**Islam Part 2**

**The Mosque**

* The Muslim place of worship.

**The Dome of the Rock Mosque in Jerusalem**

* Mount Moriah Rock where Muhammad ascended into heaven.

**Other Islamic Religious Practices**

* Up to four wives allowed at once.
* No alcohol or pork.
* No gambling.
* *Sharia* 🡪 body of Islamic law to regulate daily living.
* Three holiest cities in Islam: \* Mecca, Medina, Jerusalem.

**Why was Islam able to spread so quickly and convert so many to the new religion?**

* Easy to learn and practice.
* No priesthood.
* Teaches equality.
* Non-Muslims, who were “Peoples of the Book,” were allowed religious freedom, but paid additional taxes.
* Easily “portable” 🡪 nomads & trade routes.
* *Jihad* (“Holy War”) against pagans and other non-believers (“infidels”).

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| **Indonesia** | **183,000,000** |  | **Iran** | **62,000,000** |
| **Pakistan** | **134,000,000** |  | **Egypt** | **59,000,000** |
| **India** | **121,000,000** |  | **Nigeria** | **53,000,000** |
| **Bangladesh** | **114,000,000** |  | **Algeria** | **31,000,000** |
| **Turkey** | **66,000,000** |  | **Morocco** | **29,000,000** |

**\* Arabs make up only 20% of the total Muslim population of the world.**