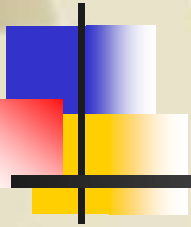


Mausoleum of Ismail the Samanid at Bukhara Imam Reza in Mashhad



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PERSIAN EMPIRE:

IMPORTANCE OF SAMANID EMPIRE

- It was the first persian dunasty after Conquest of Persia by Muslims
- Founded by Saman Khuda

"here, in this region, the language is Persian, and the kings of this realm are Persian kings."
- Government model
- Culture and Religious Legacy
 - Revival of Persian Culture
 - Shahnameh
 - Samanid Epigraphic: Bowls, Plates etc
 - Change of Religon from Zoroastians to Islam



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ن تا بسامانیان

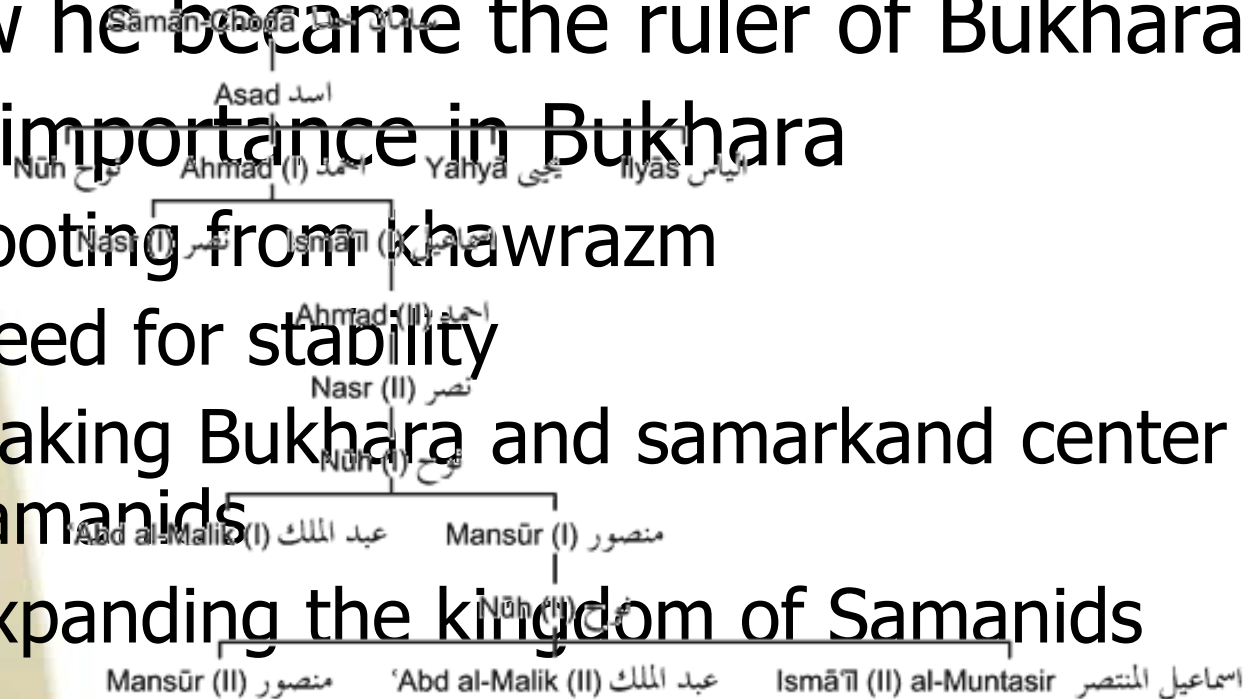
Where have all the great

From the Balāns to the Saman

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ISMAIL EBN AHMAD SAMANID

- Samanid Family Tree
- How he became the ruler of Bukhara
- His importance in Bukhara
 - Looting from khawrazm
 - Need for stability
 - Making Bukhara and samarkand center of samanids
 - Expanding the kingdom of Samanids



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WHY BUKHARA?

- Being in the center of the ruling area
- Silk Road and its importance

- Trade

- Knowledge

- Culture and Religion

- The comparison with Baghdad center of the Caliph of Abbasi

ای بخارا شاد باش و زیاده
Oh Bukhara! Be joyous and live long!

