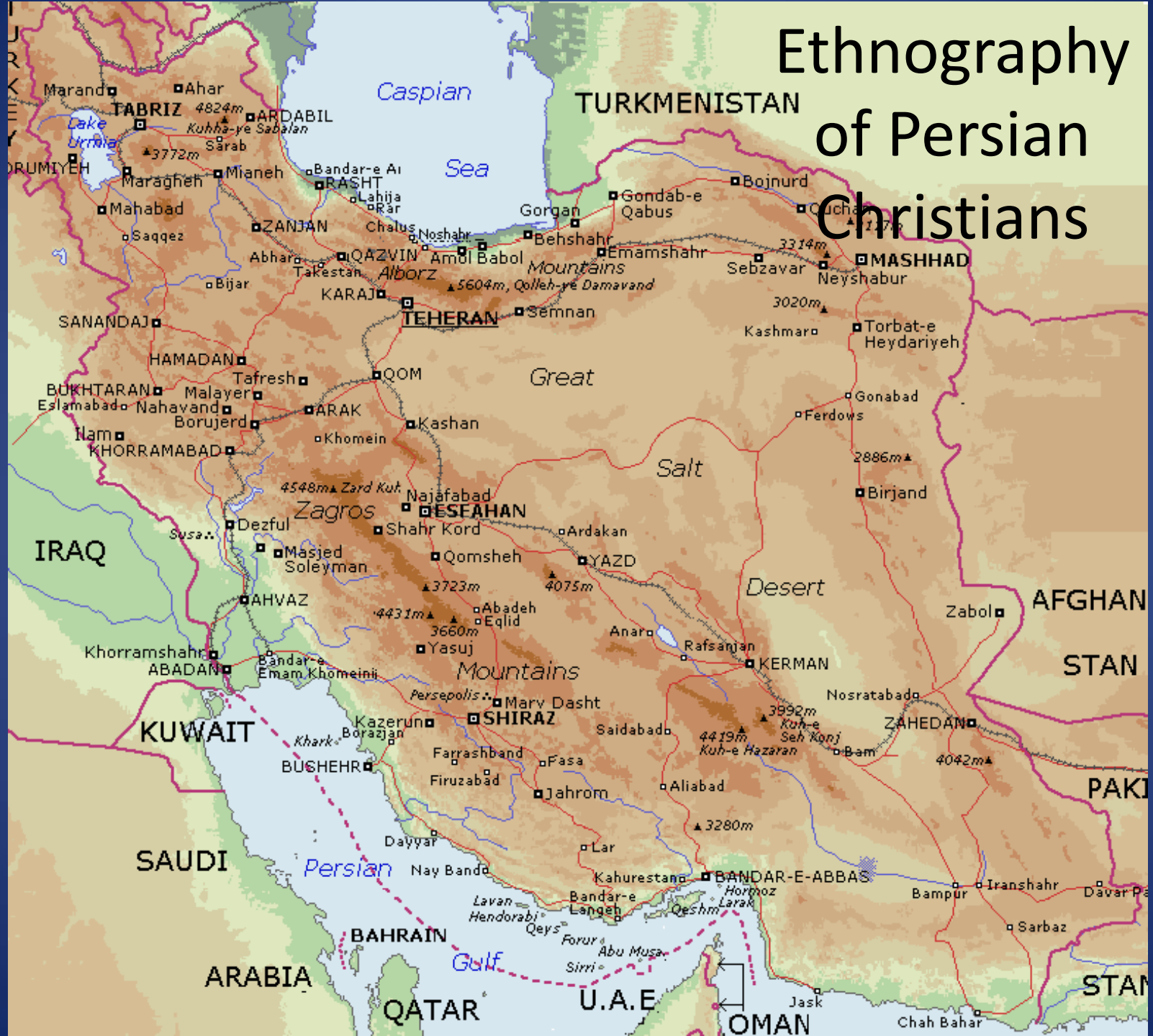


Ethnography of Persian Christians



Introduction

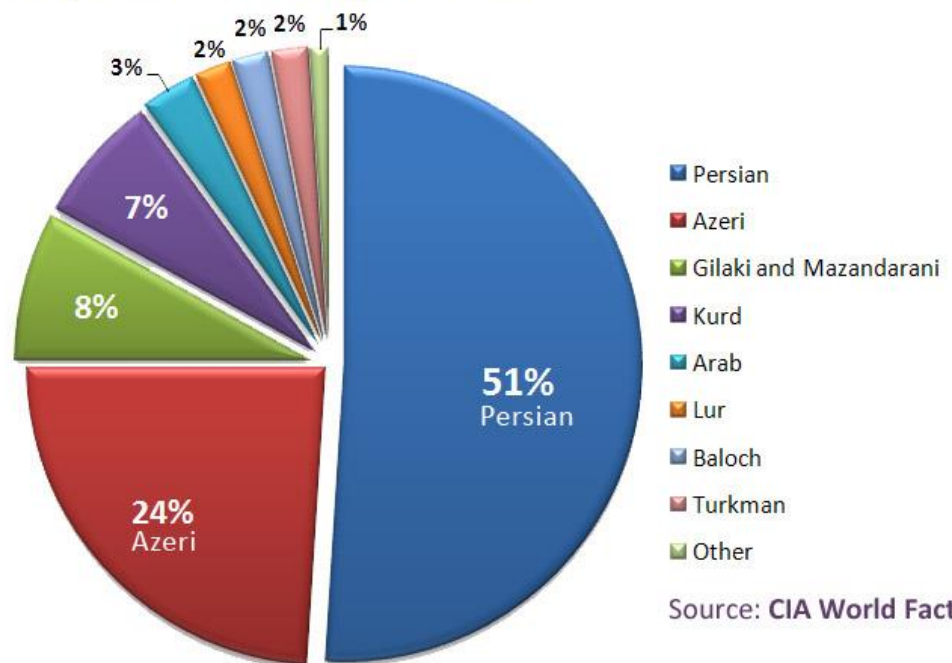
- Persia is one of the great civilizations of world history
- It has a prominent place in the Bible





Peoples of Iran

Major Ethnic Groups in Iran



Country ▲	Population	Progress Scale	Primary Language	Primary Religion	% Professing Christian	% Evangelical
Afghanistan	557,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.1 %	0.1 %
Australia	29,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.8 %	0.7 %
Austria	17,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	1.0 %	0.2 %
Azerbaijan	1,400	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.0 %	0.0 %
Bahrain	173,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	1.0 %	0.8 %
Bangladesh	800	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.0 %	0.0 %
Belgium	3,700	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	1.6 %
Canada	124,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	13.0 %	10.0 %
Cyprus	1,300	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	1.0 %	0.9 %
Denmark	14,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	0.2 %
Finland	4,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	0.2 %
France	64,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	0.6 %
Germany	97,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.1 %
Greece	1,200	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.1 %
India	13,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.0 %	0.0 %
Iran	30,132,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	1.0 %	0.9 %
Iraq	408,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Italy	1,100	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Japan	51,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Kazakhstan	3,200	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Kuwait	135,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	3.5 %	0.2 %
Netherlands	31,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	3.0 %	0.2 %
