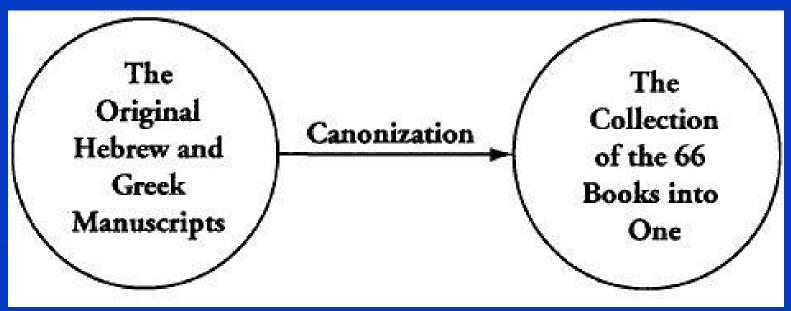
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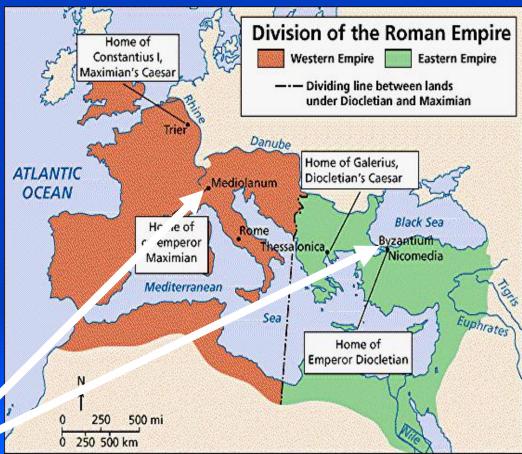


The writing of the Old and New Testaments has ended

- Canon = certain documents taken from a large selection of documents to form an authorized Bible
- Christianity splintered into scores of factions and some used different canons
- Some Books taken in and out of canon

#### **ROMAN EMPIRE THE WORLD POWER**

- Jews no longer in control of the religion of Jesus the Jew
- > 2 major branches:
  - 1) Jewish (The Way)
  - 2) Gentile (Christian)
- > 285 A.D. Roman Empire is split into 2
- Eastern capital is Milan
- Western capital is Byzantium

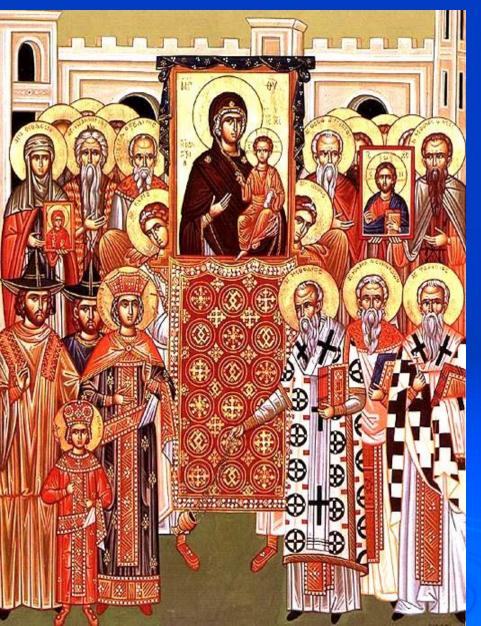


## **EMPEROR CONSTANTINE**

- Constantine re-unified the Empire, but later split it into 2 governing districts
- Western Capital moved to Rome
- Eastern Capital stayed, but city renamed to
   Constantinople
- Church split along same lines, using same capitals
  - 1) Roman Catholic
  - 2) Orthodox Christian



# COUNCIL OF NICEA 325 A.D.



- Only 1 year after the Empire was re-unified
- Constantine, Bishop of Rome, and Mithrain sun-worshippers
- Sun disk was a compromise, now called a Halo
- Mary declared Queen of Heaven to appease Mithrains
- Shabbat, 7<sup>th</sup> day of REST, abolished
- Replaced with 1<sup>st</sup> day, day of WORSHIP

