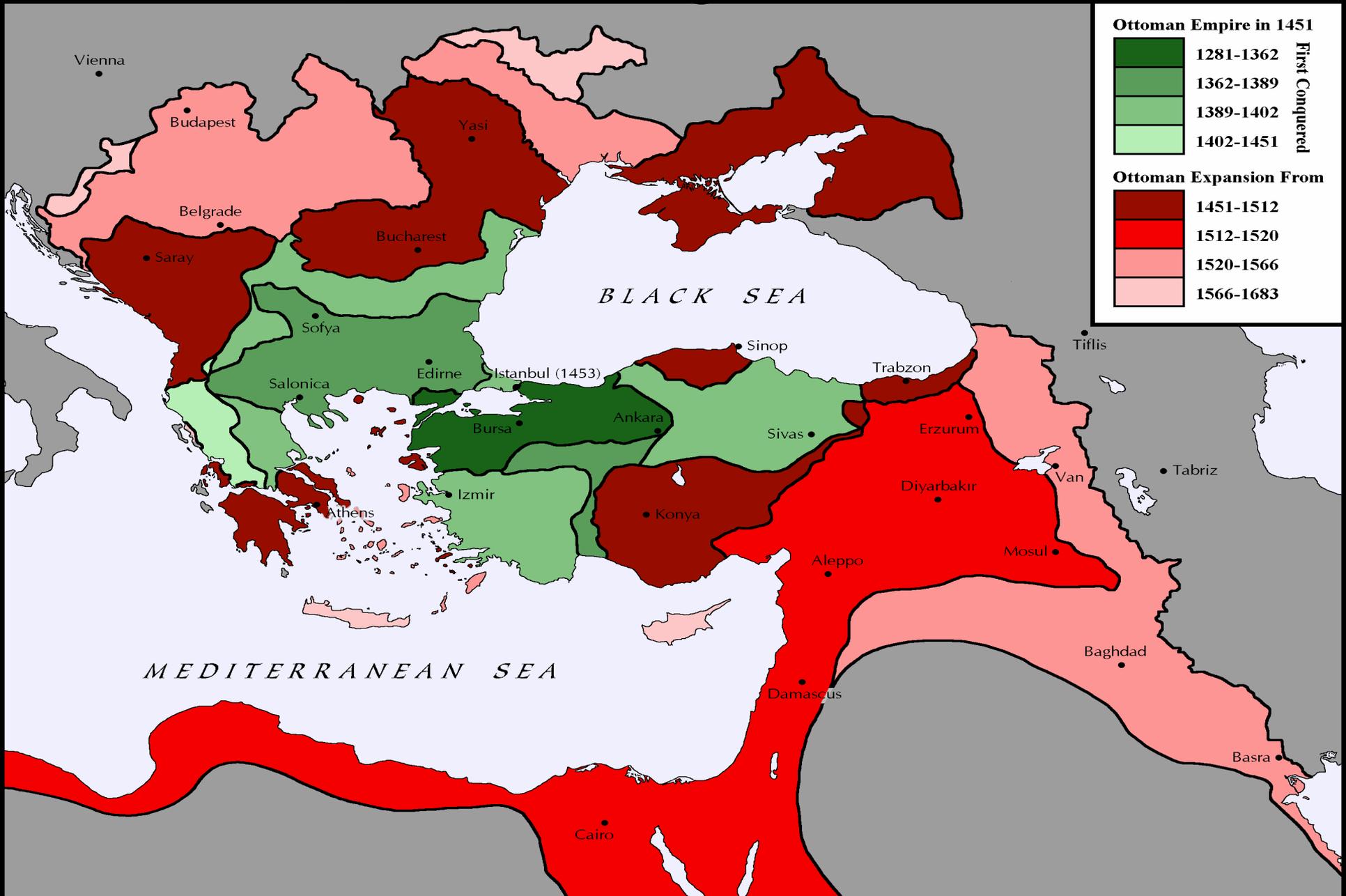


Mehmet II – All green & crimson

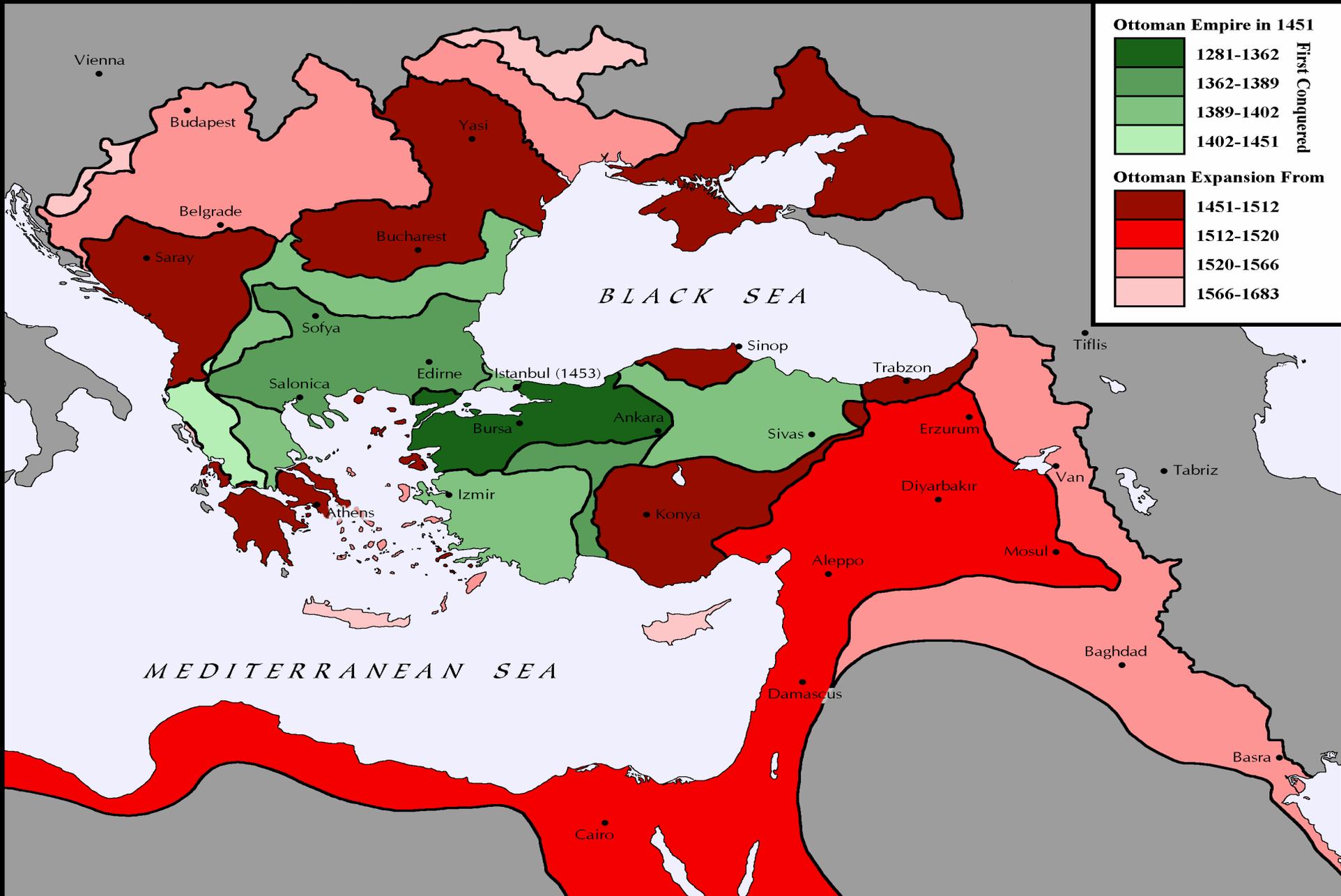


Selim I

- ▶ Dealt with Mamelukes in Egypt
 - Brought the Levant and all of Egypt under Ottoman control



Selim I – Everything but the pink fringes



Suleyman the Magnificent (1520–1566)

- ▶ The “lawgiver” & a great builder (Sinan)
- ▶ Defeated Belgrade in 1521
- ▶ Controlled North Africa up to Morocco
- ▶ Took Mesopotamia from Persia (access to the Persian Gulf)
- ▶ Brought the Ottomans to the height of their empire



Suleyman and his symbol



The state of the empire

- ▶ The height of the Ottomans Empire politically, militarily, economically and culturally
- ▶ The arts (visual, music, writing and philosophy), at the highest point of Ottoman culture
- ▶ In position of strength vs. Europe
- ▶ Many areas in the Balkans were either under direct Ottoman control or had to pay tribute and submit to the sovereignty of the Ottomans



The Famous Sultans

- ▶ Review
- ▶ What were these famous Sultans famous for?
- ▶ Osman
- ▶ Mehmet II
- ▶ Suleyman



Ottoman Society

- ▶ Government
 - Military
 - Timar system
 - Sultan & the Harem
 - Millet system

▶ Trade

▶ Religion

Lots of contact w/ foreigners
(tolerance towards minorities)



Military

- ▶ Standing cavalry
- ▶ Infantry regiments (Janissaries)
- ▶ Trained in military discipline & the ways of the Muslim faith →→ warriors for Allah
- ▶ Only campaigned from late spring to early fall





Janissaries



Timar system

- ▶ Rooted in Ghazi warrior tradition
- ▶ Land grants given as payment for annual service