شاه زی تو میهمان آید همی
Your King comes to you in ceremony
Baha-ud Din Naqshband Bukhari

Rudaki

Ibn Sina

Zamakhshari

بغداد را بخارا میخوانند
Muhammad al-Bukhari
Kiroimi Bukhori

"Bukhara was a mine of knowledge"
An Lushan

پس بخارا ایست هرک آنش بود
Oksana Chusovitina
Hazrat Syed Jalaluddin Surkh-Rosh Bukhari
Of Bukhara is he who possesses knowledge.

Rumi

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BUKHARA: SAMANID DYNASTY

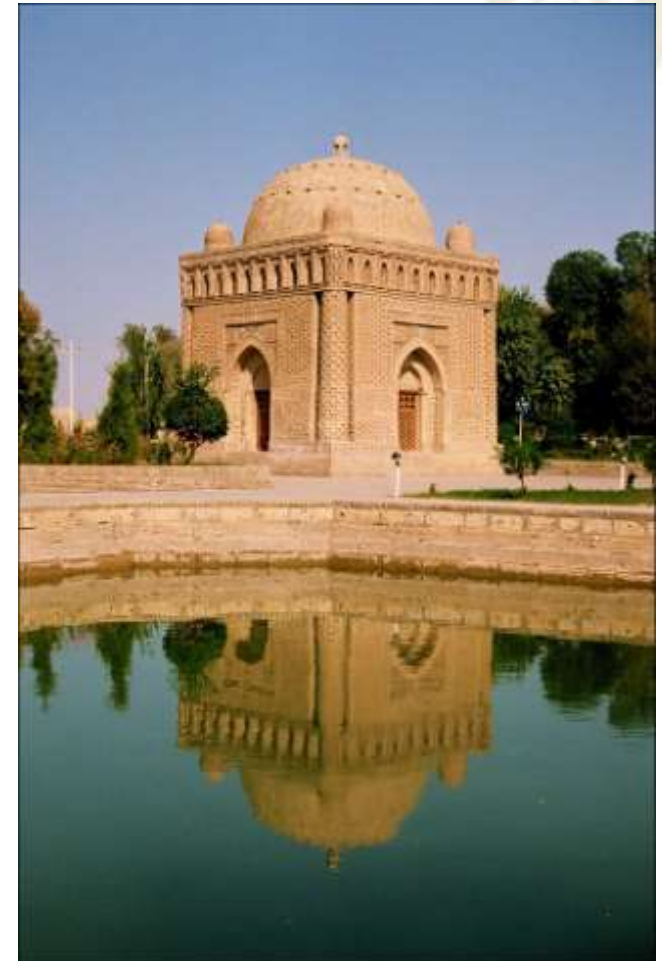
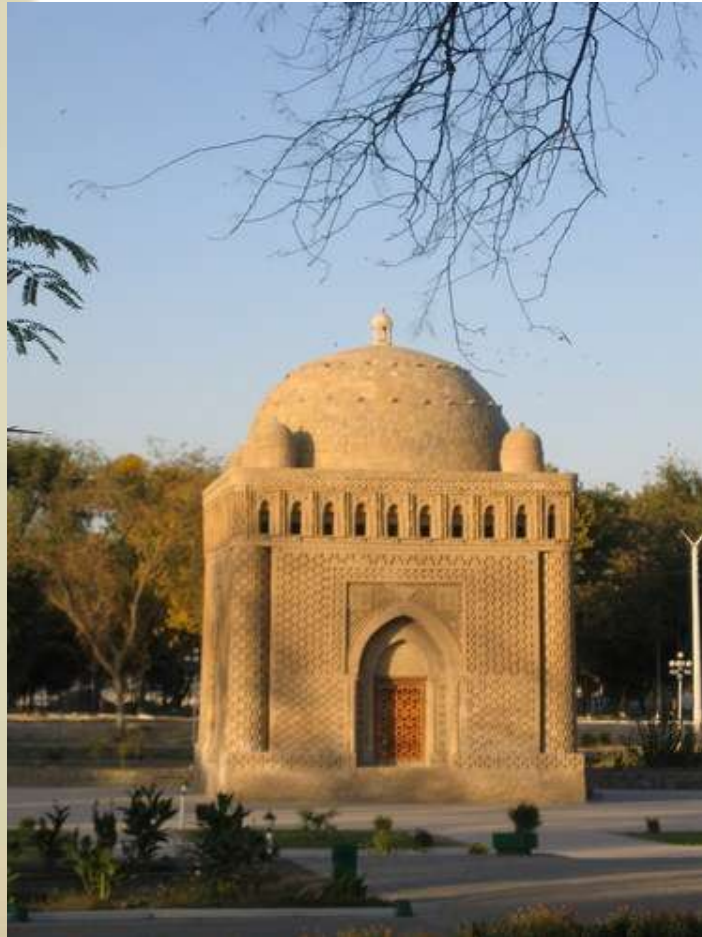
- Samanid Architecture in Bukhara
 - Po-i-Kalyan Complex
 - Ismail Samani Mausoleum
 - Cheshma-Ayub
 - Lyab-i Hauz

