

# Growth of Muslims in the Subcontinent:

Book: "The first dynasty of Islam" by G.P. Hawting, 2000

**First Wave:** first wave was only start of new civilization establishment

8th century, Ummayad Dynasty (661-750), Arabs

## Background:

In 711 AD, Arab ship laden with riches attacked by pirates in Indus

Delta Area, Raja Dahir imprisoned people in that Arab ship. Hajjaj

Bin Yousaf was the Ummayad governor of Iraq, he requested

Dahir to release the captives, which Dahir declined. For this Hajjaj

sent an expedition under Ubaidullah Bin Binhan, who were defeated

by Raja.

\* India was primarily conquered by Ummayads in 1st wave of Muslim rule in India

## Conquest of Sindh:

Again Hajjaj sent his son in law, Muhammad Bin Qasim Saqafi

(who was 17 at that time) with troops of 7,000. The expedition was

well planned, heavy army supplies were sent by sea and the

cavalry advanced by land through Baluchistan. Debal (in Sindh) was

first town captured, then Nizam (near Hyderabad) and Raja Dahir

<sup>then Multan was conquered too.</sup>

was defeated in 712 AD. M. bin Qasim was called back by new

Ummayad Caliph, Suliman bin Abdul Malik to Iraq where he died at 20.

M. bin Qasim was first Muslim ruler in the subcontinent and

that's why Sindh is known as Babul Islam (Gateway of Islam).

\* Muhammad bin Qasim was hanged in 715 AD.

## Initiatives:

- Relieved local people scorched by extra-judicious rule of erstwhile Rajas.
- Espoused inter-religious harmony, religious freedom
- Southern and central parts of present Pakistan were under their jurisdiction
- Taxes were abolished, Jizya imposed
- Sindh became center of knowledge, Mosques/madrassas constructed.
- Music and poetry flourished, mantes/doms introduced in Indian architecture
- Beginning of new civilization "Indo-Muslim Civilization"

## Second Wave:

(991-1186)

Ghaznavi

10th century, Ghaznavi dynasty (999-1186), Turks.

They were promoters of Islam in India.

Alptigin's son in law succeeded him in 971 AD.

Contribution of Sebuktigin (1st muslim to move across Khyber Pass into the sub continent)

strengthened and expanded kingdom towards east of Indian border.

Sebuktigin died in 971 and was succeeded by his son, Mahmud.

Mahmood Ghaznavi: (998-1030) (was 21 in 998)

real name was Yamin ud-Pawlah, and was entitled as

Mahmood of Ghazna (which was capital of his Empire)

1st major campaign, was against Jaipal, the Hindu ruler of Punjab

in 1001 AD, with 12000 horsemen and 30,000 foot soldiers.

this turned his attention towards India, instead of central asia.

Mahmud launch total 17 campaigns against Hindu rulers.

between 1001 and 1026.

1025, most famous of Mahmud's raid on Hindu's Temple of Somnath.

1021, annexed Punjab after defeating Tarmochpal.

Development of Muslim rule for 1st time in Punjab.

Mahmud also invaded CTRs (Central Asian Tribes)

80% of Iran and Pakistan were part of his Empire.

### Impact

- Spread of Islam, Islam popularized as dominant religion. (Saints played a vital role)
- Lahore became learning hub of Islam
- Hindus describe him as barbarian, Muslims present him as champion of Islam and Edict Breakers
- Overall ruled large parts of Iran, Afghanistan and much of Transoxiana, and north western Indian Subcontinent
- First Book on spirituality was published, "Kashaf ul Mahjub" in Lahore by Syed Ali Hajveri, Al Maratib Rata Ganj Balkhi.
- Land route established between Lahore and Muslim World.
- Inspiration for successors to establish Muslim sultanate in Northern India.

\* Three favourite slaves of the Sultan were Qutbuddin Aibak, Tajudin Ildiz, Nasiruddin Qubaehah. Who were appointed as Governor of Ghazni and Lahore.

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## Third Wave:

12th century, Ghurids dynasty (1149-1206), Afghans.

