

Turkish & Syrian Cities: Culture and Architecture

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This is a detailed political map of the Middle East and surrounding regions. The map shows the following countries and their major cities:

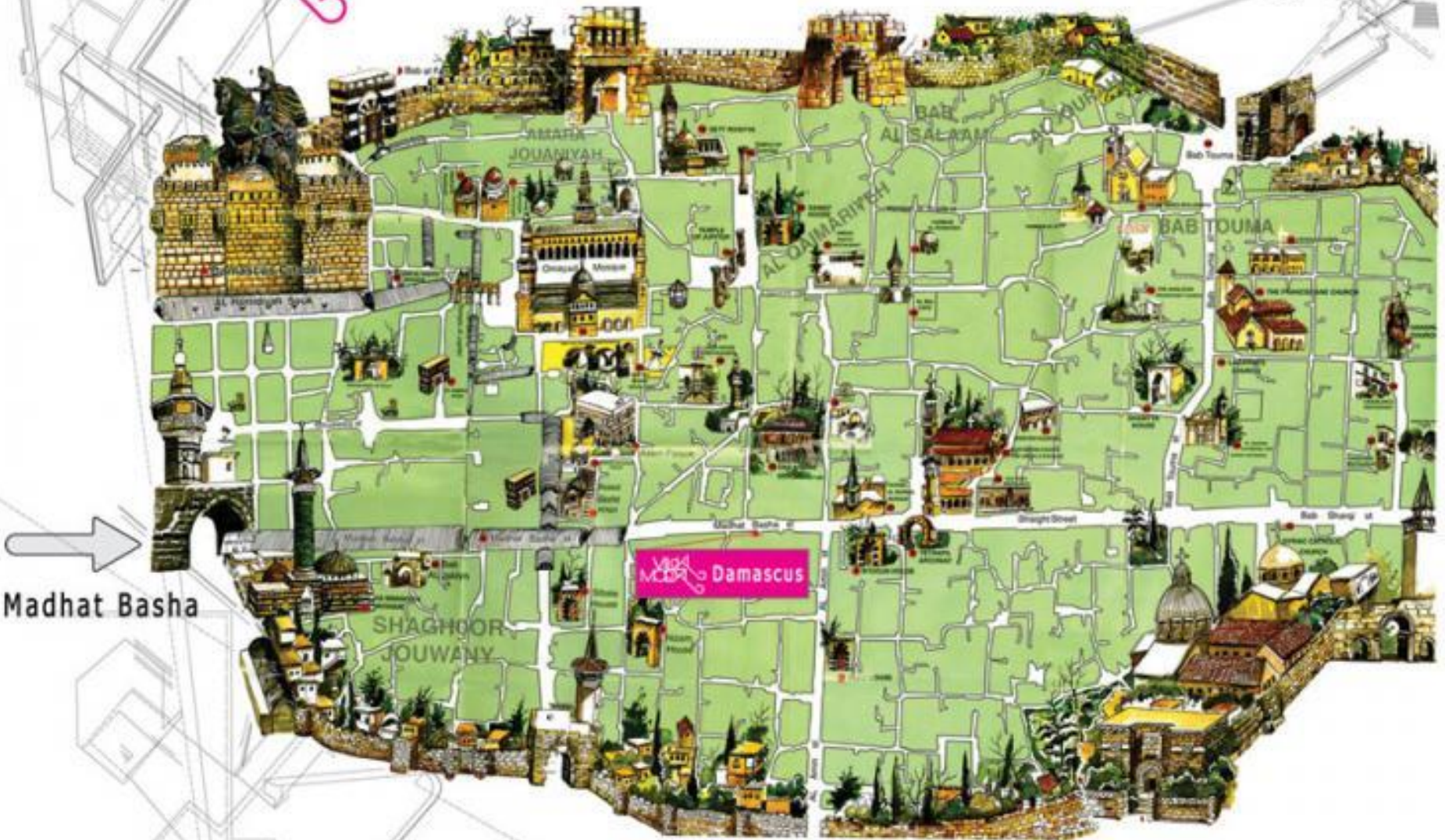
- TURKEY:** Ankara, Istanbul, Bursa, Izmir, Antalya, Konya, Kayseri, Trabzon, Samsun, Van, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Adana, Icel (Mersin).
- SYRIA:** Damascus, Aleppo, Latakia, Hims, Golan Heights.
- IRAQ:** Baghdad, Mosul, Kirkuk, Arbil, Zanjān, Qazvin, Kermānshāh, Arāk, Eshfahān, Ahvāz, Abādān, An Nāshiriyah, Al Başrah.
- IRAN:** Tehran, Mashhad, Qom, Kermān, Zāhedā, Shīraz, Būshehr, Bandar 'Abbās.
- SAUDI ARABIA:** Riyadh, Medina, Yanbu' al Bahr, Buraydah, Hafar al Bātin, Al Jubayl, Ad Dammām, Dhahran.
- EGYPT:** Cairo, Alexandria, Al Jizah, Asyūt, Luxor, Aswān.
- JORDAN:** Amman, Al Aqabah, Tabūk.
- LEBANON:** Beirut, Haifa.
- ISRAEL:** Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza Strip.
- CYPRUS:** Nicosia.
- GREECE:** Athens, Thessaloniki.
- BULGARIA:** Sofia, Varna.
- ROMANIA:** Bucharest.
- GEORGIA:** Tbilisi.
- ARMENIA:** Yerevan.
- AZERBAIJAN:** Baku.
- KAZAKHSTAN:** Aqtau (Aktau).
- TURKMENISTAN:** Ashgabat.
- UZBEKISTAN:** Tashkent.
- OMAN:** Muscat.
- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES:** Abu Dhabi, Dubai.
- QATAR:** Doha.
- BAHRAIN:** Manama.
- KUWAIT:** Kuwait City.

