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What does the Lord provide to the vassal in the feudal system?

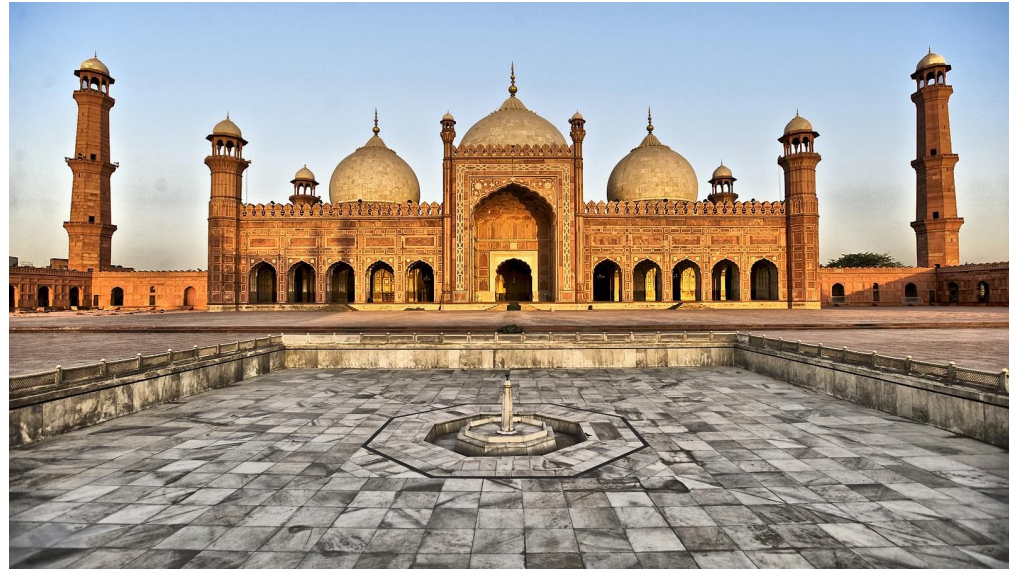
What does the vassal provide back to the Lord?

Islam



Islam

- Began in Arabia by the prophet Muhammad in 600s CE
- Islam means to surrender
 - Muslims surrender themselves to Allah or God
- Abraham, Moses and Jesus are considered messengers from God
 - Muslims trace the origins of Islam back to Abraham and his son Ishmael



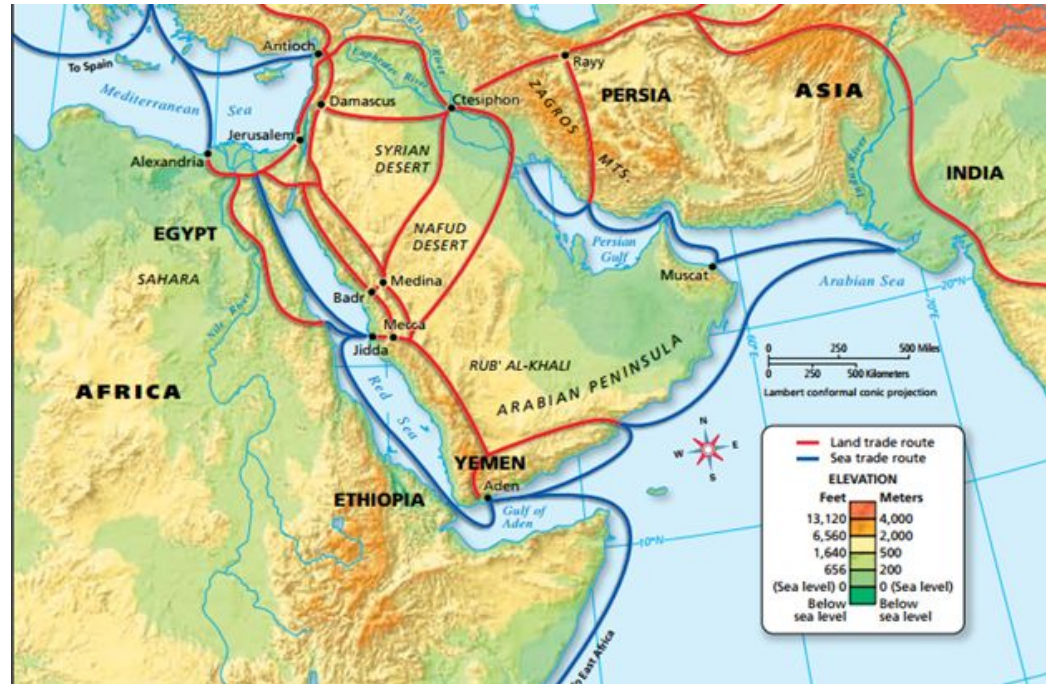
Muhammad

- Born in 570 CE
- Successful merchant living in Mecca
 - During his travels he met many different followers of various religions
 - Pushed him to spend long hours in prayer and contemplation
- 610 CE He has a vision where he sees Allah or God
- Began preaching what he learned from Allah and gained many followers in Mecca



Mecca

- A rich trading town on the Arabian Peninsula
- A religious center as well
 - In center of city was the Kaaba, a square building that held relics
- Persecution against Muhammad and his followers grows in Mecca so Muhammad relocates the Muslims to Medina.