In mid 12th century Ghur declared independence from Ghaznavid Empire.

1173: Capture of Ghaur by Ghias-ud-din Muhammad bin Sam

Shah-ud-din Ghori (real name & Muizz ud-din Sam) (1202-1206)

Was handed over Ghazni by his brother (in 1173)

1175: Captured Multan and Uch through Gomal Pass, failed to capture Gujrat

1179: Captured Peshawar (through Khyber Pass)

1185: Captured Sialkot

1186: Captured Ghaznavid principality of Lahore by defeating last Ghaznavid King Iltusar Malik.

(Uptill now Ghaznavid area of Punjab was captured, next was Hinduraj)

1190-91: First battle of Tarain b/w Rajputs led by Prithvi Raj Chauhan and Shahbuddin Ghauri was defeated, and he returned to Ghazni

1192: 2nd battle of Tarain, Ghauri turned successful, captured Punjab

1194: Other Rajput clans were defeated, Badamn, Budha, Kanauj, Benaras captured

1195: Bayana and Gwalior captured (Mubin Bahadur Khilji was appointed to rule Gwalior at south)

1193: Delhi was captured (Aibak was appointed as a governor here)

Then: Bengal and Assam captured (Khilji Governor of Bengal)

1201: Demise of his brother Ghiyasuddin

1206: Assassination of Ghori, near Jhelum

South → Dakkan  
East → looram  
West → Pacham

### Impacts:

- Unlike Ghaznavi, Ghauri showed more interest in South Asia and established permanent hold in the region, after him Turkish Slave ruled the region
- Muslim rule established by Ghauris in South Asia lasted more than 1 century
- Though muslims entered South Asia with the conquest of M Bm Qasm and then with annexation of Punjab with Mehmood Ghaznavi yet the real credit of establishment of muslim rule in the region goes to Shahab-ud-din Muhammad Ghauri

# Sultanate Period (1206 - 1526)

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## Slave/Mamluk Dynasty: (1211 - 1290) (84 yrs) (Turks)

(Qutbuddin means leader of Din)

Qutbuddin Aibak: (1206 - 1210) (5 years) (Title: Lakh Bah Khsh)

- Foundation of Delhi Sultanate was laid in the subcontinent
- focussed on strengthening of his position and the kingdom.
- Aibak shifted his capital from Ghazni to Lahore, Lahore to Delhi
- He was first independent muslim ruler of India.
- He died while playing polo, is buried in Lahore (Fell from horse)
- began construction of mosques (Qutub Minar, Adhai Dini ka Jhopda) and

Shamsuddin Altamash: (1210 - 1236) (26 yrs)

Qutub Minar

- Slave and son in law of Aibak, made Delhi Sultanate stronger
- Khilji took over Delhi from Altamash
- He was responsible for making Delhi Sultanate stronger.
- Reforms by Altamash:

New administrative structure

- 1- Organized Turkman-e-Chihalgani (Calisa) (ruling elite or nobility of period)
- 2- Divided his Empire into several pieces of land, called them "Sata"
- 3- Introduced silver coins called "tanka" and copper coins called "Jital".

(through Qutbuddin Tughlaq's Janaza story) \* 1221, Mongol Attack, changed him

Razia Sultan: (1236 - 40)

- daughter of Altamash, 1st lady sultan of India.
- Created mosity in male dominated society, not allowed in Islam.
- 1240: She was character assassinated and killed by her brother.

Ghiyasuddin Balban: (1266 - 1287)

- called himself "Zile-Elahi" (Shadow of God), encouraged Prostration before king
- restored law and order, which were collapsed during Nasiruddin's reign.
- Greatest threat was rising power of Mongols, another Mongol Invasion were defeated.
- Introduced divine theory of kingship, was a very grandeur leader.



## Khilji Dynasty: (1290 - 1320) (30 yrs) (Afghans)

Sultan Jalaluddin Firuz Khilji: (1290-96) (6 years)

- Came into throne at age of 70 yrs after removing infant Sultan Kalmuks

- Won people's hearts through mildness and generosity, was initially hated

Sultan Maundim Khilji: (1296-1316) (20 yrs)

- Was nephew and son in law of Jalaluddin, killed him in 1296.

