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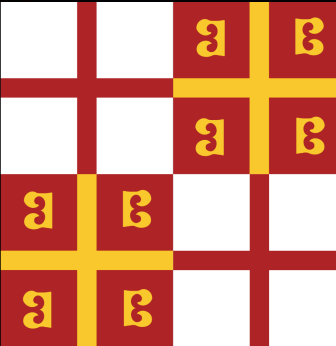
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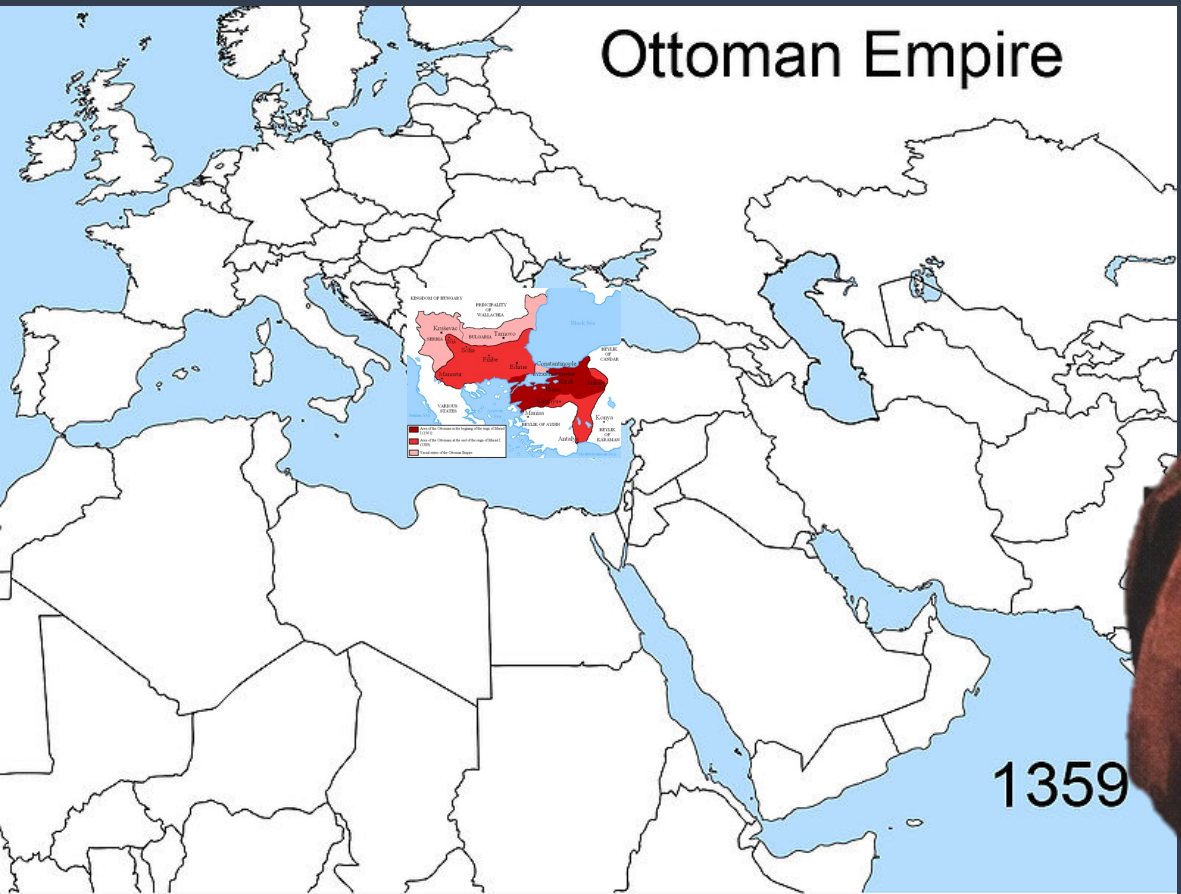


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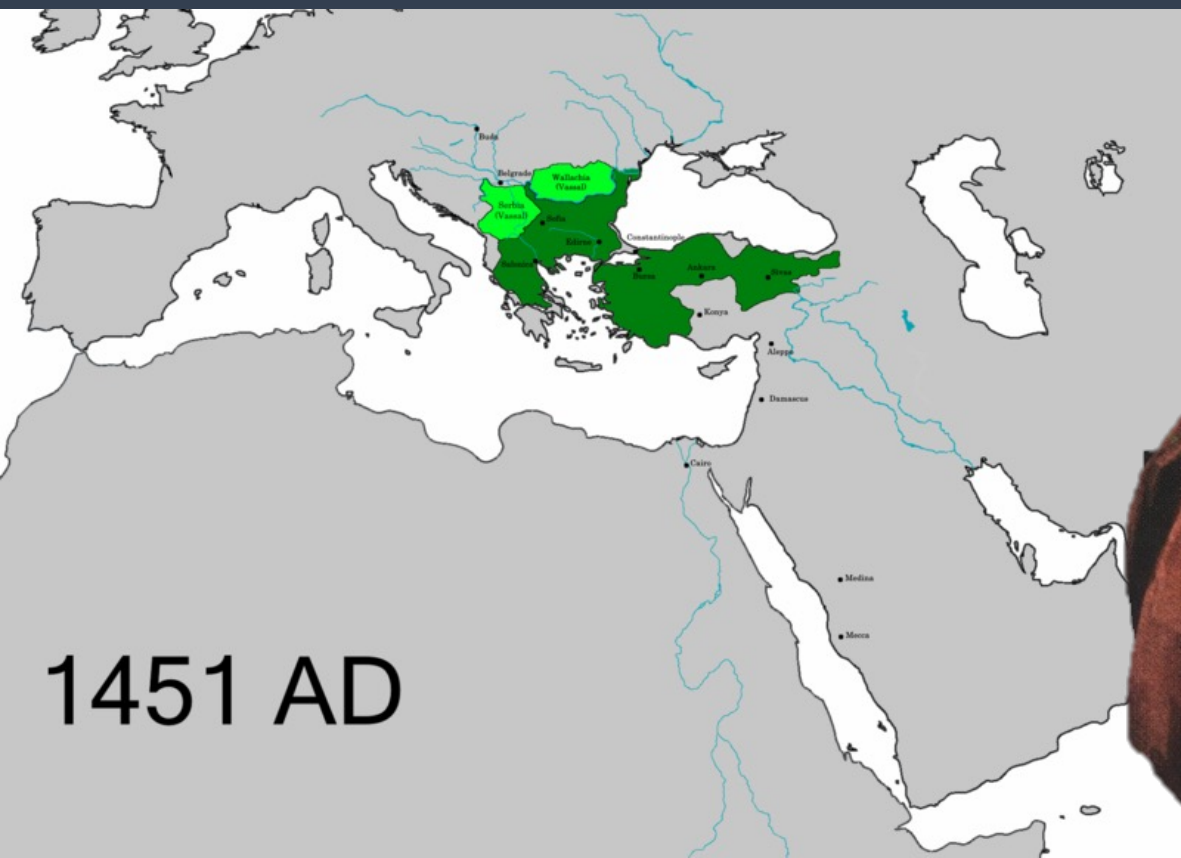


