



## ISLAM IN IRAN

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**ISLAM IN IRAN.** Although a large number of articles in this *Encyclopaedia* are devoted to specific aspects of Sunnite Islam in general and Shi'ite Islam in particular, the following series of articles provide an overview of some historical, contemporary, and especially political aspects of the topic that are of special interest and relevance in the world today. The series consists of the following three broad sections:

### **The Advent and Spread of Islam in Iran**

The series of entries in this section provide a general survey of historical geography of the advent and spread of Islam in the lands of Iran and related territories from the early period to the present time, including the Iranian plateau, Central Asia and Afghanistan, and Mesopotamia.

- i. The advent of Islam in Iran. See [IRAN ix/2.1](#).
- ii. Conversion to Islam. See [CONVERSION iii](#).
- iii. Late medieval period. See [IRAN ix/2.2](#).
- iv. Shi'ite states since the Safavids. See [IRAN ix/2.3](#).

### **Messianism and Millenarianism in Islam**

- v. [Messianic Islam in Iran: A general survey](#)



- vi. The concept of Mahdi in Sunni Islam
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