- Conquered kingdoms of Gujrat, Malwa, Rajasthan from North, then South

- developed many reforms for revenue system and administration

- His period is considered golden period of Khilji rule

- He used to call himself Second Alexander (Sikander-i-Sani)

- Balbans policy against Mongols, conquest of Gujrat, Rathambhor, Chittor, Malwa, Deccan

## Tughluq Dynasty: (1320 - 1413) (93 yrs) (Turks)

Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq: (1320 - 1325) (5 years)

- Originally known as Ghazi Malik, defeated Khusraw (who use to insult Islam) and assumed the title of "Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq Shah"

- Concentrated on crushing Hindu Rajas, conquered Bengal (no longer a Balban)

- Restored peace and order in kingdom, built fortified city of Tughlaqabad in Delhi.

Muhammad Tughlaq: (1325 - 1351)

- He was a son of Ghiyasuddin and killed his father; introduced many projects.

- 1327 Transfer of capital from Delhi to Devagiri to protect from invasion.

- Introduced token currency (copper coins), mint in every house, discontinued

- Increased land revenue in Doab.

- He was at extremes & was generous and also "Alarmed Traders Rule"

Feroz Shah Tughlaq: (1351 - 1388)

- Was cousin of M. Tughlaq

- Adopted appeasement policies, imposed "jizyah" and "kutas", interest in public works

- Founded cities (Hissar, Ferozpur, Jaunpur, Firuzabad).

- Constructed dams, canals, sarais, mosques, madaris, fruit gardens (1200)

## 1398: Amir Taimur's Invasions (Coup de grâce)

- Taimur (Tamerlane) invaded subcontinent, shook Tughlaq dynasty
- Taimur was a Mongol king from Central Asia (Mother: Mangol)  
(Father: Turk)
- Was a very Ambitious ruthless person, used to burn 1st city at invasion.
- Ibn-e-Khaldoon and Amir Taimur together made Samarravand/Bukhara (<sup>In</sup> Uzbekistan).  
Ibn-e-Khaldoon then lived with him till death as official state guest
- Visaan-ul-Ghaid (Hafiz) poet's stanza over Samarravand and Bukhara
- He came destroyed, looted and went back (1398 Invasion)
- Known as "World Conqueror, World Destroyer, Killer of Millions, Alexander the 2nd".

## Syed Dynasty: (1414-1451)

### Khizar Shah (1414-1421)

- Was a Taimur's Nominee to rule Delhi. Taimur made him governor of Multan, Lahore, Dehli, etc.
- Khizar was completely sovereign but established rule under Taimur Shah Rukh
- A lot of states and provinces of sultanate period declared their independence.
- Sultanate was reduced to Sindh, Western Punjab, Western Uttar Pradesh.
- Muizz Shah (1421-1434), then Muhammad Shah, Mawddin Alam Shah
- Muslim Impact reduced in India, Political Instability.

## Lodhi Dynasty (1451-1526) (Afghans)

### Bahlul Lodhi (1451-1489) (Title: Sultan Abdul Muazzafar Bahlul Shah Ghazi)

- He was governor of Sindh, when Syeds became weak he occupied the area of Punjab and then Delhi, also managed to capture other nearby independent states.

### Sikandar Lodhi (1489-1517) (real name: Nizam Khan) (Sikandar Lodhi)

- Established just administration in India, founder of 'Agra' (Capital: Delhi → Agra)

### Ibrahim Lodhi (1517-1526)

- 1526 & First battle of Panipat (Ibrahim Lodhi defeated by Zaiqanuddin Bahadur)
- This was not only end of Lodhi Dynasty but also ended 320 yrs rule of Mughals.

