

POINTS TO-GO – LESSON 3

750-1258

The Abbasid Dynasty:

Descendants of Muhammad's uncle; ruled the Eastern domains of the Muslim World for 500 years; founded Baghdad; perceived by many Muslims and scholars as the golden age of Islam.

The Abbasid revolution:

The Abbasids brought changes in political theory, political legitimation, and cultural identity. They also reorganized the Islamic regime and state, for instance by way of a professional bureaucracy and the harem.

Political decentralization of the caliphate:

The Abbasids had to endure numerous local autonomous dynasties, including invasions of Muslim dynasties (Persians and Turkish) and non-Muslim powers (the Crusades and the Mongols).