Muslim Rule in India 712-1857
Muhammad bin Qasim Al-Thaqafi (31 December 695–18 July 715)

- Umayyad General
- cousin and son in law of Iraq Governor, Hijaj bin Yousaf
- Foundation of Islamic Rule in Subcontinent
Causes of Sindh Invasion

- Attacked by Raja Dahir’s forces on Muslim’s ship
- The Arab were imprisoned later on by the Debal Governor, Partaab Raye
- Refusal of Raja Dahir
- Hijaj sent Muhammad Bin Qasim for this expedition in 711 A.D
Campaign

• Third Expedition
• Makran → Arman Belah(lasbela) → Debal (Karachi) → Sadusan (Sehwan), Nerun (Hyd), Brahamnabad (Shehdad Pur)
• At-rur (Rohri,Nawabshah) met by Dahir's forces
• Captured (Multan)
Reason for Success

• Superior military equipment
• Troop discipline and leadership.
• The concept of Jihad as a morale booster.\(^4\)
• Religion; the widespread belief in the prophecy of Muslim success.\(^4\)\(^12\)
• The ‘Samanis’ the majority of the population was Buddhist who were dissatisfied with their rulers, who were Hindu.\(^12\)
• Light taxes
• Separate courts for muslim and hindus
• Retain hindus on their jobs.
• Killings in earlier stage, just to bring peace
Death

- only after 4 years Revolt in Umayyad
- Death of Hijaj bin Yousaf,
- M.B Qasim suspended, otherwise subcontinent history would be different
- Imprisoned and Murdered in Iraq.
Sultan Mehmood Ghaznavi (November 2, 971 - April 30, 1030)

- Son of Sabuktagin
- Ruled from 997 to 1030
- Dynasty (Afghanistan, Eastern Iran, Pakistan, North East India)
- 17 expeditions on India
Campaign

- Started from (Khorsan, Balkh, Herat, Merv) Afghanistan, from Samanids in 999
- Seistan (Iran) 1000
- Defeats Jaypal (Peshawar) 1001
- Jaypal, ruler of Punjab, Kabul and Peshawar initiated the war with his father but Sabuktagin made Peace agreement to save women and children
- Multan, Ismail Shah & Anandapala
• **Somnath**  This raid was his last major campaign.

• **Somnath 1025**: to crush hindus false belief.

• Sultan Mahmud died on April 30, 1030 at Ghazni
Sultan Muhammad Shahabuddin Ghori (1150 – 15 March 1206)

- Mu'izzuddīn Muḥammad Bin Sām
- Born in Ghor, Afghanistan
- Brother Ghayassuddin
- Ghorid’s Dynasty (Afghanistan, Pakistan, North East India)
Campaign

• Multan & Uch 1175
• Attacked Gujrat 1178, defeated by Rajput Bhimdev Solanki II
• Capture Lahore 1181
• Conquered Sialkot 1181
• Attacked Terrain (Delhi) against Prithvi Raj Chohan (Rajput) 1191, Loss
• Attacked Terrain 1192 again, become Victorious
• Moved to Ajmer + North Rajasthan
• Attacked Ayodhya temple, capture Delhi 1193
• Conquered Bengal 1204
• Murdered near Jhelum 1206
• Made Qutbuddin Aibak his Deputy of Sultanate
• Educated more than 40 slaves and made them governors
• Inspired by imam razi and ulema
The Great Mughal Empire
1526-1707
The Mughals were descendants of two great rulers. From their mother’s side they were descendants of Genghis Khan, ruler of the Mongol tribes, China & Central Asia. From their father’s side they were the successors of Timur, the ruler of Iran, Iraq & Modern-day Turkey.
Mughal Empire

- Under the Mughals, **India was the heart of a great Islamic empire and a prolific center of Islamic culture and learning.**

- Dynasty was the **greatest, richest and longest lasting Muslim dynasty to rule India.**

- **Mongol Descendents**

- The Great Mughal Emperors were:
  - Babur (1526-1530) The First of the Mughals
  - Humayun (1530-1556)
  - Akbar (1556-1605)
  - Jehangir (1605-1627)
  - Shah Jehan (1627-1658)
  - Aurangzeb (1658-1707)
Babur 1526 - 1530
The First of the Mughals

- Born on 14 Feb 1483 Uzbekistan
- Babur was a direct descendant of the Turkish Ghengis Khan and Timur from Tamerlane.
- Defeated the Delhi Sultanate (Ibrahim Lodhi at Panipat 1526 & Rana Sanga rajput 1527) & established the Mughal Empire.
- Gained control of the whole northern India
  - Made Agra capital
- He reigned for 4 short years and died at age 47 in 1530.
- Did not enact new laws or organization in the empire due to early his death
- Buried in Kabul
After Babur died, he was succeeded by his son Humayun in 1530. Humayun was 23 years old.