# Mughal Empire: (1526-1857)

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## Zahīrūddīn Babur: (1526-1530) (Chugtai Turk)

- Was born in 1483, was from 5th generation of Tamerlane and 14th generation descendant of Genghis Khan
- 1504 - Conquered Kabul and Ghazni maintained "Kingdom of Kabul"
- 1511 - Recaptured Samarkand
- 1512-1525 - Many expedition to India, none of them was fruitful
- 1525 - Occupied Punjab
- 1526: Battle of Panipat b/w Babur and Ibrahim Lodhi. Babur had 12000 soldiers whereas Lodhi has 100,000 army, still defeated.
- 5th expedition to India was a success, held control of Delhi and Agra
- Battle of Kanwa (for 1st time they fought against Sikhs, named it Tihad)
- 1527: Rana Sanga, leader of Rajputs of Mewar, was defeated at Khanwa
- 1529: Won battle against joint forces of Afghan and sultan of Bengal
- 1530: died near Lahore due to failing health (age: 47)  
Advised his sons to stay in India and make it their home.

### Achievements:

- Introduced some Central Asian administrative institutions
- Established new mints in Lahore and Jaunpur
- Ensured safe and secure route from Agra to Kabul.
- Kingdom extended from Kabul to Kandhar in north-west to Bihar in the east and from the Himalayas in the north to Gwalior in south.
- Was a great poet too, his book "Tuzk-e-Baburi" → "Babur Nama"

i) Babur was son of Shahrukh, Babur had two sons Humayun (India), Kamran Khan (Afghanistan).

## Humayun: (1530-1540) and (1555-1556) (Babur's eldest son)

- 1535 - Conquered Gujarat
- 1539 - Battle of Chausa (Humayun was defeated by Sher Shah)
- 1540 - Humayun was again defeated by Sher Shah, at Bilgram near Kannauj.  
Sher Shah Suri: (1540-1545) (Suri Dynasty) and went Iran
- real name Farid Khan, was governor of East India

- revenue administration, justice to common man, tree planting, well and building of Sarai, roads laid.

- GT road b/w Delhi to Kabul; Rohtas fort for protection

- currency changed to Dam, finely minced silver coins

- After death, sons (Aurangzeb, Islam Shah Suri) were incompetent  
Humayun Again (1555-1556) (for 7 months)

July 1555: Delhi and Agra recaptured, monarchy restored

Jan 1556: Died due to an accident

## Jalaludin Akbar: (1556-1605) (Humayun's son) (Jahaluddin)

- was 13 yr old when father died, had guardian Bahram Khan

1556: 2nd Battle of Panipat (Hindu leader Hemu was defeated)

1560: Akbar assumed direct power

1563: Pilgrimage Tax abolished "Zimmi"

1564: Jizya Tax (religious tax on young capable non-muslims) abolished

1582: Din-e-Elahi Introduced (He was fed up of fights b/w Hindus and Muslims)

- His central gov had 4 departments with minister in each, prime (Wazir)

Finance (Diwan-i-Wazir), Paymaster (Mir Baksh), Chief Justice (Sadr al-Siqqa)

- Overall extended the Mughal frontier, East → Bay of Bengal,

North-West → Persian Border with Afghanistan, South → Gujrat, North

- Married Hindu Rajput princess Jodha Bai (Jahangir's mother) and Deccan.  
allowed his Hindu wives to practice their religion.

- Power sharing started with Hindus for the 1st time. Governor of Lahore Rana Man Singh

- Introduced "Sulah-i-Kul" → Universal Tolerance, no religious compulsion.

Sikhism spread started, Baghdi movement started

- Patronage of classic Indian arts (India's Biggest musician → Tansen)

- On his Secular policies muslims responded → Reform movements started



Other Successors:

Jahangir (1605-1627) (Sheikh) (Salem) (Great and just king)

Shah Jahan (1628-1658) (Red Fort, and Taj Mahal for Murat)

Aurangzeb (1658-1707) (Islamic state in India)

Bahadur Shah Zafar (1837-1862) (No imperial interest)  
(was British prisoned 1857)

Foreign invasions & 1729: Invasion of Nader Shah

1747-61: " Ahmed Shah Abdali

1761: 3rd Battle of Panipat  
(Ahmed Shah Abdali won)