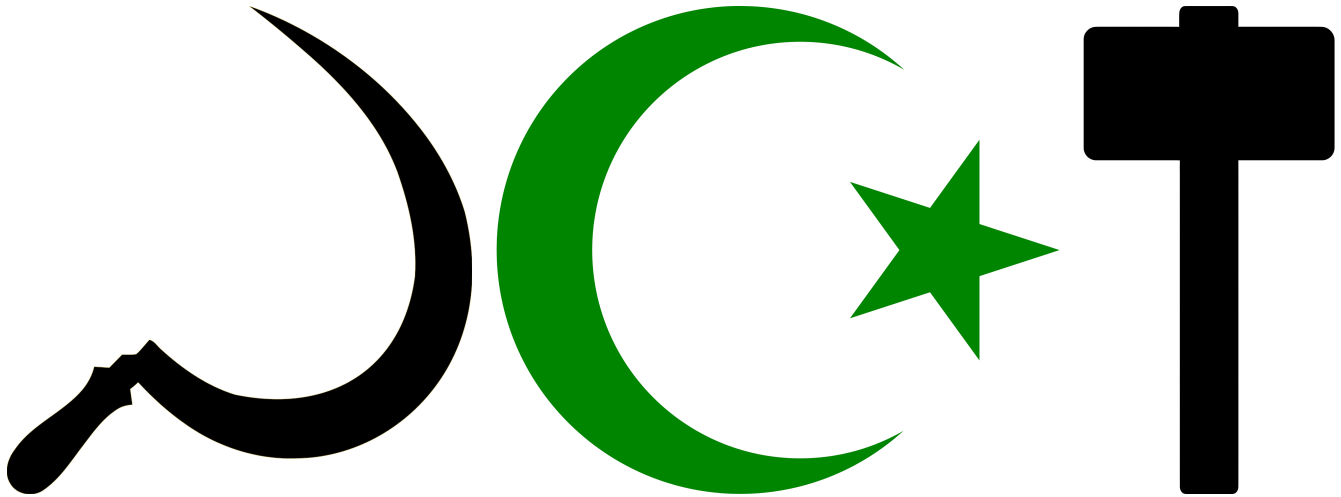


The Sicarii / Maccabee Origins of Islam



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 2nd 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 1st 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.

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 “maqqaḇa” (“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: بَيْتُ اللَّهِ (“House of God”)
 - al-Bayt (Arabic: الْبَيْتُ (“the house”)
 - Baytī (Arabic: بَيْتِي (“My House”)
 - Baytik al-Muḥarram (Arabic: بَيْتِكَ الْمُحَرَّمَ (“Your Inviolable House”)
 - al-Bayt al-Ḥarām (Arabic: الْبَيْتُ الْحَرَامُ (“The Sacred House”)
 - al-Bayt al-‘Atīq (Arabic: الْبَيْتُ الْعَتِيقُ (“The Ancient House”)
- In the Hebrew bible and rabbinic writings, the Jewish Temple is referred to as “house.”