

# Syria: from rose to disaster

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# Aims

- To introduce the culture of Syria and Syrian cities (e.g. Aleppo)
- To introduce some of the roles of Syria and Syrian people in science
- To introduce some of the ethical and physical disasters that happened during the (war) since 2011
- To introduce what was my feeling about the war as a child in that time
- To introduce how the war started, and how Syrian people migrated to other countries
- To try to find solutions

# Syrian Culture

- Recorded from five millennia B.C. or before
- One of the oldest cultures in the world
- There were a lot of cultures that lived in this ground before it was know as Syria.
- Some even call it \*The Source of Culture\*.
- It has a lot of monuments, especially in the city of Palmyra



- Aleppo city is the culture capital of Syria, and Damascus is the political capital.
- The researches have proved that Damascus and Aleppo is the oldest historical cities in the world.



- Syria was the meeting point of the Persian and the Roman Empires



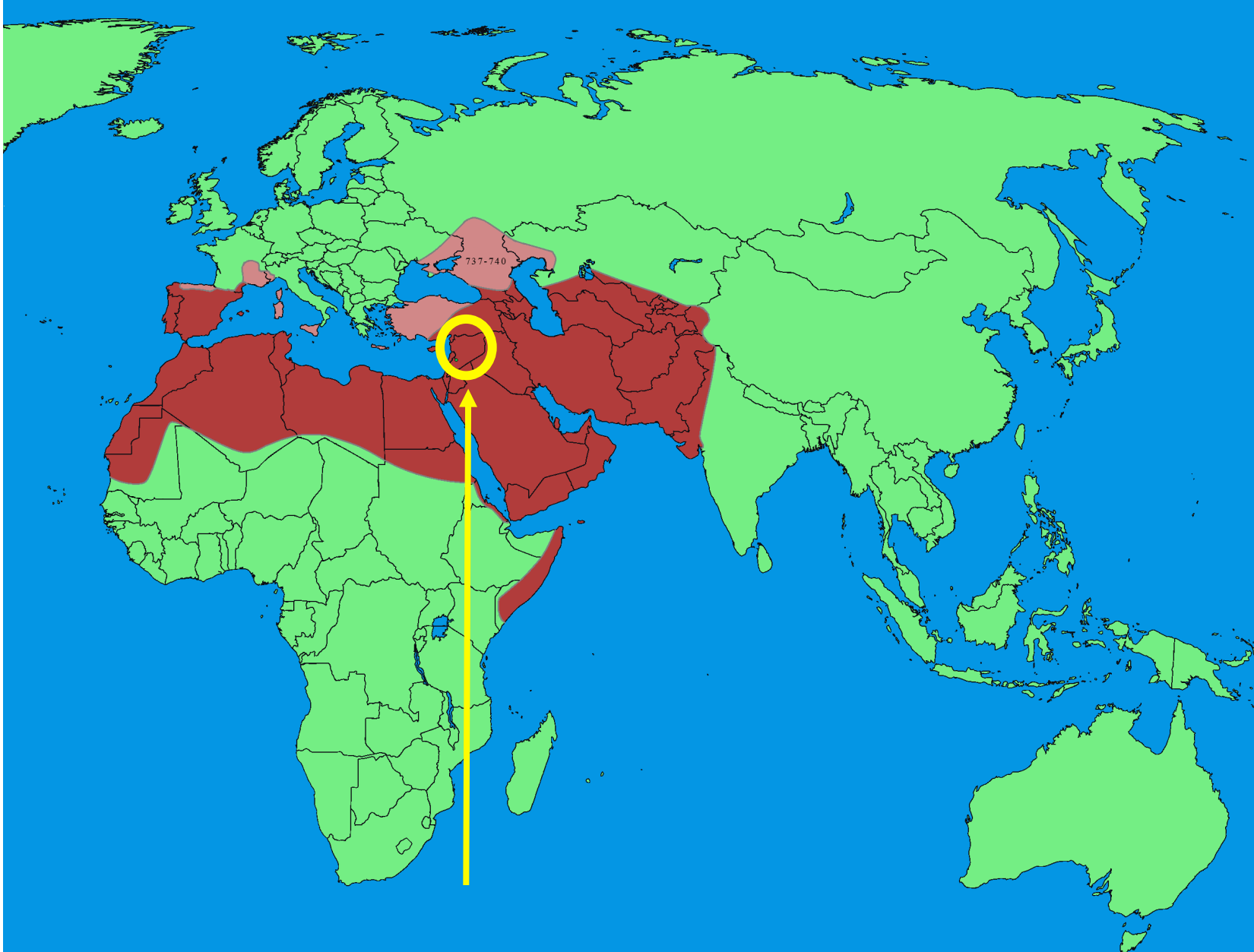
# The entrance of Islam

- 636 A.D., in the caliph of Islam **Omar bin al-khattab**'s era, Muslims entered the Syrian lands without any devastation or any disaster.

- Syria has a largely Muslim culture
- It contains the Amawi mosque that is the 4<sup>th</sup> mosque in Islam after Makkah, Madinah and Al-Aqsa, and is one of the biggest mosques in the world.
- It contains a lot of prophets' and companions'(sahabi) sepulchers, e.g. Khalid Ibn Al-Walid, Bilal Al-Habashi, etc.



