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# MEDIEVAL AGES: THE POPE, THE CRUSADES, AND SCHOLASTICISM

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# CONTEXT OF CHURCH HISTORY

- Early Middle Ages: 325-1054 AD
  - Rise of Christendom (Council of Nicaea, 325)
  - Growing Tension between East and West (Great Schism, 1054)

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# CONTEXT OF CHURCH HISTORY

- Medieval Ages/"High Middle Ages": 1054-1305 AD
  - Rise of Papal Supremacy
  - Crusades and Christendom
  - Monastic Reforms and Scholasticism

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# THE RISE OF PAPAL SUPREMACY



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# INNOCENT III (1161-1216)

“Who am I myself or what was the house of my father that I am permitted to sit above kings, to possess the throne of glory?...See therefore what kind of servant he is who commands the whole family. [He is] Verily the representative of Christ, the successor of Peter, the anointed of the Lord, the God of Pharaoh set midway between God and man, below God but above man, less than God but more than man, judging all other men, but himself judged by none.”

INNOCENT III, 1198, DAY OF APPOINTING



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# THE POPE & CIVIL AUTHORITY

- Excommunication = expelling of individuals from the Church and its practices
- Interdict = ceasing of all Church activities and practices within a nation
- Inquisition = interrogation (by force) to identify and weed out heretics



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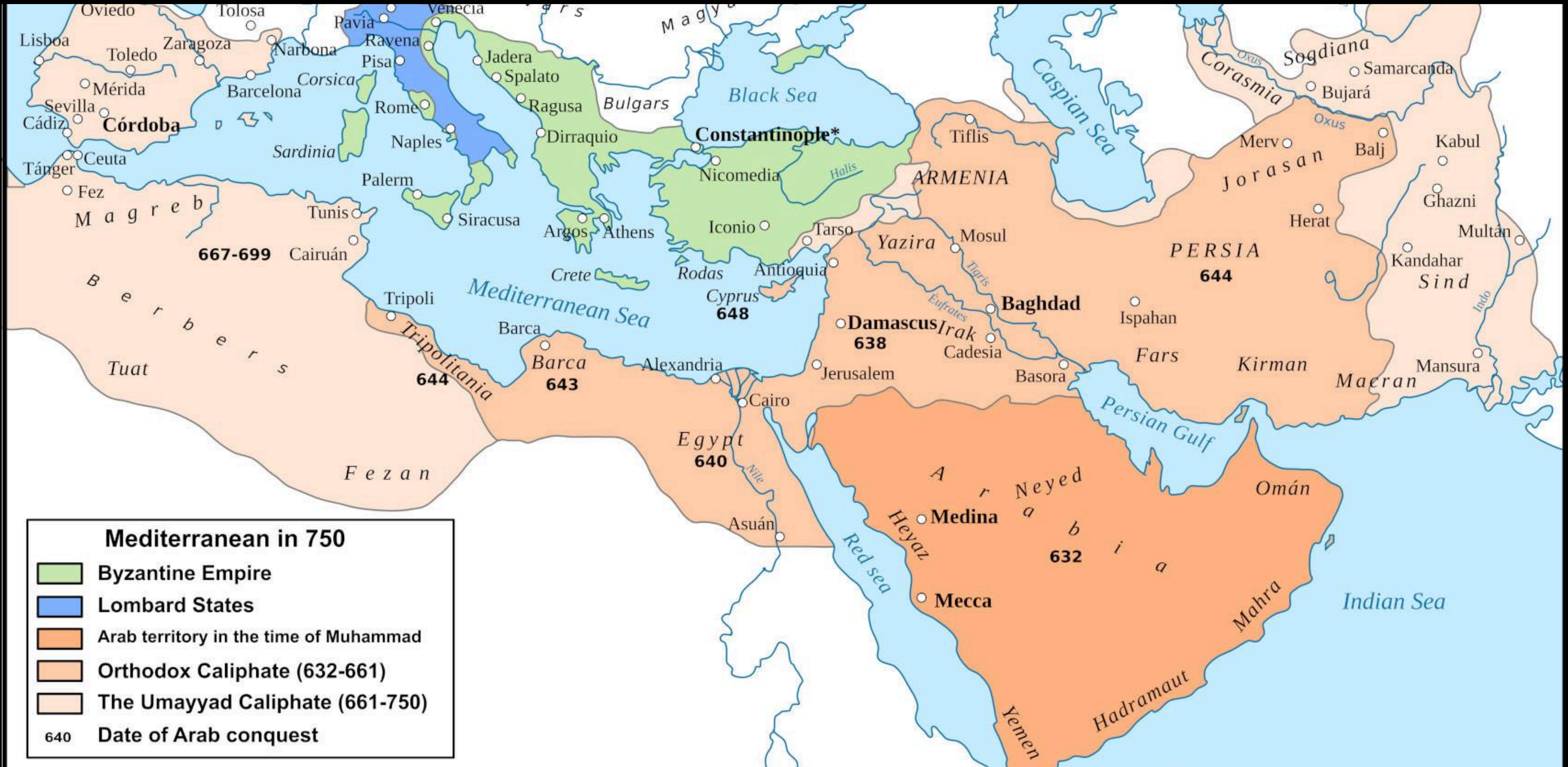
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# THE RISE OF ISLAM



