

# **Islam: Empire of Faith**

## **(Part 1: The Messenger)**

*Directions: Answer the following questions from the video in full and complete sentences.*

1. Who began Islam? Where was he born?
2. Describe the ancient religion of the tribes near Mecca. What was the importance of the Ka'ba to the warring tribes of Arabia? (10:00)
3. What was the experience that Mohammed had in a cave above Mecca? (15:30)
4. What was the main message that Mohammed preached to his people after his transformation? (17:00) What were the main social and economic implications of the existence of only one God? (17:30)
5. What does the word, *Muslim*, mean? What is the *Quran*?(19:30)

6. Why did some want to kill Mohammed? What is the *hijra* and its significance? (26:00/30:00)
  
7. How did Mohammed treat the vanquished tribes of Mecca? What did he do with the Ka'ba? (39:00)
  
8. To what areas of the world did Islam spread? What was the main reason that Islam was able to take hold in these areas? (43:00)
  
9. Why did many non-Muslims prefer the Muslim rule over previous rulers? (45:00) How did the Muslims improve their conquered lands? (47:00)
  
10. What was the crisis that was precipitated by the death of Mohammed in 632? (51:00)