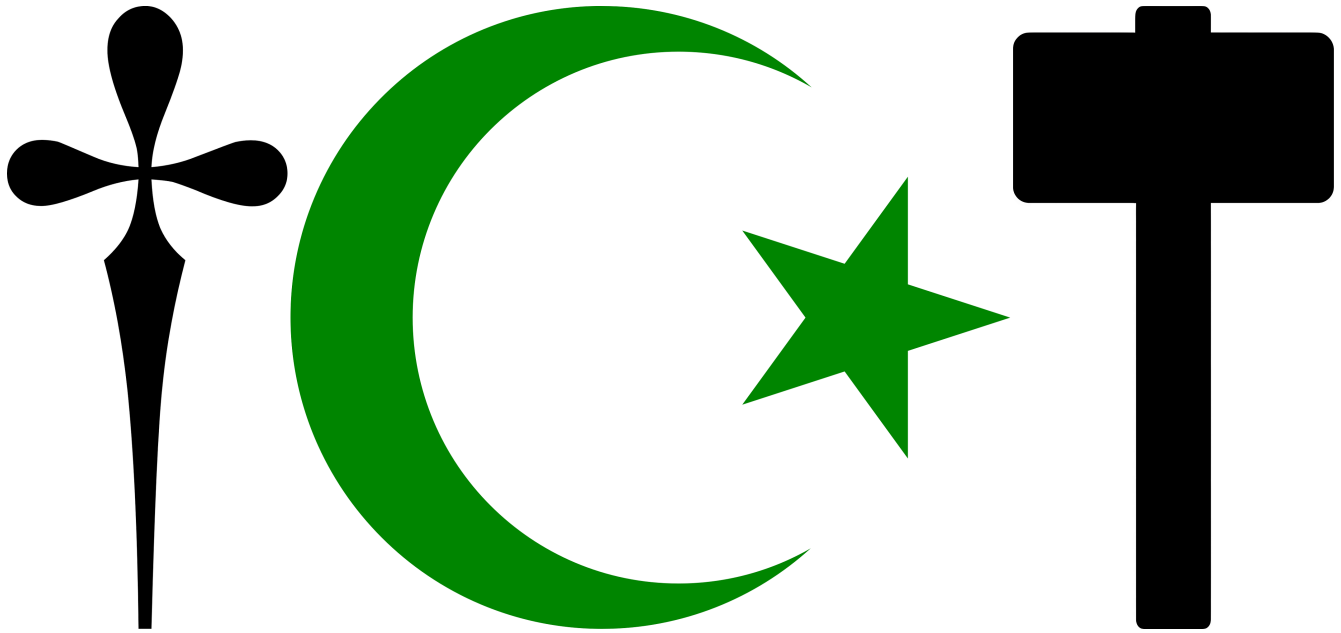


# The Sicarii / Maccabee Origins of Islam



## Sicarii Maccabees

- The Maccabees were an ancient Jewish military group that started a revolt against the Greek Seleucid empire and established an independent Jewish kingdom in Palestine during the 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C.E.
  - The Sicarii were an ancient Jewish assassin / terrorist group that instigated the Great Jewish Revolt against the Roman Empire during the 1<sup>st</sup> century C.E.
  - The Islamic star contains five points.
    - The Maccabee kingdom and dynasty were founded by five brothers: Judah Maccabee, Jonathan Maccabee, Simon Maccabee, Eliezer Avaran, and John Gaddi.
  - The Islamic crescent visually resembles a sickle or curved sword.
    - According to the Jewish-Roman historian Josephus, the Sicarii used “small curved swords” to assassinate their victims.
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## Kaaba Maccabees

- The Islamic Kaaba visually resembles the head of a colossal hammer.
  - The Hebrew word for “hammer” is “Maccabee.”
  - The Hebrew word “Maccabee” is derived from the Aramaic word “maqqəḇa” (“the hammer”), which spelling is very similar to the Arabic word “Kaaba.”
- The Kaaba is located in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
  - The words “Kaaba” and “Mecca” combined with each other contain an anagram of the word “Maccabe.”
- In the Quran and Islamic tradition, the Kaaba is referred to as:
  - Bayt Allah (Arabic: بَيْتَ اللَّهِ (“House of God”))
  - al-Bayt (Arabic: الْبَيْت (“the house”))
  - Baytī (Arabic: بَيْتِي (“My House”))
  - Baytik al-Muḥarram (Arabic: بَيْتِكَ الْمُحَرَّمَ (“Your Inviolable House”))
  - al-Bayt al-Ḥarām (Arabic: الْبَيْتُ الْحَرَام (“The Sacred House”))
  - al-Bayt al-‘Atīq (Arabic: الْبَيْتُ الْعَتِيق (“The Ancient House”))
- In the Hebrew bible and rabbinic writings, the Jewish Temple is referred to as “house.”