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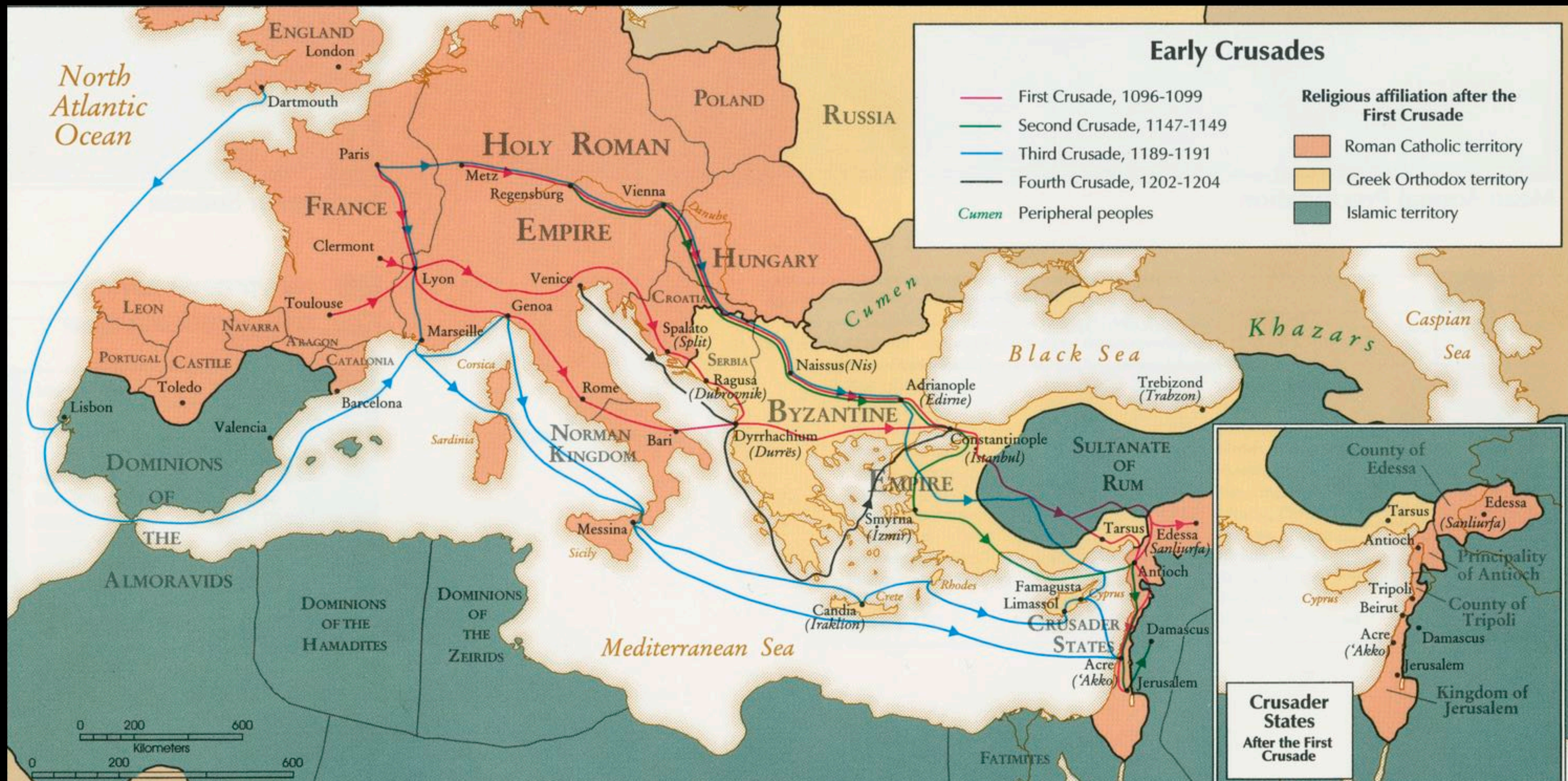
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## MAJOR CRUSADES



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# RESULT OF CRUSADES

- Unsuccessful in Retaking Holy Land
- Harmed Christian Empire and Witness
  - Children's Crusades 1212: 100K children killed or enslaved
- Rise of Indulgences



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# MONASTIC REFORMS & SCHOLASTICISM



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# RENEWED MONASTICISM

- "Reform"/"Purify" the Church
- Combat Heresies and Save "Pagans"
- Franciscans - Francis of Assisi, 1209
- Dominicans - Dominic, 1216



## MONASTIC REFORMS & SCHOLASTICISM

# SCHOLASTICISM

- “Faith by Reasoning”
- In response to Heresies and Aristotelian thought
- Paralleled with Gothic Cathedrals
- Gave birth to Universities





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# THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)

- Dominican Monk and Scholastic
- *Summa Theologica* ("Summary of Theology")
- Reason + Revelation point to God
- Standard of Theology for the Catholic Church



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# REFLECTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. How did Christianity come to this position?
  - ▶ Marriage of Spiritual with Civil Authority
  - ▶ Seeking Christ's Kingdom "On Earth as it is in Heaven"
2. How should we view the height of Christendom?
  - ▶ The Downfall of Christianity?
  - ▶ The Golden Age of Christianity?
3. Should Christianity seek "Christendom" forms of influence today?
  - ▶ Coronation of King Charles III
  - ▶ Is Power/Influence to be avoided? Or can it exist in harmony with the Gospel?