

ancient world, but in these early leaders, that character of standing by just what they thought was the correct principle and the correct attitude rather than trying to advance themselves, contributed greatly to people's acceptance of them and to the loyalty and enthusiasm of their followers and they spread down into Egypt and they captured Egypt and all of South Africa. They went across and they went up into Spain a few decades and they captured Spain, they held it for 700 years, they even marched up into France and on the other hand, they met the Persian empire and destroyed it, they captures Asia Minor, all of Palestine, they came right over to Constantinople within 60 years, less than 60 years after Mohammed's hegira, they attacked Constantinople and it was only the newly invented Greek which was successful, a new explosive which was successful in fighting them back from Constantinople and 40 years later they made another great attack upon Constantinople and were driven back and the whole face of the world was changed. Today, I believe there are about 250 million Muslims in the world. It is a strong and potent force today, although, as far as culture and civilization leadership is concerned in the last 500 years they have sunk very low, below the high points that they reached in the Middle Ages, we will say more about that next time. (end of record)