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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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#disorganized

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 Chrima”
 - Finding new means to find new means to find authorities => Could not use expansion to assert authority anymore
 - Leveraged shiny palaces and overcomplicated rituals
 - Claims of why inflation happened:
 - Demographic expansion => Population growth induced
 - More people
 - Post-black-death
 - Dependence aforementioned in and of itself was reason for inflation
 - States spent a large amount of money
 - Kept debasing currencies, causing inflation
 - Resulting in the Vicious Cycle
 - Debasement
 - Governments see debasement, and debase further to recouperate
 - [KBhHIST201ProblemsWithSilver](#) Problems with Silver, too!
 - Transition of “WE” => “MWS”
 - 1500s World Empires” => division of world by huge empires

- Possible for several WE to exist (Ottoman, Safavid, Habsbug, China)
- Spread through military conquest or threatening thereof
- Self-sustaining and independent
- Each equivalent to the other #why
 - CLAIM: “no empire was tech. superior to any other. Nor was empire organized in a manner that gave it particular advantage over any other.”
- Late 1500s-now: “world empires =>”modern world system”
- “Politically fragmented but economically united”
- Modern world spread influence by bringing outlying districts into a single economic structure