Qur'an

- Muhammad couldn't read or write so he would recount his revelations outloud
 - His followers wrote them down
- The compilation of Muhammad's revelations become what is known as the Qur'an.
- Contains Allah's teachings
- Lays out 5 basic acts of worship that are central to Islam



5 Pillars of Islam

As part of the Islam religion, all true Muslims must perform 5 duties or *arkan*. These 5 duties are:

1. The Shahadah: Profession of Faith
2. Salaah: Daily Prayers
3. Zakah: Alms-Giving (Charity)
4. Sawm: Fasting during Ramadan
5. Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca



1. The Shahadah: Profession of Faith

1. Most fundamental expression of Islamic beliefs
2. “There is no God but God and Muhammad is his prophet.”
 - a. Signals that a Muslim accepts their faith
 - b. Statement also shows that Muhammad is human and a prophet rather than a deity



2. Salaah: Daily Prayers

1. Muslims are expected to pray 5 times a day.
2. Does not need to be in a mosque.
 - a. Can pray anywhere as long as you pray toward Mecca
3. Prayer is done by bowing several times while standing and then kneeling and touching the ground or prayer mat with forehead
 - a. Symbol of reverence and submission to Allah



3. Zakah: Alms-Giving (Charity)

- Muslims believe they are meant to share their wealth with those less fortunate in their community of believers.
- Even people who have very little are encouraged to give in some way



4. Sawm: Fasting during Ramadan

1. Ramadan: Holy month in Islamic calendar
 - a. 9th month in the calendar
2. Muslims are expected to fast from dawn to dusk.
 - a. All are expected to refrain from eating and drinking during daylight hours
3. Fasting shows that God is more important than your own body



5. Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca

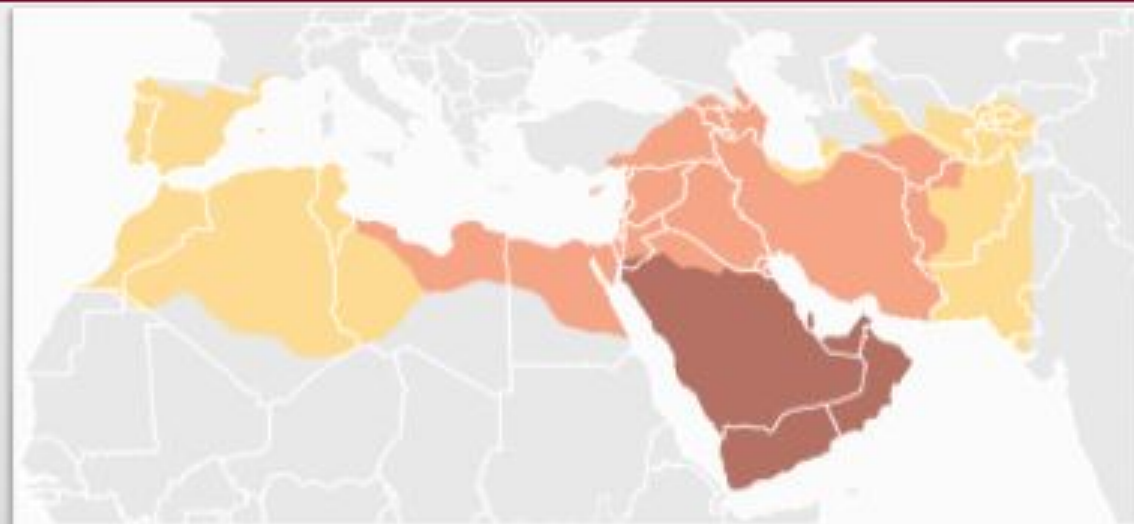
- Those who are physically and financially able are expected to go on a pilgrimage to Mecca
- During the Hajj Muslims:
 - Pray within the great mosque
 - Walk 7 times around the Kaaba
 - Walk to the nearby Mount Arafat where Muhammad gave his last sermon



Central Historical Question

How did the early Islamic empire expand?

Expansion of the Early Caliphates



- Expansion under [Muhammad](#), 622–632
- Expansion during the [Rashidun Caliphate](#), 632–661
- Expansion during the [Umayyad Caliphate](#), 661–750