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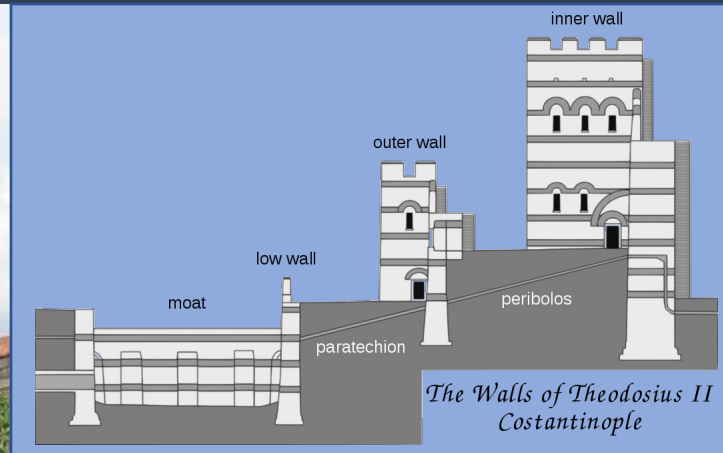
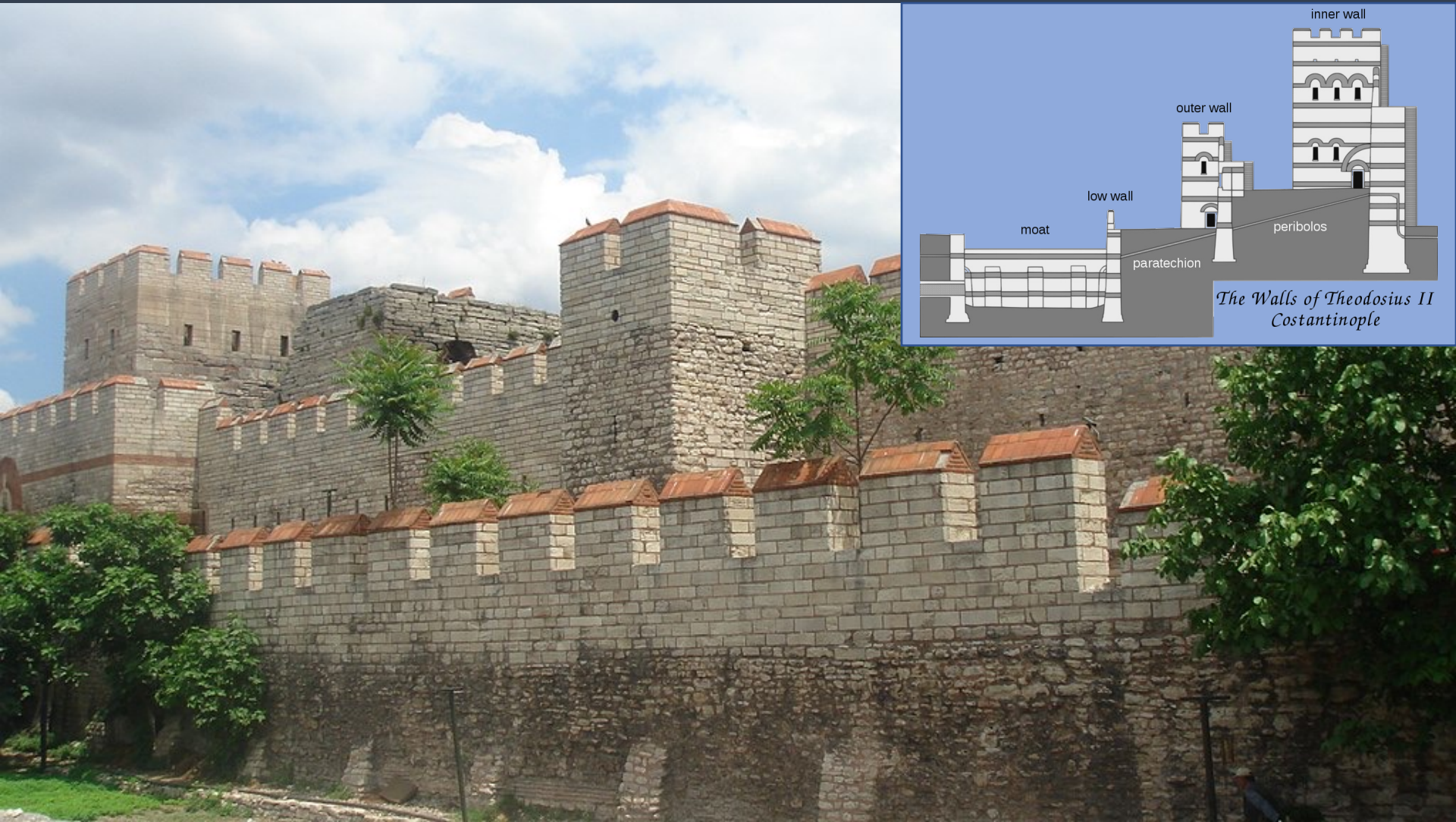
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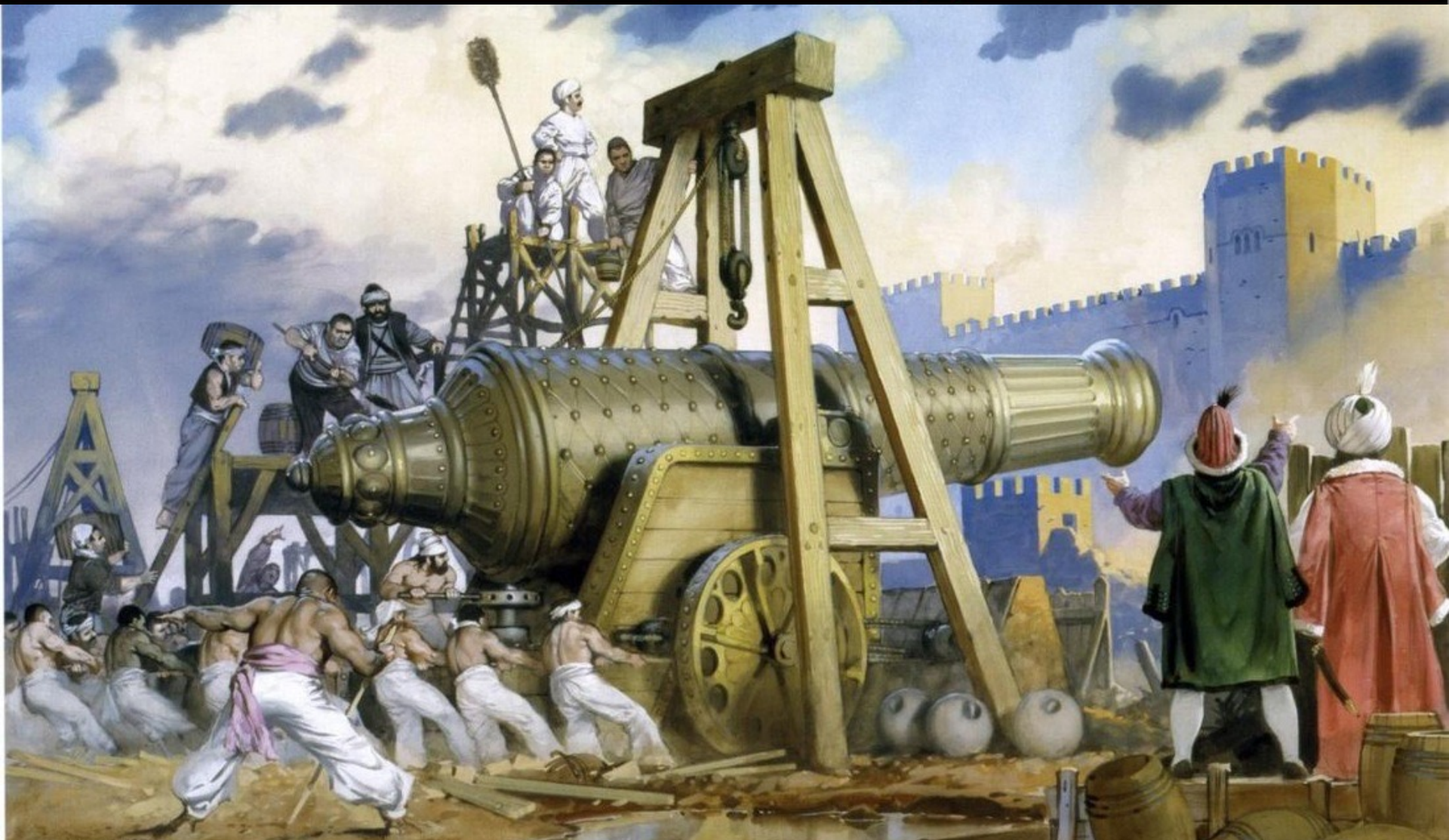