The map also shows the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, Aegean Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and Red Sea. A compass rose is located in the lower right quadrant, indicating North, South, East, and West. The Tropic of Cancer is shown passing through Egypt and Saudi Arabia. The Strait of Hormuz is labeled between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. The Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits are shown connecting the Black Sea to the Aegean Sea. The Golan Heights are shown as a disputed area between Syria and Israel. The West Bank and Gaza Strip are also labeled. The map includes latitude and longitude lines, with major ones marked at 30, 40, 50, and 60 degrees latitude and 30, 40, 50, and 60 degrees longitude.

City Plan: Damascus Syria

VILKA
MOOK

Old City







Istanbul, Turkey



A photograph of a person's feet standing on a traditional Middle Eastern rug. The rug features a complex pattern with a central field of red and gold repeating motifs, flanked by vertical bands of similar designs. The top border is wide and ornate, with a repeating floral and geometric pattern in red, gold, and blue. The person's feet are visible at the bottom of the frame, wearing light-colored socks.

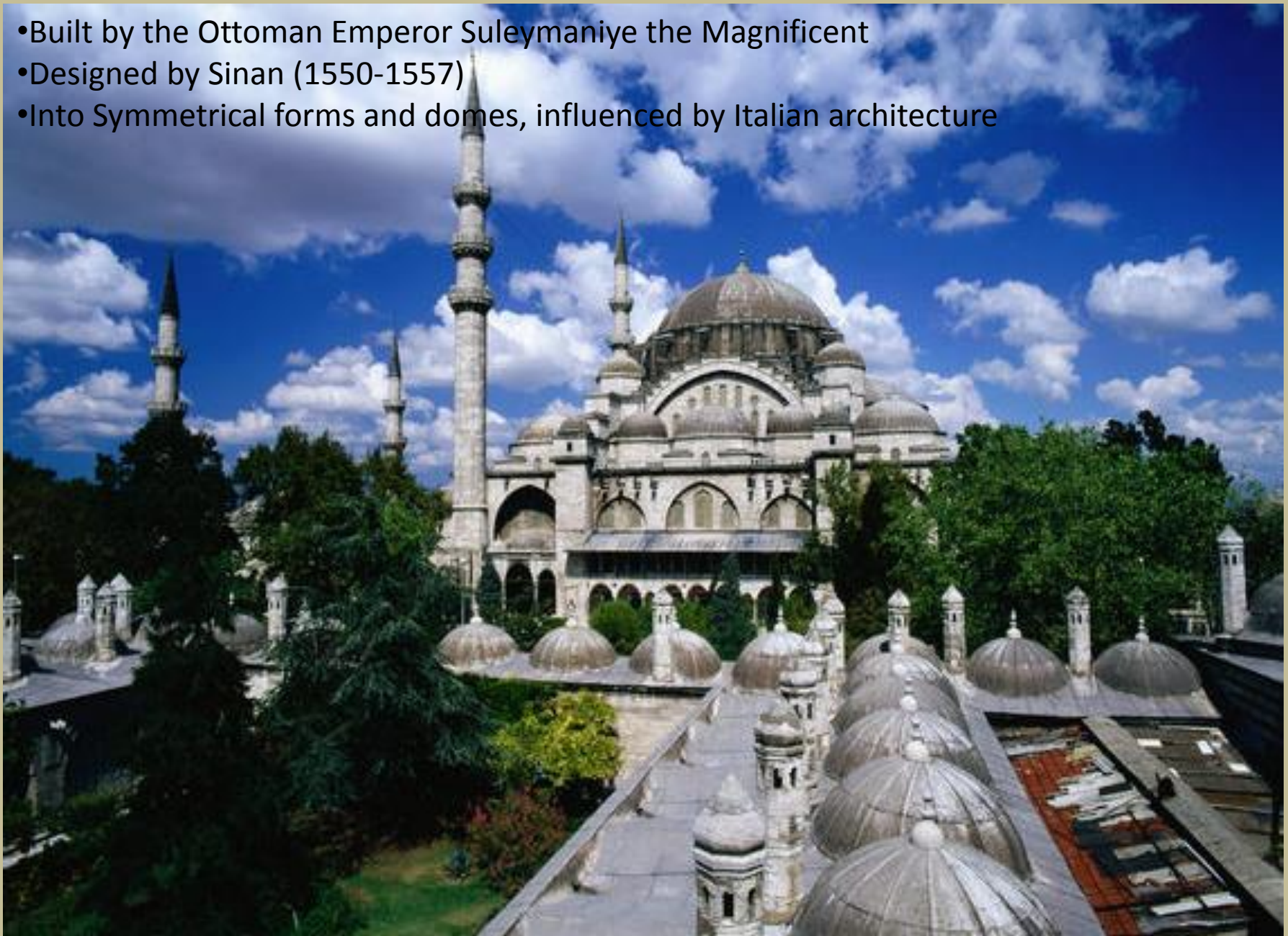
Central to traditional Middle Eastern cities?

Mosques





- Built by the Ottoman Emperor Suleymaniye the Magnificent
- Designed by Sinan (1550-1557)
- Into Symmetrical forms and domes, influenced by Italian architecture

