

Malchut-haChayah

Islamic Terms

khalifa:	successor, representative
rashidun:	the four rightly-guided caliphs
al-mahdi:	the enlightened one
shah:	(Persian) king or ruler
emir:	commander, general, or prince
sheikh:	elder, leader or governor
vizier/wazir:	(arabic,persian) chief minister
fitna:	strife, civil war
al-dajjal:	the deceiver(s)
isa-al-maseeh:	“Jesus” the anointed
jihad:	struggle, ref. Sura 9:5 (the verse of the sword)
qur'an:	literally ‘a recitation”, the teaching of Muhammad
sunnah:	literally, the smooth path, habit or practice [halachic]
hadith:	oral tradition that expounds on the life of Muhammad (narration) [aggadic]
shi'a:	refers to the ‘party of Ali”, he is the first khalifah for shi'a muslims
sunni:	those opposed to the genealogical succession through Ali, leader should be elected by consensus
sura:	a chapter reference from the Qur'an
fatwa:	a legal pronouncement or ruling, often contain decrees of death and “named” infidels
tafsir:	(arabic) literally interpretation, exegesis or commentary
imam:	(arabic,persian) leader, worship leader in a mosque
dhimmi:	protected subject and subjugated citizen of an islamic kingdom (jizyah)
mawali:	non-arab muslim(s), slaves or servers were required to pay jizyah until the end of the Ummayad dynasty.
mufti:	a sunni islamic scholar
hukm/ahkam:	from islamic jurisprudence refers to a law, commandment, or ordinance of shari'a
shari'a	literally way or path, islamic law
ijma:	the consensus of islamic scholars and the ummah; another resource for defining shari'a
jizyah:	a tax levied on non-muslim members (dhimmi) of an islamic state

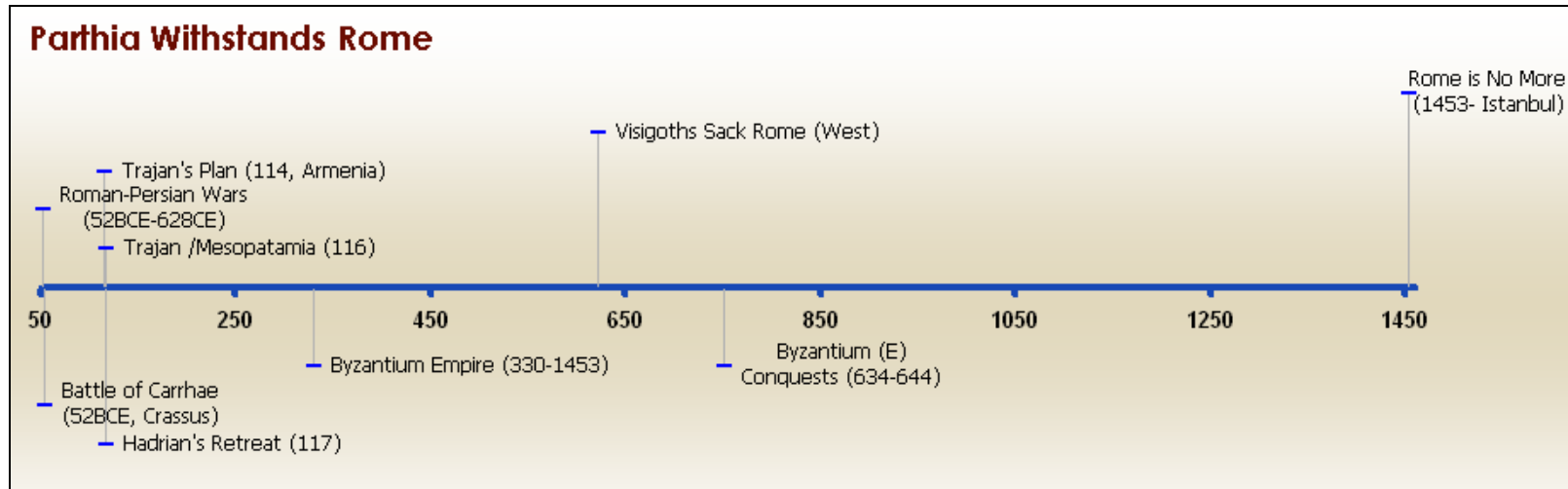
The Rashidun Caliphs
Abu Bakr (632-634)
Umar ibn al-Khattab (634-644)
Uthman ibn Affan (644-656)
Ali ibn Abi Talib (656-661)
Ummayyads (Damascus)

