

## Studies in Religion Conference – Teaching Islam

### Timeline (n.b. all dates are in CE)

570	Traditional date for the birth of Muhammed ibn Abdallah (the Prophet of Islam)
590-628	Reign of the Persian king-of-kings, Khosrow II Parvez
602-628	Byzantine-Persian war, sometimes known as “the last great war of antiquity”
610	Traditional year for the beginning of Muhammed’s prophetic mission
610-641	Reign of the Byzantine emperor Heraclius
622	The <i>Hijra</i> , Muhammed’s flight from Mecca to Medina and the establishment of the <i>umma</i> or Islamic community there; year 1 of the Islamic calendar
630	Mecca is reclaimed by Muhammed and his followers
632	Death of the Prophet Muhammed
632-661	The reign of the “Rightly Guided” Caliphs (the <i>Rashidun</i> )
632-634	Rule of the first of the “Rightly Guided” Caliphs, Abu Bakr
632-634	Arab-Islamic forces begin their expansion and take Syria and Palestine from the Byzantines
634-644	Rule of the second of the “Rightly Guided” Caliphs, ‘Umar
636	Arab-Islamic forces defeat the Byzantine army at the battle of Yarmuk
638	Arab-Islamic forces capture the city of Jerusalem from the Byzantines
639	The Sassanian Persian capital city of Ctesiphon falls to the Islamic armies
641	The Byzantine province of Egypt is captured by the Islamic armies
644-655	Rule of the third of the “Rightly Guided” Caliphs, ‘Uthman (644-655)
656-661	Rule of the fourth of the “Rightly Guided” Caliphs, ‘Ali
661-684	Establishment of the Umayyad caliphate under Mu’awiya, and move of the capital city of the Islamic caliphate to Damascus
691	Initial foundation of the mosque of the Dome of the Rock by the caliph Abd al-Malik

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