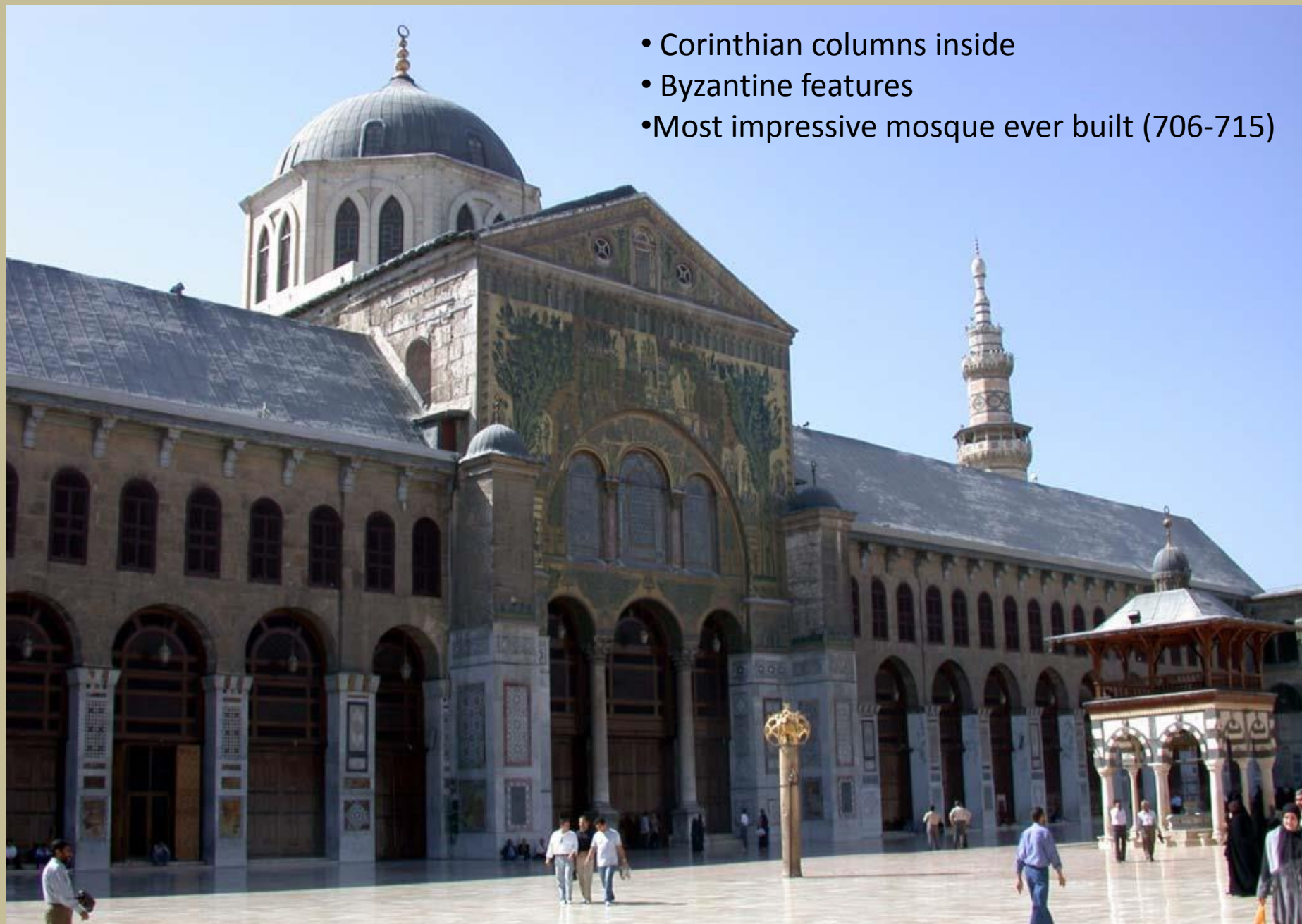


Suleymaniye Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

Sinan: Like a Boss

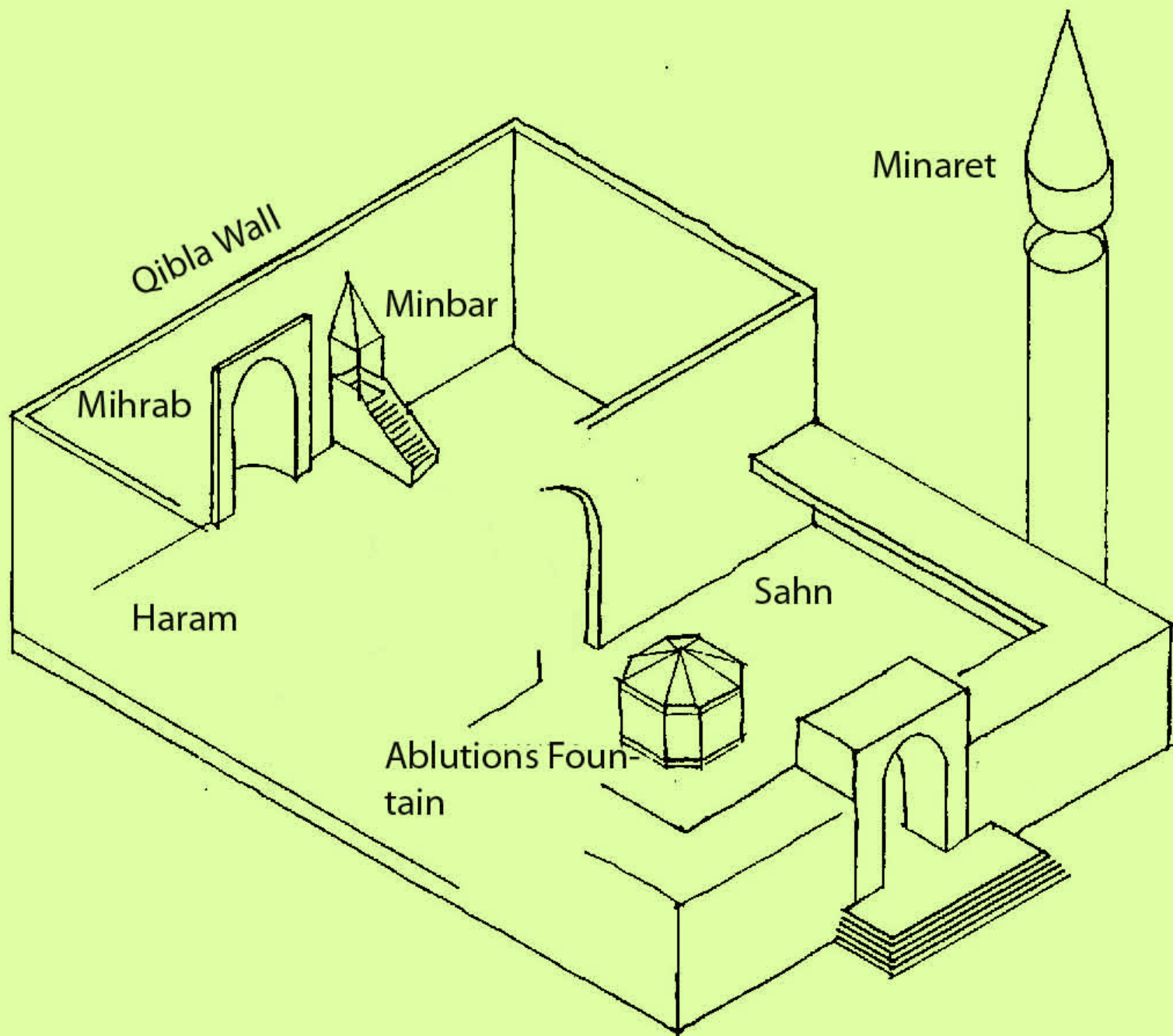
- 94 large mosques (*camii*),
- 57 colleges,
- 52 smaller mosques (*mescit*),
- 48 bath-houses (*hamam*).
- 35 palaces (*saray*),
- 22 mausoleums (*türbe*),
- 20 caravanserais (*kervansaray*; *han*),
- 17 public kitchens (*imaret*),
- 8 bridges,
- 8 store houses or granaries
- 7 Koranic schools (*medrese*),
- 6 aqueducts,
- 3 hospitals (*darüüşşifa*)

