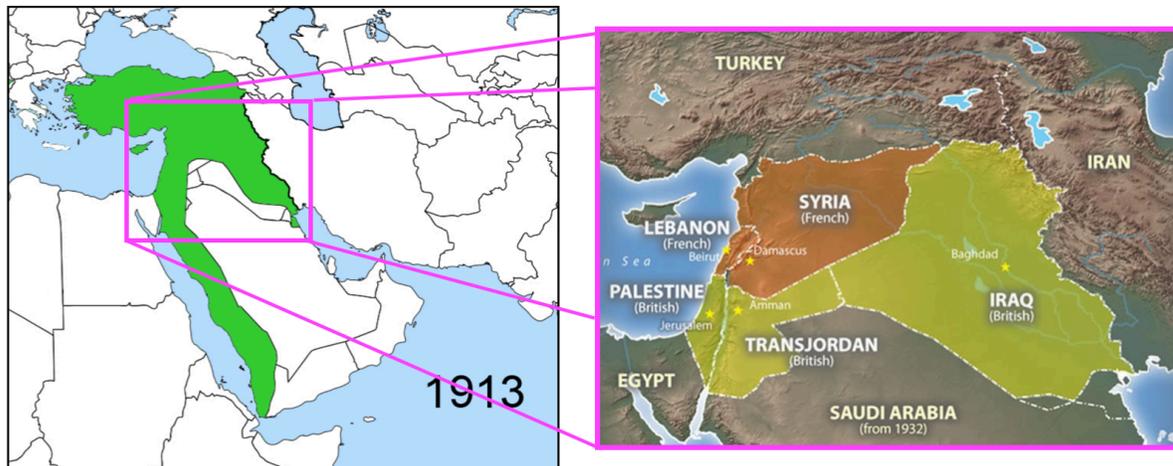


## H. The World Wars and the Disintegration of Triumphal Islam

1. The *World Wars* caused the final disintegration of Islamic culture at the hands of Europe's great powers.
2. Desperate to regain territory lost to Britain, France, and Russia, who were all allies on the same side in World War I (1914-19), the Ottoman Turks allied with Germany which had never attacked the Middle East, and which they hoped would help them defeat their main enemies.
3. Germany stopped fighting when the United States entered the war, and the Ottoman Empire was defeated by Britain and France, who cut it up into the separate countries like Syria and Iraq (see the map below).



The modern disintegrated state of the Islamic world is mainly caused by the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in World War I, when France and Britain carved up the empire and made a number of new countries in its place.

4. These new countries could not stop the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 by Jewish people fleeing from the horrible racist attack on them by Nazi Germany known as the Holocaust.
5. This modern version of Islamic culture is the one struggling to figure out what to do about having the United States as the world police power.
6. Here is the basic summary of the story: Muhammad started *Triumphal Islam* with his conquest of Arabia c.622-32 which lasted until the Euro-Ottoman Wars of 1863-99. Those wars signaled the beginning of the period of the *European Ascendancy*, which led to the complete breakup of the Ottoman Empire in World War I (1914-19), and rise of the modern State of Israel in 1948, because the Islamic world was disintegrated and powerless to stop it. Modern Islamic culture is struggling to choose between cosmopolitanism and the now dominant trend of *Islamism* since 1979, which wants to overcome America's power and regain a belief in the ultimate triumph of Islamic belief over all other cultures.