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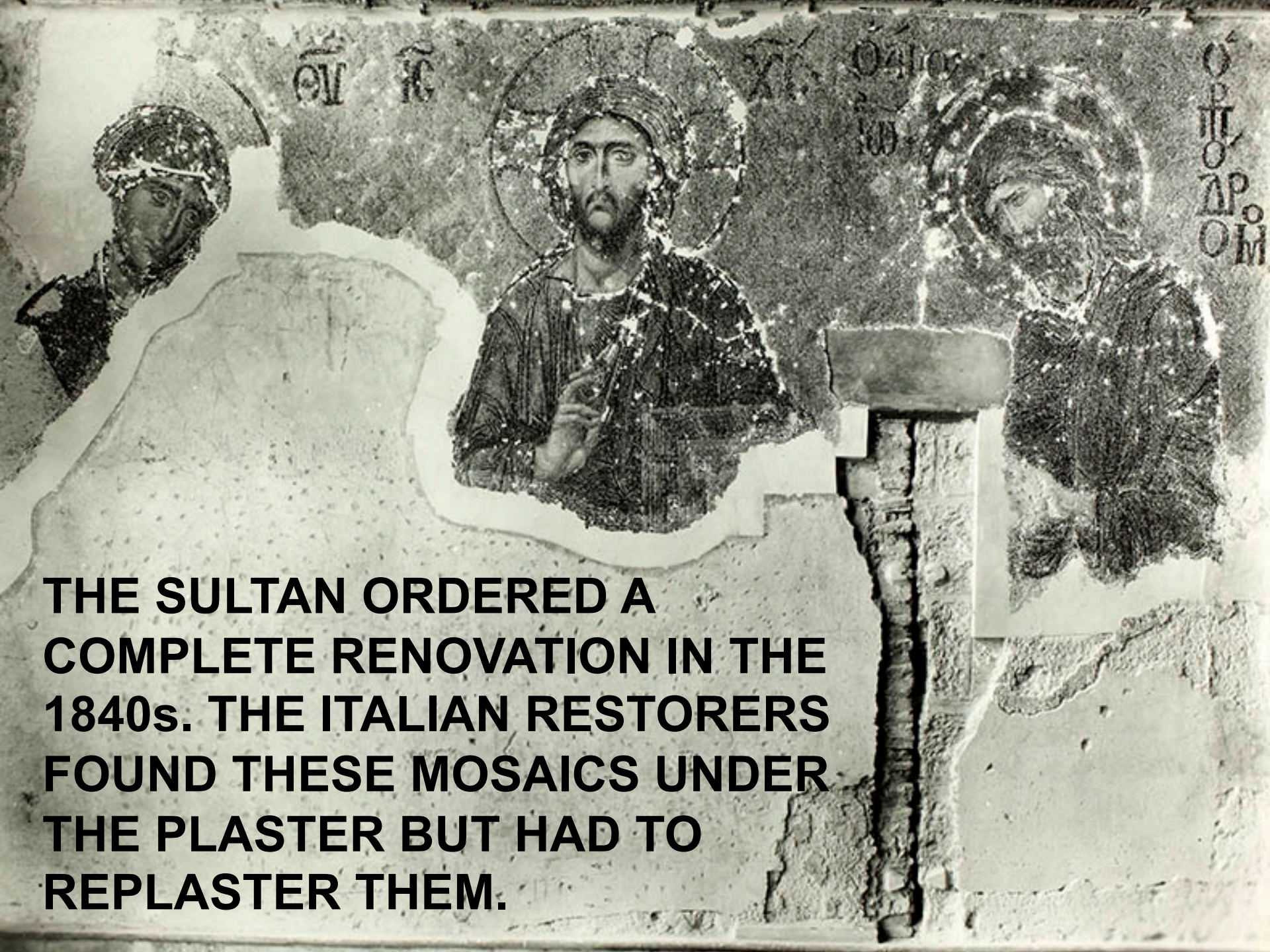
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- IT SERVED AS A MOSQUE FROM 1453 UNTIL 1935
  - SINCE 1935, IT HAS SERVED AS A MUSEUM AND CENTER OF TOURISM