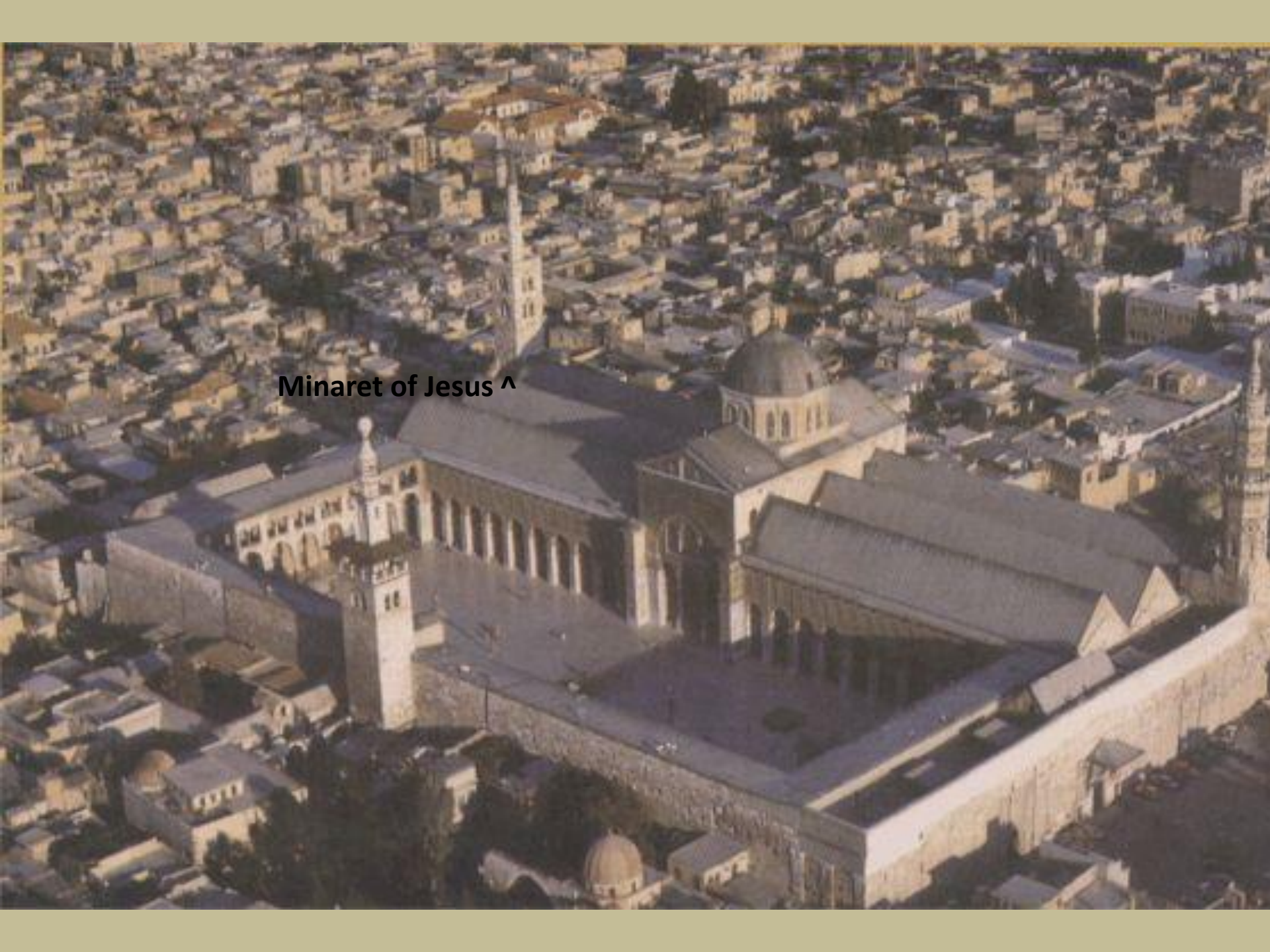




- Corinthian columns inside
- Byzantine features
- Most impressive mosque ever built (706-715)

Umayyad Mosque, Damascus, Syria





Minaret of Jesus ^

Mosque Courtyard









Before you go in, a few rules:

- **Remove your shoes!**
- **Women, cover your heads, shoulders, and legs!**
- **No photographing people praying or otherwise disturbing them!**