- ▶ “Timar” was in charge of governing & cultivating the land
- ▶ Governors were held responsible if their workers abandoned the land and left and uncultivated
- ▶ Still subject to the courts and rulings of the Ottoman state
- ▶ Often located on the fringes of the Empire to protect and spread the empire





Timar



Sultan

- ▶ Self-proclaimed “Defender of Islam”
- ▶ Ruler of the Empire
- ▶ Must uphold the principle of justice in the Empire, for all subjects
- ▶ Lived in absolute luxury



Harems

- ▶ Where the women of palace lived.
- ▶ Not all women were the Sultan's wives (Sultans rarely have more than 1 or 2 wives)
- ▶ Where the children of the Sultan were raised (the Harem becomes the center of power!!!)
- ▶ NOT a den of fornication!!!
- ▶ Many European misconceptions about the Harem -- the reality was that in many ways the women who lived in the Sultan's Harem were more free than their European counterparts



Harem at Topkapi Palace



Trade -- location baby, location

- ▶ Center of land routes between Europe and Asia
- ▶ Dardanelles
- ▶ Bosphorus
- ▶ Black Sea
- ▶ Eastern Mediterranean
- ▶ Red Sea



Trade Routes





- ▶ How do you think an empire built largely upon trade would treat foreigners and people that are different than them?
- ▶ What type of attitudes and actions towards foreign people and culture would be most beneficial to this type of economy?



Religion

- ▶ Very important!
- ▶ Islam is the dominant, most accepted religion
- ▶ Mosques were often the focus of building projects and neighborhood communities
- ▶ Buuuuuuut, Ottomans are tolerant towards different religions