Empire Divided
Abbasids (Baghdad)
Caliphate of Cordoba (Al-Andalus)
Fatimids (Cairo)
Safavids (Persia)
Mughals (India)
Seljuks/Ottoman (Istanbul)

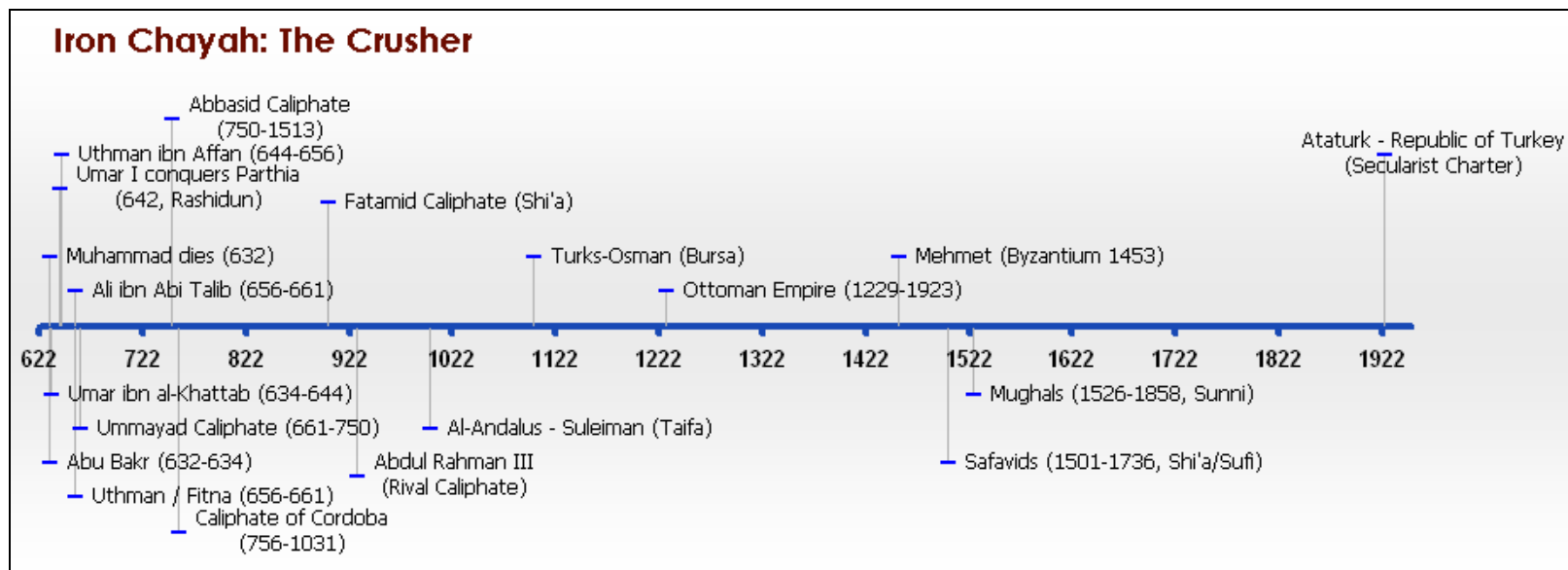
* Al nasikh wa al mansukh: the abrogating and the abrogated (*rightly dividing the Qur'an*)

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Legs of Iron or No Legs to Stand On



Iron Chayah: The Crusher



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