He was not a soldier and unlike his father, neither skilled nor a wise leader.

Inherited a disunited and disorganized empire.

In 1540, Sher Shah Suri defeated Humayun and took over the Mughal Empire. The Empire was lost from 1540-1545.

- He was exiled but later regained power in 1555, defeating Feroz shah Suri.

Humayun died in 1556 after falling down the steps of his library.
Akbar 1556 - 1605
*The Great*

- Akbar became the new Mughal ruler at the age of 14.
- Akbar was an ambitious and noble commander
  - Built the largest army ever in the empire.
  - Helped to conquer nearly all of modern-day northern India and Pakistan.
- **Great administrator**
  - Developed a centralized government
    - It delegated 15 provinces each under a governor and each province into districts and each district was further sub-divided into smaller sections.
- Best known for *so called* tolerance of his subjects (especially Hindus)
- Invited religious scholars to debate him in his private chambers. Which made him confused.
  - Developed his own faith call **Din Ilahi**.
    - Din Ilahi was a mixture of the other religions Akbar had studied from those debates.
    - Died and Buried at Sikandra (agra)
Jehangir 1605 - 1627

The Paragon of Stability

- Jehangir (Prince Salim) succeeded his father Akbar in 1605.

- **Opposition to mujaddid but later accepted his teachings**

- He **continued** many of Akbar’s **policies**.
  - Freedom of worship.
  - Fair treatment of Hindus.
  - Continued friendship and alliance with Rajputs.
  - Allowed foreigners like the Portuguese and English into India for trade.

- Jehangir married Nur Jahan. She became the **real ruler** of the empire until the death of her husband.
Jehangir Issues (specific)

- Under the influence of his wife and many others, Jehangir was not an able ruler like his father.
  - He loved to drink and enjoy himself.
  - He had to **suppress many rebellions**.
  - Important posts in the court were given to families, friends, and especially those close to his wife, Jahan.
Shah Jehan 1627 - 1658

*The Master Builder*

- Shah Jehan (Prince Khurram) succeeded his father in 1627.
- Better ruler than Jehangir.
  - *Restored the efficiency* of government.
  - *Recovered territories*.
  - *Maintained peace*
  - Foreign traders were allowed into India and *trade increased considerably*.
- The empire was expanded.
- Shah Jehan was a *patron of the arts*
  - Built many great architecture buildings including the *Taj Mahal*
Shah Jehan

- **Taj Mahal (Mumtaz)**
  - Built in honor of his wife (Arjuman Bano) who died during childbirth.

- **1657** - Shah Jehan became seriously ill and a *dispute over the succession* of the throne between his three sons.

- **Aurangzeb depose Shah Jehan** in 1658. Shah Jehan was imprisoned in the Octagonal Tower of the Agra Fort from which he could see the Taj Mahal. He died in 1666 and was buried next to his wife in the Taj Mahal.
Aurangzeb 1658 - 1707

The Intolerant

- Primary Interest - Promote Islam
- Compiled his constitution in the light of Hanafi fiqh
- Open courts, himself
Aurangzeb

- Aurangzeb over expanded the empire and strained his resources.
  - Large sums of money and manpower were lost.
  - He lost the support of the Hindu people.
  - The over expansion of his empire weakened his administration.
- Aurangzeb died in 1707
- Son Bahadur Shah succeeded him, he only managed to live a few more years. But at this point in time, the government was so unstable and so weak, the empire became an easy target of invasion and exploitation, first by the Persians, and then by the British.
- The death of Aurangzeb, the empire started its gradual decline
## Summary: The Dynasty of the Great Mughals in India

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British Rule in India
British Rule

- East India Company 1601
- James Lancaster (Commander)
- Trade (Cotton, Silk, Salt, Tea)
- Surat, Madras, Bombay Calcutta… Trading zone
- Well Established in 1690
- Battle of Palessy 1757 was the major offense by Company against Nawab Sirajudolla of Bengal
- Captured Bombay from Marathas
- Conquered Mysore by defeating Tipu Sultan, Battle of Seringapatam 1799
WAR OF INDEPENDENCE 1857