

THE SUNNI-ISLAMIC CALIPHATE

THE PROPHET

Muhammad (622 – 632)

The Prophet dies without a named successor. The Caliphate is created to lead Islam, 632.

RASHIDÛN CALIPHS

1. Abu Bakr (632 – 634)

2. ‘Umar I (634 – 644)

Umayyad family

3. Uthman (644 – 656)

First Fitna (Civil War), 656-661.

Alid family

4. ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib (656 – 661)

5. Al-Hasan (661)

Caliphate becomes hereditary under Umayyad family, 661. Alids become leaders of Shi’a Islam, a rival sect.

UMMAYYAD CALIPHS OF DAMASCUS

Sufyenid branch

6. Muawiyah I (661 – 680)

7. Yazid I (680 – 683)

8. Muawiyah II (683 – 684)

Second Fitna (Civil War), 683 – 685

Marwanid branch

9. Marwan I (684 – 685)

10. Al-Malik (685 – 705)

11. Al-Walid I (705 – 715)

12. Suleyman (715 – 717)

13. ‘Umar II (717 – 720)

14. Yazid II (720 – 724)

15. Hisham (724 – 743)

16. Al-Walid II (743 – 744)

17. Yazid III (744)

18. Ibrahim (744)

19. Marwan II (744 – 750)

Abbasids claim title of Caliph and move capital to Baghdad, 1750.

ABBASID CALIPHS IN BAGHDAD

20. As-Saffah (750 – 754)

21. Al-Mansur (754 – 775)

22. Al-Mahdi (775 – 785)

23. Al-Hadi (785 – 786)

24. Harun al-Rashid (786 – 809)

25. Al-Amin (809 – 813)

26. Al-Ma'mun (813 – 833)

27. Al-Mu'tasim (833 – 842)

28. Al-Wathiq (842 – 847)

29. Al-Mutawakkil (847 – 861)

30. Al-Muntasir (861 – 862)

31. Al-Musta'in (862 – 866)

32. Al-Mu'tazz (866 – 869)

33. Al-Muhtadi (869 – 870)

34. Al-Mu'tamid (870 – 892)

35. Al-Mu'tadid (892 – 902)

36. Al-Muktafi (902 – 908)

37. Al-Muqtadir (908 – 932)

38. Al-Qahir (932 – 934)

39. Ar-Radi (934 – 940)

40. Al-Muttaqi (940 – 944)

41. Al-Mustakfi (944 – 946)

42. Al-Muti (946 – 974)

43. At-Ta'i (974 – 991)

44. Al-Qadir (991 – 1031)

45. Al-Qa'im (1031 – 1075)

46. Al-Muqtadi (1075 – 1094)

47. Al-Mustazhir (1094 – 1118)

48. Al-Mustarshid (1118 – 1135)

49. Ar-Rashid (1135 – 1136)

50. Al-Muqtafi (1136 – 1160)

51. Al-Mustanjid (1160 – 1170)

52. Al-Mustadi (1170 – 1180)

53. An-Nasir (1180 – 1225)

54. Az-Zahir (1225 – 1226)

55. Al-Mustansir (1226 – 1242)

56. Al-Musta'sim (1242 – 1258)

Mongol conquest of Baghdad, 1258.

The Caliphate moves to Cairo under Mamlûk authority, 1261. Political power of the Caliphate ends.

ABBASID CALIPHS IN CAIRO

57. Al-Mustansir (1261)

58. Al-Hakim I (1262 – 1302)

59. Al-Mustakfi I (1303 – 1340)

60. Al-Wathiq I (1340 – 1341)

61. Al-Hakim II (1341 – 1352)

62. Al-Mu'tadid I (1352 – 1362)

63. Al-Mutawakkil I (1362 – 1383)

64. Al-Wathiq II (1383 – 1386)

65. Al-Mu'tasim (1386 – 1389)

Al-Mutawakkil I (1389 – 1406)

66. Al-Musta'in (1406 – 1414)

67. Al-Mu'tadid II (1414 – 1441)

68. Al-Mustakfi II (1441 – 1451)

69. Al-Qa'im (1451 – 1455)

70. Al-Mustanjid (1455 – 1479)

71. Al-Mutawakkil II (1479–1497)

72. Al-Mustamsik (1497 – 1508)

73. Al-Mutawakkil III (1508–1517)

The Ottoman Sultan claim title after conquest of Egypt, 1517.

OTTOMAN SULTÂNS & CALIPHS

74. Selim I (1517 – 1520)

75. Suleyman I (1520 – 1566)

76. Selim II (1566 – 1574)

77. Murad III (1574 – 1595)

78. Mehmed III (1595 – 1603)

79. Ahmed I (1603 – 1617)

80. Musafa I (1617 – 1618)

81. Osman II (1618 – 1622)

Mustafa I (1622 – 1623)

82. Murad IV (1623 – 1640)

83. Ibrahim I (1640 – 1648)

84. Mehmed IV (1648 – 1687)

85. Suleyman II (1687 – 1691)

86. Ahmed II (1691 – 1695)

87. Mustafa II (1695 – 1703)

88. Ahmed III (1703 – 1730)

89. Mahmud I (1730 – 1754)

90. Osman III (1754 – 1757)

91. Mustafa III (1757 – 1774)

92. Abdul Hamid I (1774 – 1789)

93. Selim III (1789 – 1807)

94. Mustafa IV (1807 – 1808)

95. Mahmud II (1808 – 1839)

96. Abdulmecid I (1839 – 1861)

97. Abdülâziz (1861 – 1876)

98. Murad V (1876)

99. Abdul Hamid II (1876 – 1909)

100. Mehmed V (1909 – 1918)

101. Mehmed VI (1918 – 1922)

Treaty of Sèvres dissolves empire.

Heir granted title of Caliph, 1922.

OTTOMAN CALIPH IN ISTANBUL

102. Abdûlmecid II (1922 – 1924)

Caliphate officially dissolves, 1924.

The Republic of Turkey maintains the right to re-establish the Caliphate at any time according to a public vote.

MECCAN SHARIFAN CLAIMANT

103. Hussein bin Ali (1924 – 1925)

OTTOMAN CLAIMANTS

Abdûlmecid II (1924 – 1944)

103. Ahmed IV (1944 – 1954)

104. Osman IV (1954 – 1973)

105. Abdulaziz II (1973 – 1977)

106. Ali (1977 – 1983)

107. Orhan II (1983 – 1994)

108. Ertugrul II (1994 – 2009)

109. Bayezid III (2009 – Present)