 Sun-day had been Mithrain communal day of worship
 Now called The Lord's Day



## EASTER = ISHTAR = EOSTRE

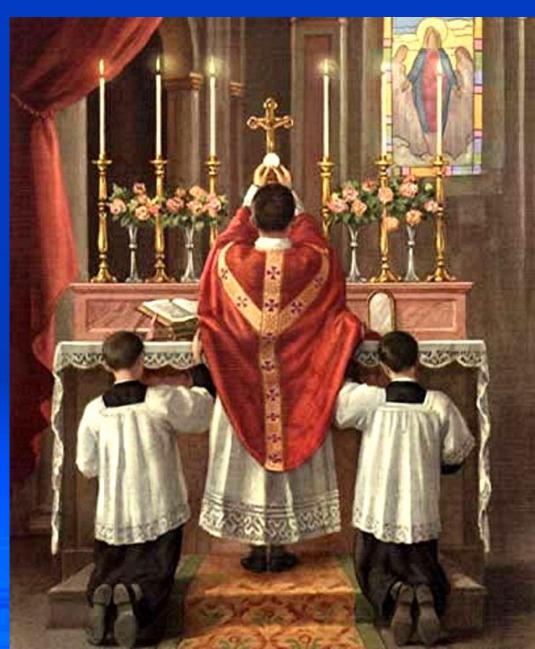
The sacrament of Easter was created

Leviticus 23

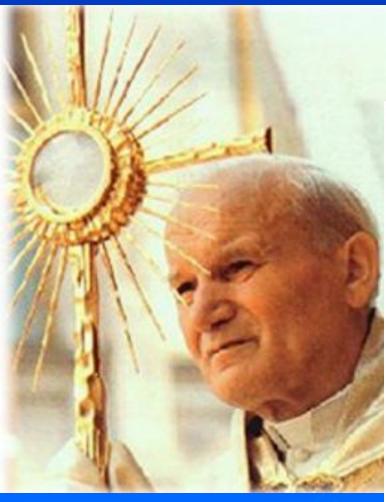
- Ishtar = Eostre = fertility goddess
- Adopted and modified by the Church to observe Christ's resurrection, but retained the name of the goddess
- Rabbits and eggs, symbols of fertility
  Bible already has a God-ordained resurrection observance called Firstfruits (*Bikkurim* in Hebrew)

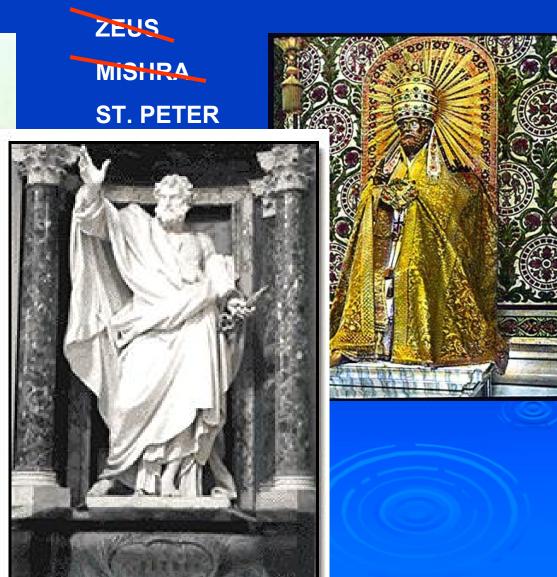
#### **CHRISTIANITY FOREVER CHANGED**

- Council of Nicea produced the Roman Catholic Church
- Catholic means UNIVERSAL
- Church at Rome not the only center of Christian authority, but it was the most powerful
- Dominant for 1000 years until Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> pulled away and started the Church of England
- The root of the Protestant Branch of Christianity