- Syria was the capital of the Umayyad state (661-750AD)



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- And some people also say that in Syria the world has started, and it will also finish in Syria too.

# Importance as a trading road

- A road called “Tareek Alharir” that means Silk Road, is passing through Aleppo in Syria, and it was a very important road in trading silk and many other commodities, and ideas.

# Importance as a religious road

- Palestine had many prophets and important religious places, and this is why it is important for most religions.

The passengers of Palestine passed through Syria and, therefore, it has an importance in different religions also.

- Saudi Arabia has a very important place in Islamic religion.

The passengers of Saudi Arabia passes from Syria into Alhijaz, by using a train way that is called “Alhijaz Railroad”.



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- First invention of agriculture
- First animal husbandry
- Has the world's best sheep (SOME CLAIMS OF SYRIANS!) 😊
- Has the world's best apples(SOME CLAIMS OF SYRIANS!) 😊





# Some of the contributions to the science development

- Invention of the alphabet (2000 B.C. by the Phoenicians)
- First production of ships(800-1200 B.C. by the Phoenicians)
- etc.



# Example of Syrian scientists

- Ak-shemsettin (Akşemsettin)
  - 1389-1459
  - Is a Syrian scientist of medicine, plants, and pharmacy.
  - And he is the teacher of “Fatih Sultan Mehmet”(the man who opened Istanbul)
- Albattani
- Ibn Al-Nafis
- Al-Imam Al-Nawawi
- And a lot more

The French archaeologist André Barrow says:

“Each civilized human has two homelands, his  
motherland... and Syria”

# History of occupation and independence

- In 1920 occupied by France
- In 1946 independence
- In 1970, the “Hafez Al-Assad” became the president by a coup.
- In 2000, his son inherited the Presidency

# History of occupation and independence

- Syrian president was then supposed to be democratically elected, but he is a dictator.
- A lot of injustice and other ethical problems happened then through the following 40 years. The scientists and teachers weren't being respected, the wrongful was the good man, the police was the thief itself! and etc.
- So in 2011, the community wanted to stop this persecution and people wanted their rights, but the government started to kill these people! And they started the violence and disaster...



# History of occupation and independence

- It wasn't enough for them killing them, but also, they continued destroying everywhere and killing all kind of people(men, woman, children, young and older people, muslims, nonmuslims, ect.)
- And they applied imprisonment for every kind of people they wished  
(Some researches proved that in this imprisonments, the people are being tortured very hardly)

# 2011+

- Approximately 1 million people were killed in the war in Syria.
- Approximately 7 million people migrated out of Syria, and 4 million people migrated inside Syria.
- Before the war there were approximately 20 million Syrian people, now they are approximately 11 million people who lives in Syria.

# 2011+

- There have been big psychological and physical disasters all around the Syrian community. It is still like that until now.
- One of the most important problems that is happening is the education. No more schools for most Syrian children in interior and exterior of Syria.



# 2011+

- For the Syrian people who migrated out of Syria, the only country that welcomed them in the best way (not like the others) is Turkey.
- Big amount of Syrian refugees traveled into “Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan”. The refugees in Turkey could had Turkish education in Turkish schools with Turkish students. While most of the refugees in Lebanon and Jordan couldn’t approach to the successful education yet.

# We thank the Turkish government and Turkish brothers

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- Turkey gave the aid hand to the Syrian refugees more than any other country did.
- This is a big honor for us from Turkey. And we promised to do the best, to pay them back these preferences.
- Thank you so much! 😊



# Syrian people migrated all over the world

- Syrian refugees who traveled to some countries, was the reason of rising cultural variation and economical power. Especially in Egypt and Turkey.
- Some Syrian refugees which are being or have been educated in school or universities, are showing efforts to show that a refugee can also do the best he could do. We saw and are still seeing a lot of examples like last year for example:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place in Gaziantep Faculty of Medicine
  - Yıldız Teknik University faculty of engineering
  - Istanbul University Faculty of Engineering, and ect.

# Solution?

- We will continue our efforts for ever if we need to, and we will still do the best we can, until we reach our destination.
- We believe that there will be a day that Syria will be independent, and war will stop in Syria, and will stop in all over the world...
- We had a very enormous promise. A promise that can't be denied. It told us that the victory is immediate(is close)...
- We know that being united is a solution for this issue.

# My plan

- To learn and be expert in my vocation as best as I can.
- To become a medical doctor whose aim is to help people every where.
- To show the best effort and try to rebuild our site and other demolished sites all over the world. Because our religion encourages that, and our prophet(p.b.u.h.) has advised that to us.
- To show to the world that a human can be more than an army, with his/her science and contribution into beneficence.
- To document testimonies from others to share what we have faced and how we can overcome this crisis to let the Rose bloom again.

# Our Plan

- To rebuild Syria better than it was before.
- To use all of our education, experience, effort and energy to make Syria the capital of the science, the target of all tourists and students all over the world, the place of safety and justice, the place of reconstruction and development and the place treasure.
- We will never give up

# Thank you for listening 😊

## My Publications:



Mathematic Textbooks 2018



IQ (intelligence quotient) question bank 2019

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