**Spielvogel Chapter 7**

**Ferment in the Middle East: The Rise of Islam**

### Focus Questions

- **Rise of Islam**: What were the main tenets of Islam, and how does the religion compare with Judaism and Christianity?
- **The Arab Empire and its Successors**: Why did the Arabs undergo such a rapid expansion in the seventh and eight centuries, and why were they so successful in creating an empire?
- **Islamic Civilization**: What were the main features of Islamic society and culture during its era of early growth?
- **CRITICAL THINKING**: In what ways did the arrival of Islam change or maintain the political, social, and cultural conditions that had existed in the area before Muhammad?

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#### The Rise of Islam

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- The Role of Muhammad
- The Teachings of Muhammad

#### The Arab Empire and its Successors

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- Creation of an Empire
- The Rise of the Umayyads
- The Abbasids
  - ABBASID RULE
  - INSTABILITY AND DIVISION
  - THE SELJUK TURKS
- The Crusades
- The Mongols
- Andalusia: A Muslim Outpost in Europe
  - A TIME OF TROUBLES
  - MOORISH SPAIN: AN ERA OF “CULTURAL TOLERANCE”?

#### Islamic Civilization

- Political Structures
- The Wealth of Araby: Trade and Cities in the Middle East
- Islamic Society
- The Culture of Islam
  - PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE
  - ISLAMIC LITERATURE
  - ISLAMIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE

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**Chapter Summary and TIMELINE**

**Upon Reflection**

**Key Terms**