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1 | The Ottomans

When China was failing [\[KBhHIST201MingChina1500\]](#), the Ottomans grow w/ Muslimdom — Ottomans were the largest muslim nation in Europe + a serious threat to Christendom.

- Enjoys control of the silk road
- Huge landmass
- Large army (and, large cannons + siege trains)
 - Strong Navy! => deployed frequently in the Black Sea, Constantinople, North Africa

The Rise

See [\[KBhHIST201OttomansRise\]](#)

The Fall

See [\[KBhHIST201OttomansFall1500s\]](#)

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Gelvin, Chapter 3

- Weakened governmental systems caused “17 century crisis” => whole of the world getting Romanitus
- “Great Inflation” + the “Price Revolution”
 - Governments used bureaucracies to disempower aristocrats
 - #why not silver based inflation
 - Rulers needed ways for rule legitimization => “Routinization of Charisma”
 - Finding new means to find new means to find authorities => Could not use expansion to assert authority anymore
 - Leveraged shiny palaces and overcomplicated rituals