



Let's find out about...

'Amra bint  
'Abd al-Rahman

# A New Beginning

In the year 650, the **Arabian peninsula** and the areas around it were growing and changing very quickly in many ways.

**Islam** had spread far, and people were filled with questions that needed answers.



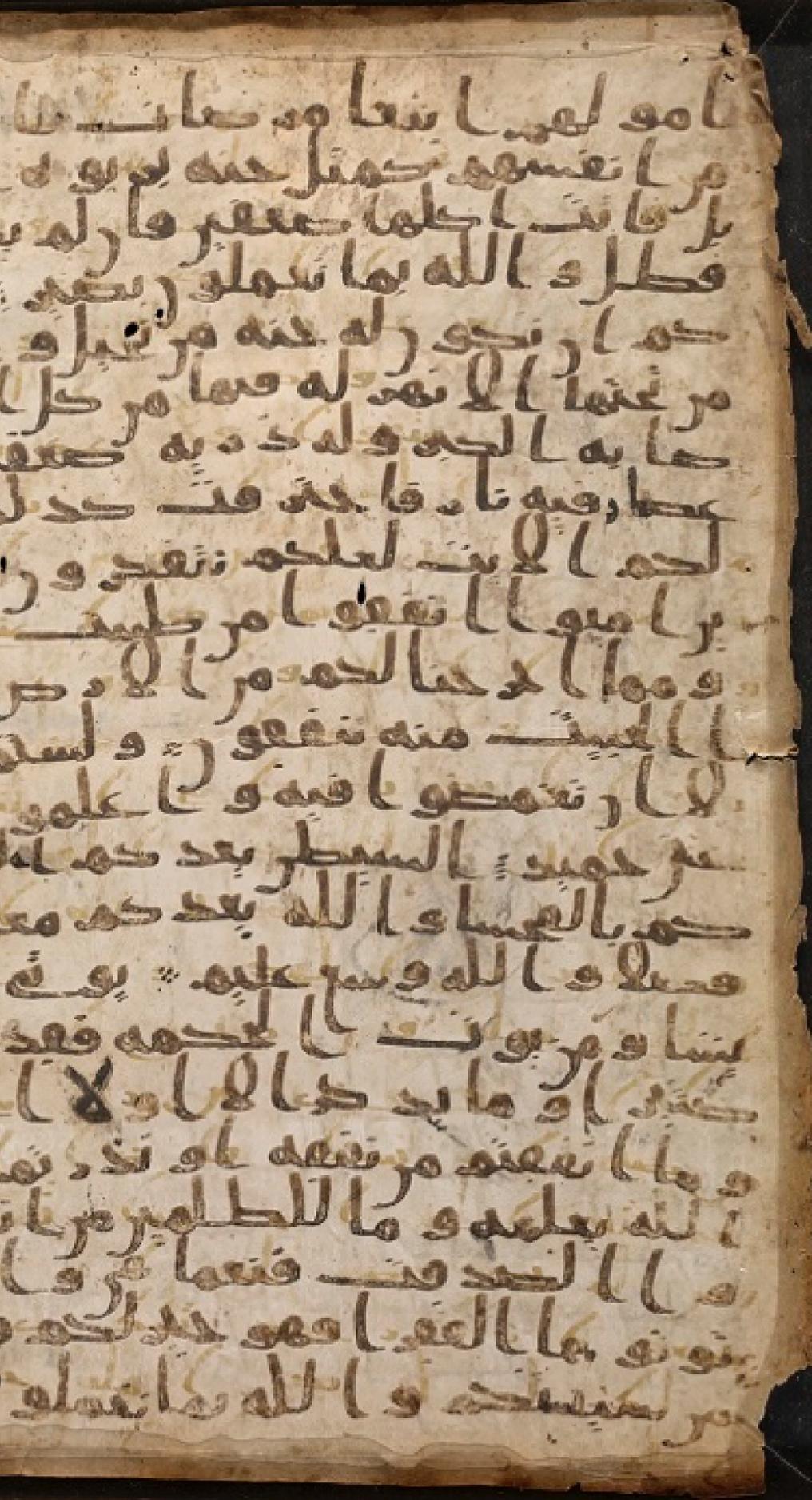
Map of the Arabian peninsula

# A Scholar is Born

'Amra **bint** Abd al-Rahman was born during this exciting time in the year 650. She was born in the city of **Medina**, in modern-day Saudi Arabia. Medina was already a place of learning and knowledge.

The city was filled with many teachers and students.





# A Special Girl

'Amra became an **orphan** at a young age when her father passed away. This was very sad, but soon, 'Amra was invited to move into the home of a very important **scholar** of Islam: 'A'isha bint Abu Bakr.

'A'isha was married to the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. After he passed away, many Muslims wanted to learn from 'A'isha, since she was the closest person to the Prophet, peace be upon him. 'Amra was very lucky to live with such a special person!

A page of the Quran, the holy book of Islam. This was found in Yemen and was written down during 'Amra's childhood!



# A Legal Expert

'Amra studied with the best teachers, and soon she became a scholar of law. She made important decisions that affected many people.

'Amra was trusted by the people because she was smart, and because her heart understood what was right and what was wrong. She carefully studied what the Prophet Muhammad had taught, and used that knowledge to make good decisions.

A wooden gavel with a handle and a head, resting on a wooden block. The gavel and block are positioned on a light-colored, possibly marble, surface. The gavel is oriented vertically, with the head at the top and the handle extending downwards. The wooden block is partially visible on the left side of the frame.

# Respected by All

'Amra was among many brilliant judges and scholars in Medina. She was an **honest** woman, and was not shy to share her opinion about important matters.

Once, an important judge made the choice to send a thief to jail. 'Amra heard about the decision, and after learning all the details, she quickly sent a message to the judge to set the prisoner free. The judge got the message and agreed with 'Amra's choice. The other scholars respected 'Amra very much.



# A Caring Person

'Amra cared about people and thought about how her decisions would affect others. The **well-being** of others was so important to her that when she was near her death, she asked her brother to dig her grave away from other graves.

She did not want anyone to accidentally disturb another grave while they were digging hers. She passed away in the year 727.



# A Lasting Legacy

'Amra bint Abd al-Rahman was called *an ocean of knowledge*. Her complete understanding of Islamic laws along with her trustworthy heart made her one of the most brilliant Muslim scholars of her time.

Her decisions helped shape the way Muslims all over the world live, even today!

# Glossary

## **Arabian peninsula**

the land that is now called Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and the UAE

## **Islam**

The religion that Muslims follow

## **bint**

The Arabic term for "daughter of"

## **Medina**

A city in Saudi Arabia

## **orphan**

A child whose parents have passed away

## **scholar**

A person who has studied a lot and become a specialist

## **honest**

Truthful

## **well-being**

Being comfortable, healthy, and happy



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