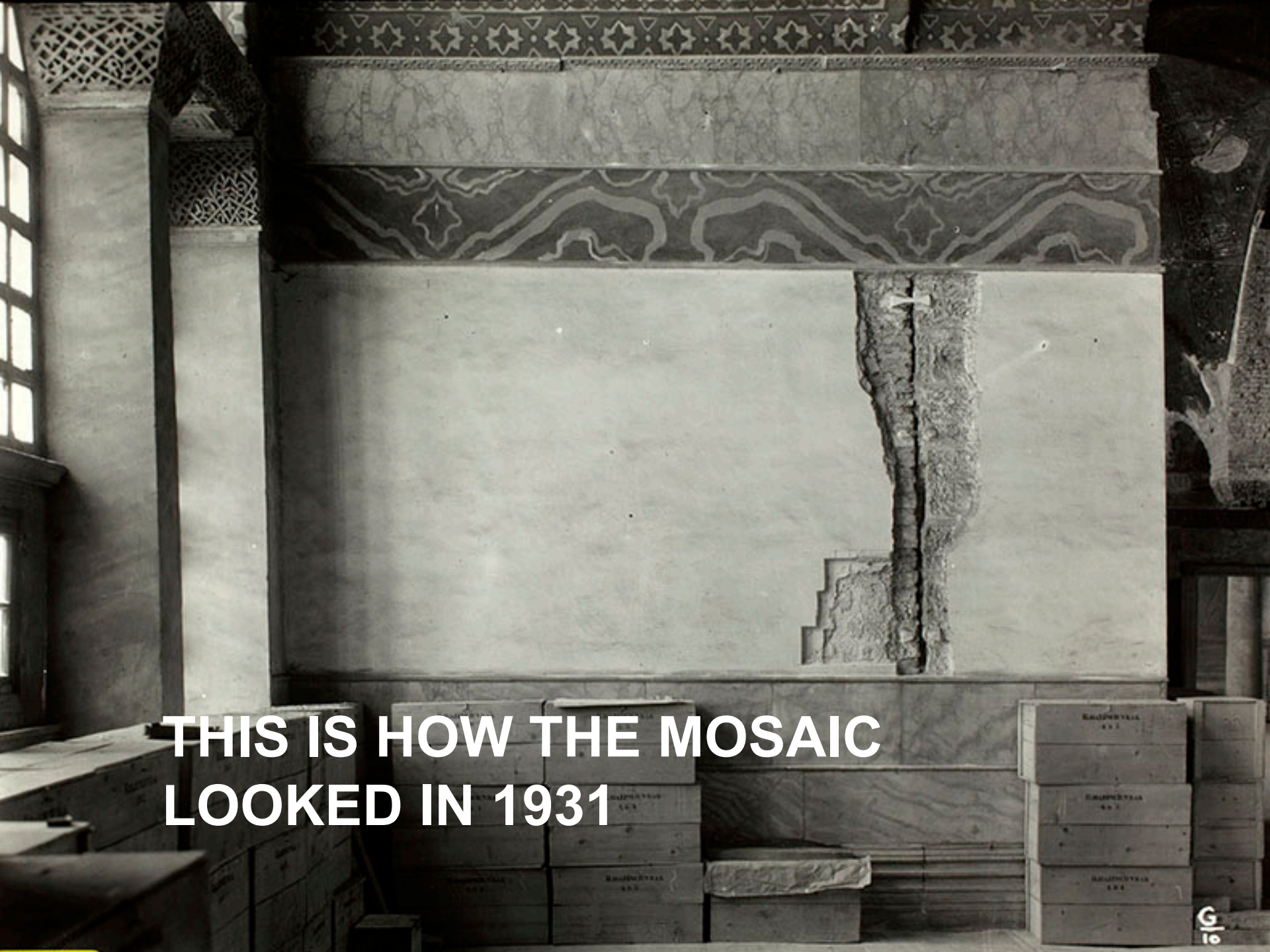






**THE SULTAN ORDERED A COMPLETE RENOVATION IN THE 1840s. THE ITALIAN RESTORERS FOUND THESE MOSAICS UNDER THE PLASTER BUT HAD TO REPLASTER THEM.**





**THIS IS HOW THE MOSAIC  
LOOKED IN 1931**







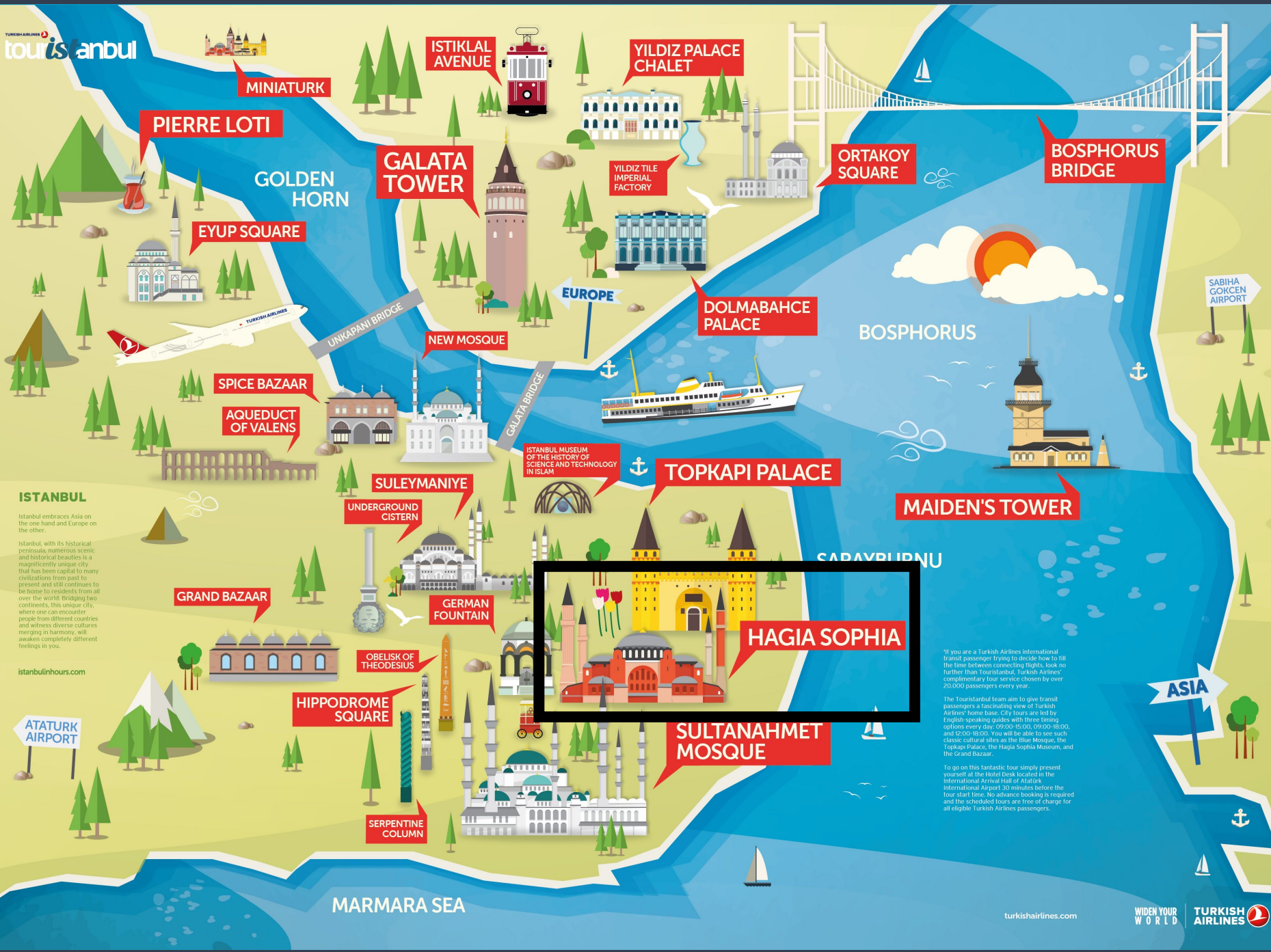


**THE BOTTOM PARTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE RESTORATION PROCESS BUT THE TOP REMAINS MARY, JESUS, & JOHN THE BAPTIST**









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## DEVSHIRME-

- THE "COLLECTING"
- BLOOD TAX ON FAMILIES FROM SOUTHEAST EUROPE
- HOW DID IT WORK?
  - OTTOMANS SENT MILITARY OFFICERS TO TAKE CHRISTIAN BOYS AGES 8-18)



