

BASICS OF ISLAM

Origins of Islam:

- * Muhammad is the prophet
- * Major cities during the early stages of Islam were Mecca and Medina. Both were located on the Arabian peninsula.

Spread of Islam:

- * Islam spread Asia and Africa, and into Spain.
- * Islam spread quickly because all Muslims spoke a common language (Arabic-the language of the Koran)

Basic Beliefs, Traditions, and Customs of Islam:

- * Monotheism (God is called "Allah")
- * Holy Book is the Koran (Quran)
- * Five Pillars of Islam - moral code of behavior for Muslims.
- * Muslims accept Jewish and Christian prophets (Moses and Jesus)