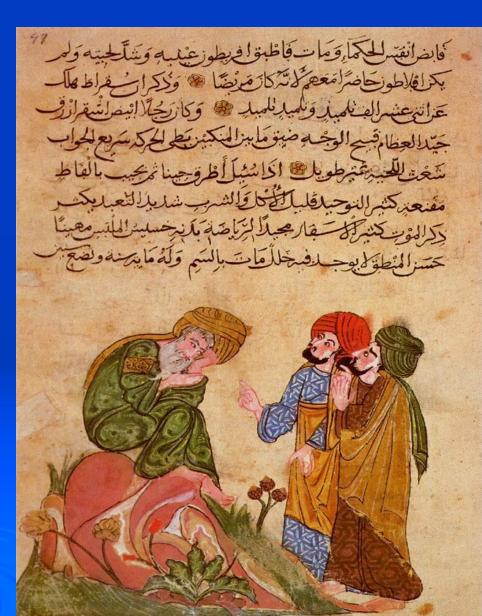
#### CATHOLIC ICONS EXPRESS SUN-WORSHIPPER SYMBOLS





#### ISLAM

- Muhammad born in 571 A.D.
- Wealthy merchant
- Married a widow (Fatima)
- Legend is that the Angel Gabriel appeared to Muhammad in visions
- Claims a mysterious spiritual journey to heaven, but on the way stopped at Jerusalem
- Led an attack on a caravan and was successful
- Koran = Muslim holy book
- At first seemed to respect Jews and Christians
- After a failure to convert them to Islam, he changed his mind



#### AL-ILAH, NABATEAN MOON-GOD

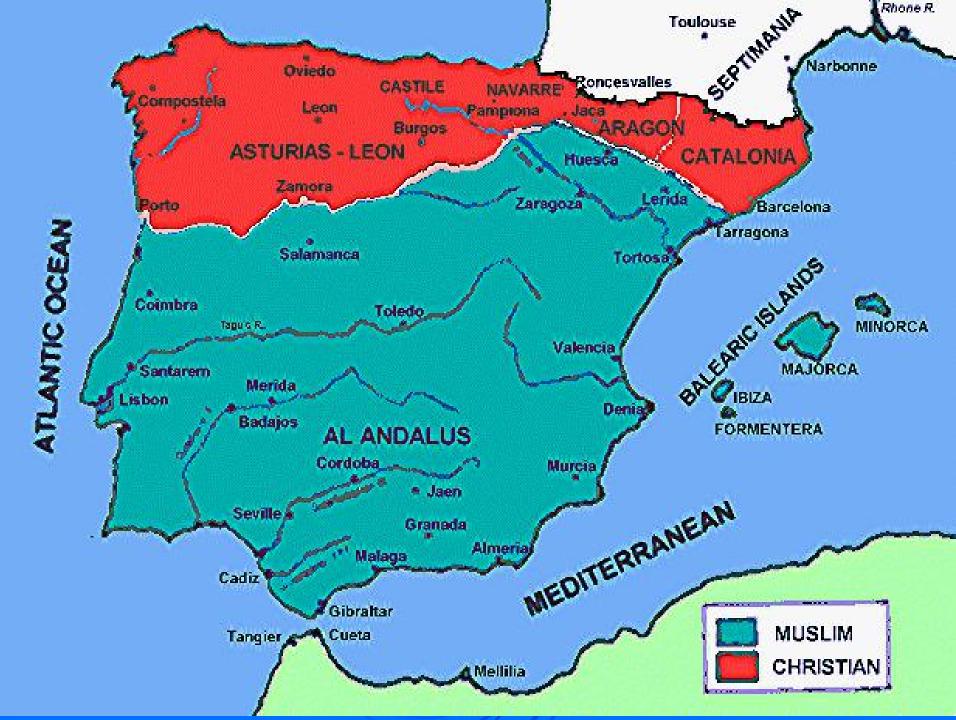


> Al-ilah was Muhammad's tribe's family god

- He told the Jews that this was the one-god
- Fold Arabs Allah was the Moon-god, Allah's wife was the Sun, and his daughters were the stars
- Jews and Christians rejected him
- Muhammad declared Abraham as the father of Islam

#### **ARMY OF ISLAM ON THE MOVE**





# **ISLAM IN SPAIN**

- Spain had 300,000 Jews living there
- Cordoba a Muslim city
- > 950 A.C., a Jewish scholar joined the royal court of the Caliph
- Spain became a haven for Judaism
- Jews found a middle ground between Muslims and Christians, and were traveling merchants



#### **THE CRUSADES**



Map 6. The Saljug empire in the late eleventh century.