- THEY ARE THEN CONVERTED TO ISLAM & RAISED BY THE STATE
- 4 POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONS:
  - 1. THE PALACE (*ENDERUN*)
    - BEST SENT HERE
  - 2. THE SCRIBES
  - 3. RELIGION (ISLAM)
  - 4. MILIT. (JANISSARIES)



50,000-ish BY 1650

ABOLISHED c. 1700



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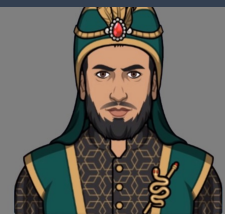


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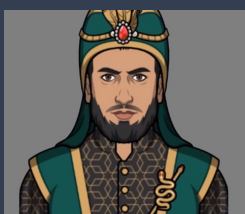
- THE BEST OF THE BEST RECRUITS WENT TO THE PALACE SCHOOL OR *ENDERUN*
- THE BEST GRADUATES OF THIS SCHOOL WENT ON TO BECOME **GRAND VIZIER**
  - *GRAND VIZIER WAS THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SULTAN & 2<sup>ND</sup> HIGHEST RANKING PERSON IN THE EMPIRE*
- SOME NOTABLE GRAND VIZIERS WHO WERE FROM THE DEVSHIRME SYSTEM:



**ZAGANOS PASHA**  
GREEK/SERBIAN  
GV FOR MEHMET II  
1453-1456



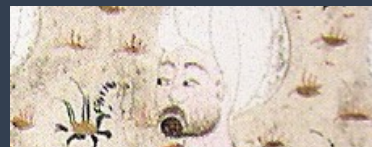
**MAHMUD PASHA**  
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1456-1474



**AYAS MEHMED PASHA**  
GREEK/SERBIAN  
GV FOR SULEIMAN  
1536-1539



**HADIM SULEIMAN PASHA**  
HUNGARIAN  
GV FOR SULEIMAN  
1541-1544



**RUSTEM PASHA**  
CROAT  
GV FOR SULEIMAN  
1544-1561  
(MARRIED SULEIMAN'S  
DAUGHTER & WAS WEALTHIEST  
VIZIER IN HISTORY)



**RUSTEM PASHA**  
BOSNIAN  
GV FOR SULEIMAN, SELIM &  
MURAD III  
1565-1579  
(ONLY VIZIER TO SERVE THREE  
DIFFERENT SULTANS!)





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- THE MOST FAMOUS DEVSHIRME PRODUCT WERE **THE JANISSARIES**
  - FAMED FOR STRICT DISCIPLINE & ORDER
  - PAID BY THE SULTAN; OWED COMPLETE ALLEGIANCE TO THE SULTAN
  - PART OF A “WELL-OILED MILITARY MACHINE”
- SULTAN WOULD DRESS AS A JANISSARY AND VISIT THE MEN AS A FELLOW JANISSARY
- WHEN THE OTTOMANS ARE REFERRED TO AS A “GUNPOWDER EMPIRE”...
  - **THESE GUYS** CONTROL THE GUNPOWDER.





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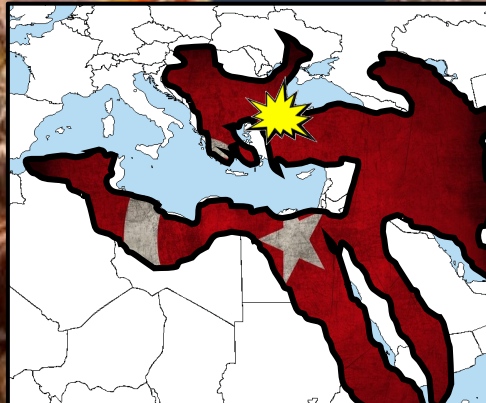
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## 1. FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE, 1453

THIS IS WHERE THE WORLD BEGAN TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE OSMANLI EMPIRE...

- 53 DAY SIEGE OF THE BYZANTINE (ROME) CAPITAL
- LED BY 21 YEAR OLD MEHMED II THE CONQUEROR
- THE ROMAN EMPIRE'S 1,483 YEAR EXISTENCE=OVER
- OFFICIALLY PUTS AN END TO THE USE OF CITY WALLS AS A VIABLE DEFENSE STRATEGY



### FLAG OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE



*EVER WONDER WHY THE CRESCENT MOON IS THE SYMBOL FOR ISLAM WHEN ISLAM HAS NO SYMBOL???*

- MOON/STAR DATES BACK TO SUMER
- PARTHIAN PERSIANS USED AS WELL
- THE ORIGINAL FLAG OF BYZANTIUM
- ALSO, USED IN EARLY TURKIC STATES



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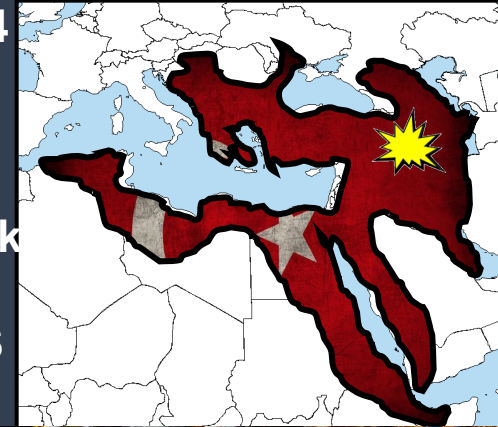
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## 2. BATTLE OF CHALDIRON, 1514

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> & MOST INFLUENTIAL MEETING BETWEEN THE RIVAL OTTOMANS & SAFAVIDS

- TWO OF OUR LAND BASED EMPIRES SQUARED OFF 8/23/1514
- SUNNI **OTTOMANS** EXPANDING TO THE EAST
- SHI'A **SAFAVIDS** EXPANDING TO THE WEST
- STARTS 41 YEARS OF BATTLES BETWEEN **OTTS** AND **SAFS**
- **OTTOMAN ARMY**=100k (MORE ARTILLERY), **SAFAVID ARMY**=80k
  - **SHAH ISMAIL**'S WIVES ALL CAPTURED BY THE **OTTS**
  - **SHAH ISMAIL** RETIRED FROM PUBLIC LIFE AFTERWARDS
  - **OTT** MOVE ON TO BRIEFLY CAPTURE THE **SAF** CAPITAL





I'VE PROBABLY ONLY MENTIONED THIS 1,000,000 TIMES, BUT...

