

# EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

CYPRUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Island nation</li><li>• Paul's first missionary journey - Acts 13:4-13</li><li>• Greek Orthodox Church</li><li>• (Europe)</li></ul>
ISRAEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Borders the Dead Sea</li><li>• Became an independent nation again in 1948</li><li>• excellent health care system</li><li>• high-tech, advanced market economy</li><li>• 77% Jewish</li></ul>
JORDAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional monarchy</li><li>• Borders the Dead Sea</li></ul>
LEBANON	
SYRIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• struggling health care system</li></ul>
TURKEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GDP of \$2.2 trillion</li><li>• largest population in Eastern Mediterranean - 80.6 million</li></ul>

# PERSIAN GULF

IRAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital city - Tehran</li><li>• Islamic Republic - sharia law</li><li>• sharia law</li><li>• largest population in the Persian Gulf - 81 million</li></ul>
IRAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• largest percentage of young people in the Middle East - 60% of the population is under age 25</li><li>• Islamic Republic - sharia law</li></ul>
KUWAIT	
OMAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• absolute monarchy</li></ul>
QATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• absolute monarchy</li><li>• <b>Al Udeid Air Base</b> - biggest U.S. base in the Middle East</li></ul>
SAUDI ARABIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• partially covered by the Rub al Khali - "Empty Quarter"</li><li>• Mecca and Medina</li><li>• absolute monarchy</li><li>• free health care for citizens - medical tourism</li></ul>

<p><b>YEMEN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• khat - a shrub whose leaves can be chewed as a narcotic</li> <li>• semi-presidential, representative democratic republic</li> </ul>
<p><b>BAHRAIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developed a banking-based economy when its oil reserves were depleted</li> </ul>
<p><b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constituent monarchy</li> </ul>

## VOCABULARY:

- Mesopotamia
- khat
- sharia
- kibbutz
- Kurds
- mosque
- monotheism
- synagogue

### Understand the concept:

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