New Zealand	3,100	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	1.4 %
Norway	17,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	1.0 %	0.4 %
Oman	81,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Pakistan	20,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.0 %	0.0 %
Qatar	184,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.0 %	0.0 %
Russia	3,700	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Saudi Arabia	206,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Spain	2,400	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	0.2 %
Sweden	41,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Syria	65,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Tajikistan	68,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Turkey	618,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.3 %	0.1 %
Turkmenistan	13,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
United Arab Emirates	455,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.1 %	0.1 %
United Kingdom	81,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
United States	334,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	2.0 %	0.3 %
Uzbekistan	37,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %
Yemen	41,000	⦿	Persian, Iranian	C* Islam	0.5 %	0.2 %

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Methods

- Key Informant – NM, a Persian Christian
- Interviewees
 - Survey and Smithsonian – five Persian women, two Muslim, two Christian, one secular
 - Persian church in VA – 10 people, men and women
- Documents
- Iranian marriage license
- Photographs and Nowruz items at Smithsonian

Outline of Results

- Middle class life in Iran
- The House Church
- Persians in the US, especially Christians
- Worldviews – God, man, the nation

Discussion

- Compare and contrast Muslims and Christians in Iran
- Compare and contrast middle class life between Iran and the US
- Compare and contrast the world views in Iran and the US, traditional vs. modern and postmodern

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