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YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL!**

**ILLUSTRATIVE  
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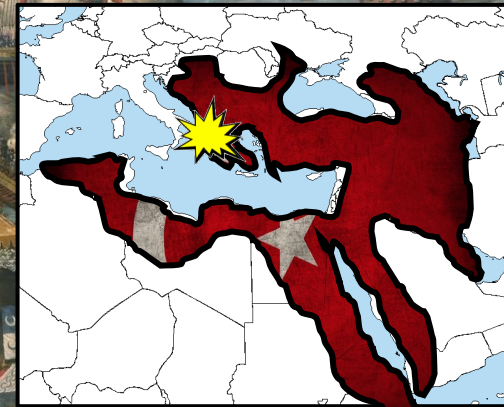
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## 3. BATTLE OF LEPANTO, 1571

THE UPSTART OTTOMANS END THEIR DOMINANCE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

- PAPAL STATES, SPAIN, VENICE, TUSCANY, & MALTA FORMED **THE HOLY LEAGUE**
  - **OTTS** SAILING WEST FROM LEPANTO; **HL** SAILING EAST FROM SICILY
  - LAST MAJOR BATTLE FOUGHT ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH ROWING SHIPS
- BEGINNING OF THE “**AGE OF SAIL**”: LARGEST NAVAL BATTLE SINCE ANTIQUITY
  - 400 WARSHIPS THAT WAS AN “INFANTRY BATTLE ON FLOATING PLATFORMS”
- **SULEIMAN** SCARED EUROPE WITH HIS VICTORIES; LEPANTO ENDED THAT FEAR





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## 4. BATTLE OF VIENNA, 1683

*“THE OTTOMAN TURKS CEASED TO BE A MENACE TO THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.”*

- VIENNA HAD BEEN UNDER SIEGE FOR TWO MONTHS
  - AUSTRIANS, POLISH-LITHUANIANS, & HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE JOINED FORCES
  - OTTS LED BY GRAND VIZIER KARA MUSTAFA PASHA (DEVSH/ENDERUN GRAD)
- END OF OTTOMAN EXPANSION INTO EUROPE, ALSO HAD THE LARGEST CAVALRY CHARGE IN HISTORY (25,000 EUROPEAN CAVALRY)





THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE HAD 36 SULTANS. SOME GOOD, SOME BAD. C

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## SULEIMAN THE

- **LAWGIVER:** FOR HIS REFORM OF LAW SYSTEM
  - **MAGNIFICENT:** FOR HIS MILITARY VICTORIES
  - **CALIPH:** PROCLAIMED HIMSELF CALIPH
- 
- SULEIMAN'S DAD WAS SELIM I
    - EXPANDED OTTOMAN RULE INTO EGYPT
    - DEFEATED **SAFAVIDS** AT CHALDIRON
- 
- SULEIMAN RULED FROM 1520-1566 (LONGEST OTT)
    - EXPANDED EMPIRE; FOUGHT FOR 23 YRS w/**SAF.**
    - RULED OVER 25 MILLION PEOPLE
    - PEN-PALS WITH AKBAR THE GREAT (MUGHAL)
  - RULED AT THE PEAK OF OTTOMAN POWER
  - DEATH= WATERSHED OF OTTOMAN POWER
    - 5 YEARS LATER, LOSS AT LEPANTO
  - **LAWGIVER:**
    - SULTANIC LAWS + SHARIAH LAWS
    - STUDIED PREVIOUS 9 SULTANS & MATCHED THOSE RULINGS WITH QUR'AN





**SULEIMAN'S OTTOMAN EMPIRE SHOOK THE EUROPEANS.**

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On [the Turks'] side are the resources of a mighty empire, strength unimpaired, habituation to victory, endurance of toil, unity, discipline, frugality and watchfulness ... Can we doubt what the result will be? ... When the Turks have settled with Persia, they will fly at our throats supported by the might of the whole East; how unprepared we are, I dare not say.“

-AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE





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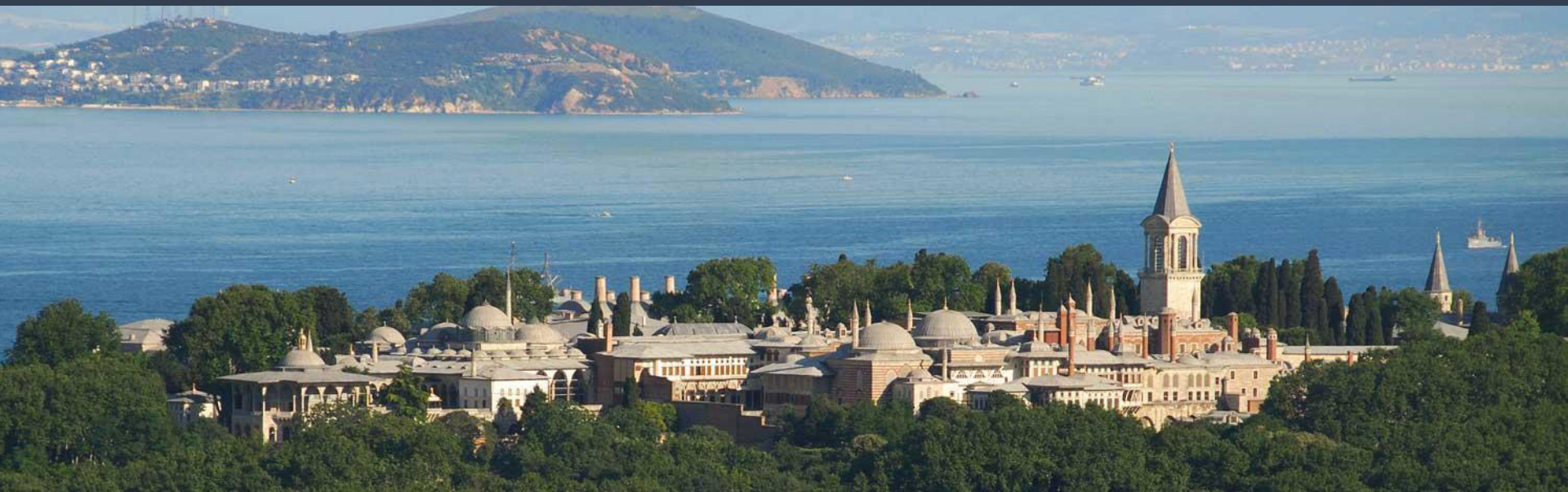
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## **EL I HIREF** (COMMUNITY OF THE TALENTED)

- HEART OF OTTOMAN RULE & EDUCATION SYSTEM WAS **TOPKAPI PALACE**
  - MEHMED THE CONQUEROR ORDERED ITS CONSTRUCTION
  - SEAT OF THE SULTANS FROM 1459-1856
  - ENDERUN SCHOOL FOR THE DEVSHIRME PALACE TRAINING WAS HERE
- EL I HIREF: OVER 40 DIFFERENT FIELDS OF STUDY WITH 2,000+ MEMBERS
  - ATTRACTED THE MOST TALENTED ARTISTS/SCHOLARS IN THE EMPIRE
  - PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY, RUG MAKING, BOOT MAKING, BLACKSMITHS...







