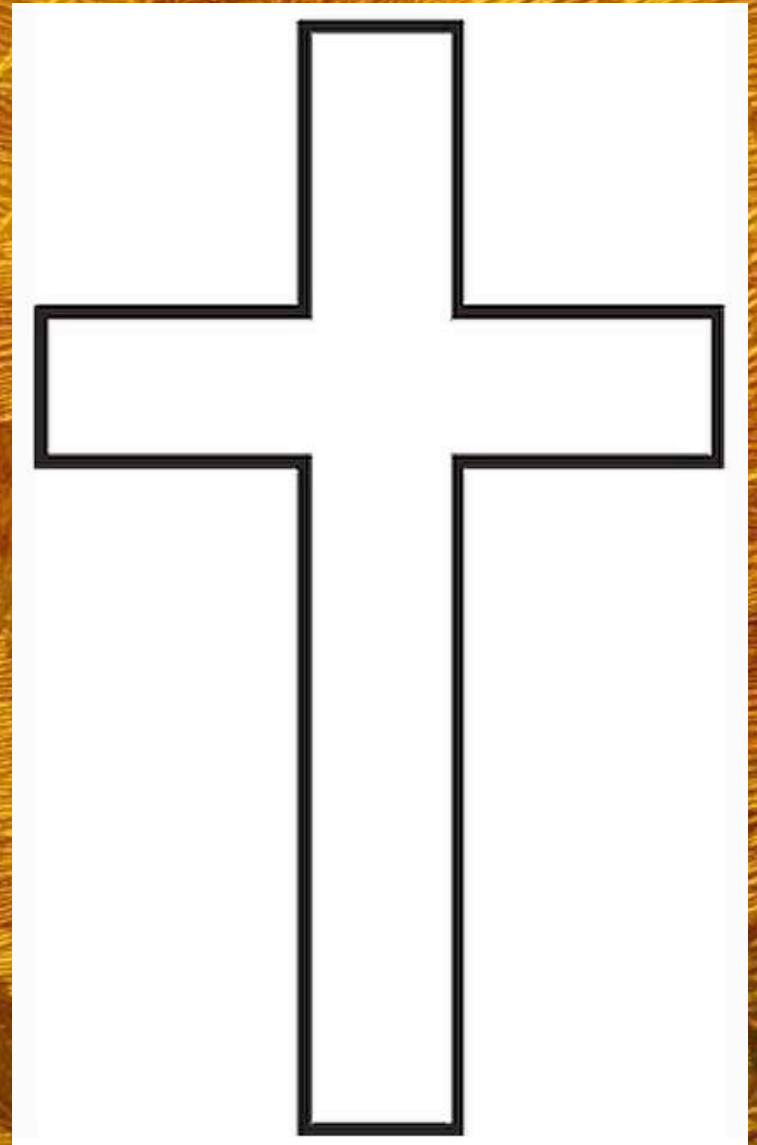
Sacred Christian Text



The Bible

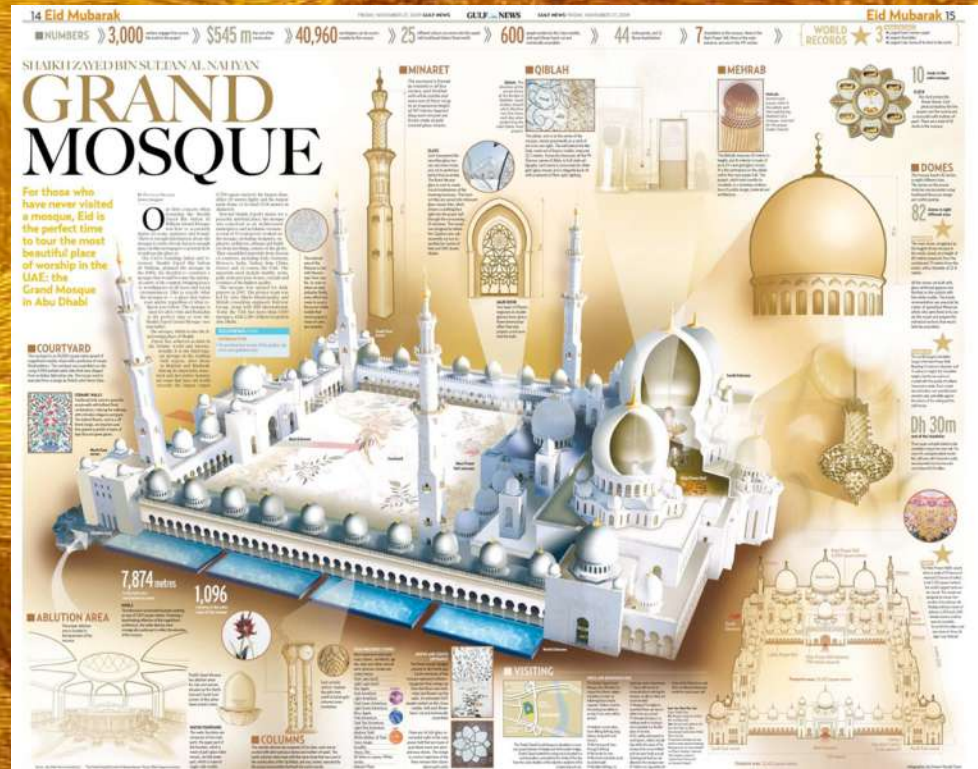
Sacred Christian Symbol

"Crucifix":
(Cross) basically a reminder that Jesus died for the sake of believers ...and will return to lead the world to eternal salvation.

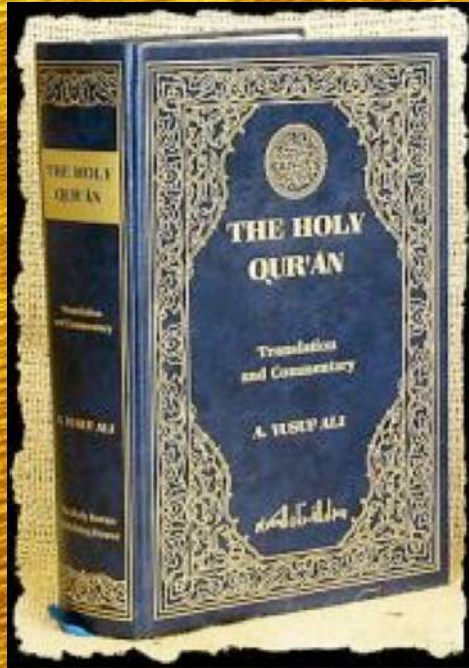


- ❖ Began 622 AD.
- ❖ Muhammad received the holy scriptures from “God”
- ❖ Muhammad is seen as PERFECT
- ❖ God = Allah
- ❖ Jerusalem is the third holiest site in Islam: the first Muslims didn't pray towards Mecca, but to Jerusalem

Islam



Sacred Islamic Text



The Quran (Religious Text)

Sacred Islamic Symbol

Crescent Moon and Star: The Ottoman Empire adopted this symbol and affiliated it with the Muslim world when the Turks conquered Constantinople (Istanbul) in 1453, when they adopted the city's existing flag and symbol. Legend holds that the founder of the Ottoman Empire, Osman, had a dream in which the crescent moon stretched from one end of the earth to the other. Many Muslims reject using the crescent moon as a symbol of Islam.