#### **JERUSALEM MUST BE RE-TAKEN!**

- 1095 Pope Urban II promised land and forgiveness of sins for those who would fight
- Peasants and King's armies joined to go to the fight
- Serfs used as pawns
- No one but clergy allowed to read Scripture
- Violation brought excommunication or death



## **ROUTE OF THE CRUSADERS**



## 40,000 CRUSADERS ATTACK JERUSALEM

#### > 1097 A.D.

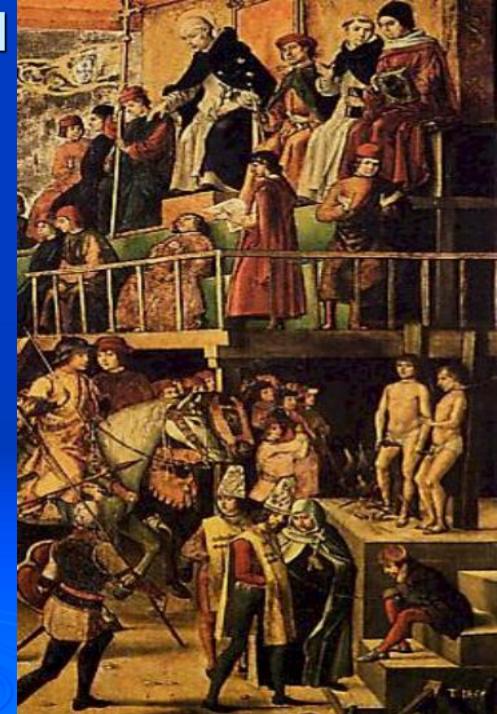
- Egypt had ALREADY
  liberated Jerusalem a full
  ONE YEAR earlier
- Everyone in Jerusalem
  was a target
- Regarded in history as one of the most infamous massacres
- Jews and Muslims remember the Crusades to this day as a reminder of who the Christians are



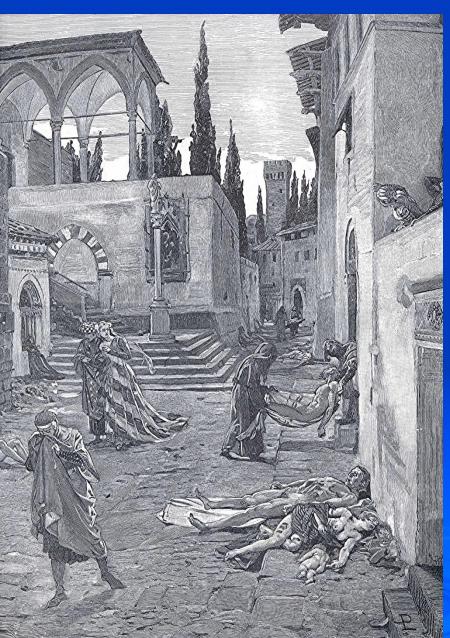
## THE INQUISITION







## THE BLACK DEATH



- > Mid 1300's A.D.
- Church policy declared that the cause was the Jews poisoning water wells
- Others though the Jews cast magic spells
- Inquisition spread to Spain
- > 1492 Jews expelled from Spain
- Inquisition authorities allowed to keep confiscated property and money of the convicted
- After the Spanish Expulsion 30,000 "Jews" were burned at the stake
- Most more actually Christians and Muslims

## CATHOLIC CHURCH ORDERS JEWISH TALMUDS TO BE BURNED

#### JEWS MIGRATE TO POLAND 1600 A.D.