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## SULEIMANIYE MOSQUE

- LARGEST OTTOMAN\* MOSQUE IN ISTANBUL (2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST OVERALL)
- SULEIMAN (AND MANY OTHER SULTANS) IS/ARE BURIED HERE
- PRIME EXAMPLE OF MONUMENTAL ARCHITECTURE USED BY RULERS







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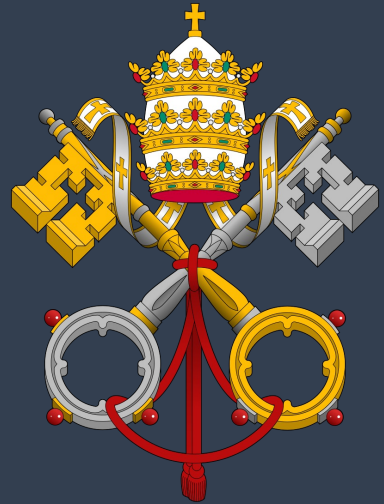
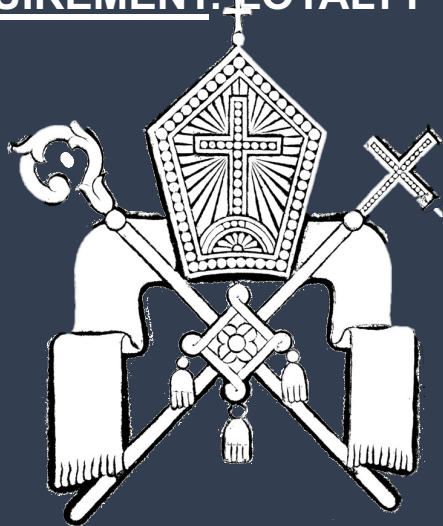


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## MILLETS

- DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE THAT HAVE CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF AUTONOMY
  - NOT FULLY AN OFFICIAL SYSTEM UNTIL THE 1700s
- IDEA PREDATES FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE WITH MEHMED I IN THE 1410s
  - TIED TO THE ISLAMIC RULES REGARDING DHIMMI (*PROTECTED PEOPLE*)
  - SET THEIR OWN LAWS, COLLECTED TAXES, ETC.
  - ONLY REQUIREMENT: LOYALTY TO THE OTTOMAN SULTAN/STATE



RUM MILLET  
"ROME NATION"  
ORTHODOX CHURCH

ARMENIAN MILLET  
"ARMENIAN NATION"  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

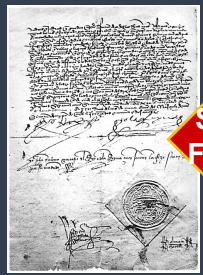
JEWISH MILLET  
"JEWISH NATION"  
JEWS

ROMAN CATHOLIC MILLET  
"CATHOLIC NATION"  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



AS SPAIN UNDERWENT THE RECONQUISTA & EXPLORATION, BOTH MUSLIMS & JEWS WERE EXPELLED FROM SPAIN:

# ALHAMBRA DECREE



SIGNED 3 WEEKS BEFORE APPROVING OF COLUMBUS' FIRST VOYAGE, AKA THE EDICT OF EXPULSION, THE DECREE WAS A PART OF THE SPANISH RECONQUISTA, OR RECONQUERING OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA FROM ISLAMIC INFLUENCE. THE DECREE WAS REVOKED IN 1968.

**"WE AGREE TO SEND OUT ALL MALE AND FEMALE JEWS FROM OUR KINGDOMS AND ORDER THAT NONE OF THEM EVER COME BACK."**



**SPANISH EMPIRE** TRANSOCEANIC INTERACTIONS c. 1450-1750



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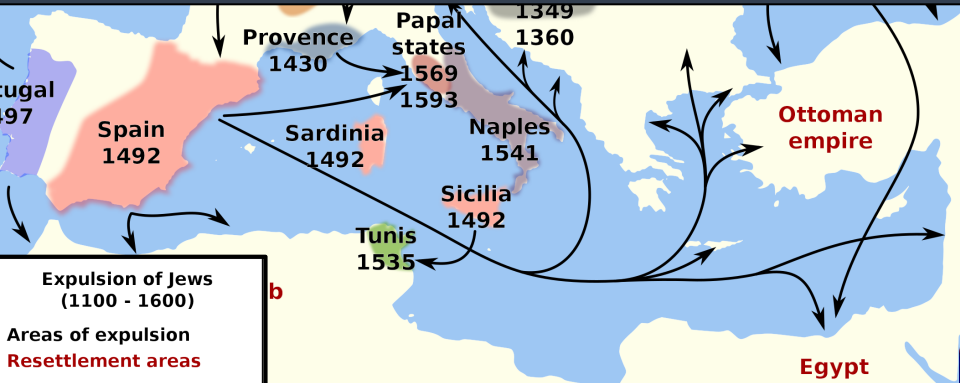
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- PRIOR TO THE DECREE, 200k/300k JEWS IN SPAIN CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM
- DECREE WAS SIGNED TO REMOVE THE REMAINING 100,000
  - WRITTEN BY GRAND INQUISITOR
- SEPHARDI (SPANISH) JEWS WERE EXILED TO MORE ACCEPTING REGIONS
  - NETHERLANDS, POLAND, OTTOM→

- OTTOMAN SULTAN HAD SENT TROOPS TO SPAIN TO HELP MUSLIMS DURING RECONQUISTA
- SULTAN SENT OTTOMAN ADMIRAL IN SHIPS LIKE THIS TO SPAIN→
- JEWISH FAMILIES IN JERUSALEM INCREASED
- 1488: 70 FAMILIES
- 1500: 1,500 FAMILIES
- OUTNUMBERED PRE-EXISTING JEWS
- SEPHARDI BROUGHT 1<sup>ST</sup> OTT. PRINT. PRESS
  - PHYSICIANS
  - DIPLOMATS





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## TAX FARMING (“ILTIZAM”)

- **ILTIZAMS** WERE SOLD OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS (WEALTHY NOBLES)
  - **ILTIZAMS** WERE TAX FARMS (THE RIGHT TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE OTTOMANS)
  - USUALLY FOR 3 YEARS; ILTIZAMS COULD EARN 5x THEIR INVESTMENT
- **BENEFITS:**
  - 1. GUARANTEED A **FIXED AMOUNT OF MONEY** FOR THE STATE
    - ANY FLUCTUATION DUE TO THE MARKET, DISASTERS OR MILITARY LOSS WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ILTIZAMS, NOT OTTOMANS
  - 2. ENCOURAGED **INCREASE IN TRADE:**
    - TAX FARMERS WOULD BENEFIT BY ANY INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OR TAXABLE TRADE (IMPORT/EXPORT) IN THEIR AREAS
  - 3. NO NEED FOR COMPLEX BUREAUCRACY (IT'S ALL ON THE **ILTIZAM**)
  - 4. IT'S PRE-EXISTING: THE OTTS ADOPTED THIS WHEN THEY TOOK OVER





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YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL!**

**ILLUSTRATIVE  
EXAMPLES**



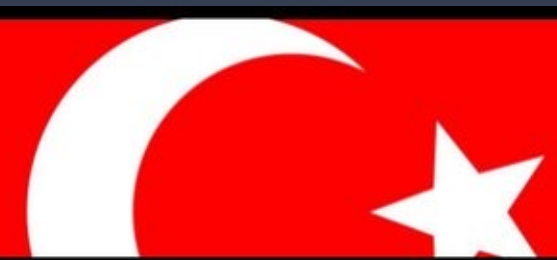
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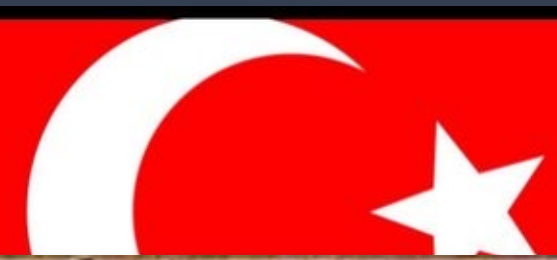
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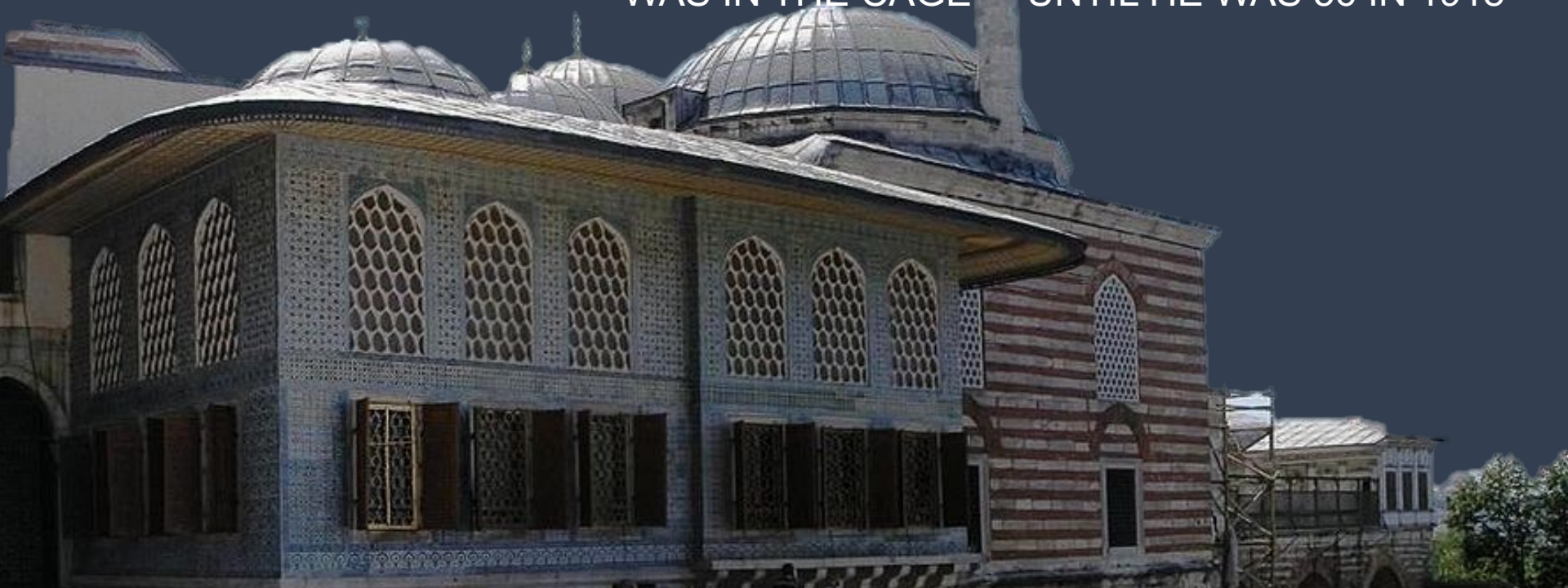
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## KAFES:

- LITERALLY, “**THE CAGE**”
- SUCCESSION STRUGGLES LED TO ROYAL FAMILIES BEING SLAUGHTERED BY AN HEIR
- REMEDY: LOCK PRESUMPTIVE HEIRS IN A KAFES UNTIL IT IS TIME TO CHOOSE AN HEIR
- STARTED IN 1617 LAST OTTOMAN SULTAN WAS IN THE CAGE UNTIL HE WAS 56 IN 1918





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## OTTOMAN DECLINE THESIS:

*-NOW DEFUNCT THEORY THAT STATED THAT THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE CONTINUALLY DECLINED FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SULEIMAN IN 1566*

### THE MAIN IDEAS OF THE O.D.T. ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> 10 SULTANS WERE GREAT; REST WERE INCOMPETENT
- OTTOMAN EMPIRE WAS THE “**SICK OLD MAN OF EUROPE**”
- MILITARY GOT WORSE AFTER EACH LOSS
- INABILITY TO ADD TO EMPIRE=FAILURE AS AN EMPIRE
- NEW WORLD=SHIFT IN ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE
- SPANISH SILVER INFLATION RUINED OTTOMAN COINS
- UNWILLING TO ADOPT/ADAPT NEW EUR. INNOVATIONS
- OTTs REVERTED TO A MEDIEVAL STATE



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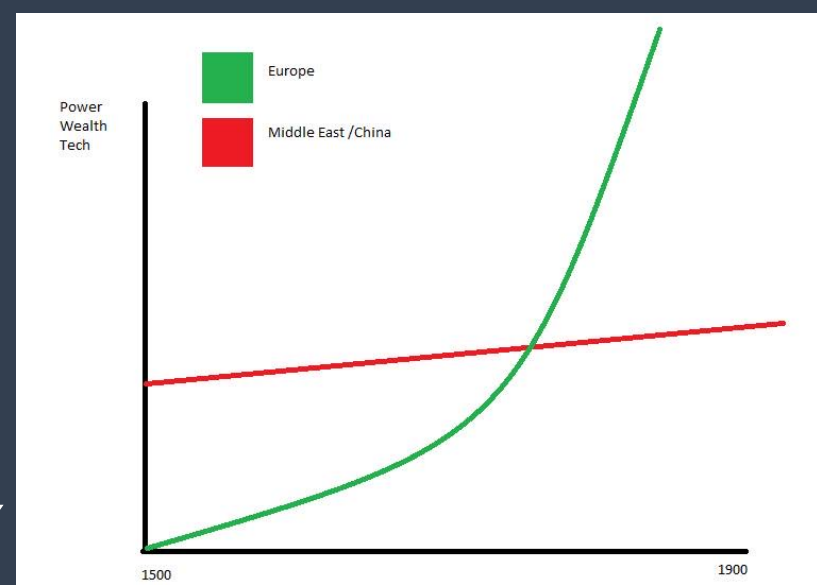
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## OTTOMAN DECLINE THESIS:

### PROBLEMS WITH THE DECLINE THESIS:

1. OTTOMAN WRITERS THROUGHOUT HISTORY COMPLAINED ABOUT THE TIMES... IT WAS A MEME.  
(NOT AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE DECLINE OF THE EMPIRE)
2. MILITARIES INCLUDING JANISSARIES CONTINUED TO INNOVATE INTO THE 1700s.  
(FELL BEHIND BY NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE 7 YEARS WAR)
3. OTTOMANS HAD SETBACKS, BUT WERE SIMPLY NOT IMPROVING AS FAST AS THEIR RIVALS IN THE WEST →
4. OTTOMANS SWITCHED FROM EMPIRE BUILDING TO BUREAUCRACY MAINTAINING OF THEIR EMPIRE





# OTTOMAN EMPIRE



LAND-BASED EMPIRES

c. 1450-1750

ANALYZE THE METHODS IN WHICH THE BUREAUCRACY OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE OTTOMAN AND MANCHU (QING) EMPIRES

# MANCHU EMPIRE



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