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SAMANID MAUSOLEUM

■ Location

- Bukhara
- On an old cemetery

■ Purpose

- Tomb of Ahmad, Father of Ismail
- Became the family cemetery

↑ Persian Empire

↓ Bukhara

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■ Material

- Do you know what color is Bukhara?
 - It is a yellowish tan color (color of dried mud-brick)
- Mud Brick as Building material
 - It is light
 - It is available
 - It could with stand several stories of building with right thickness

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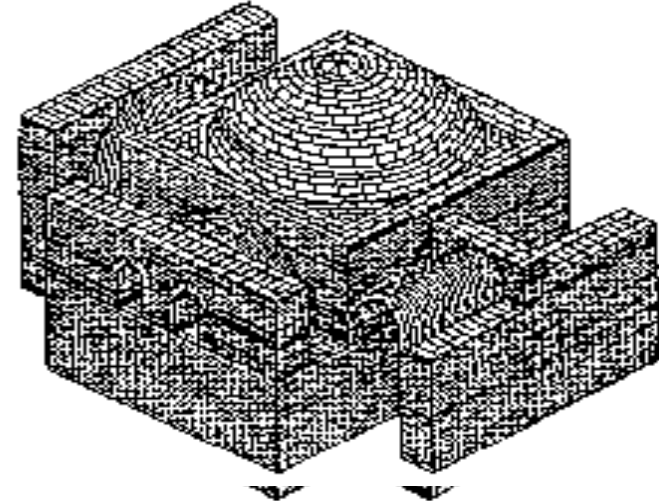
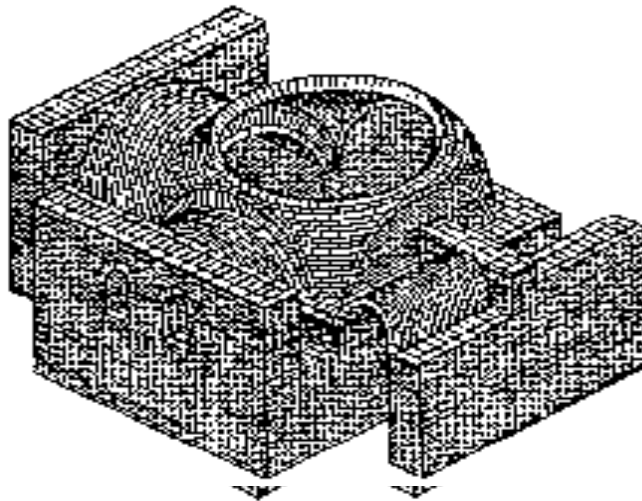
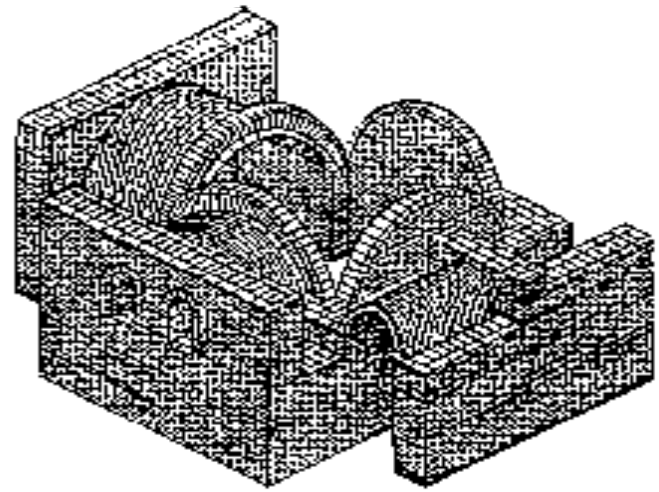
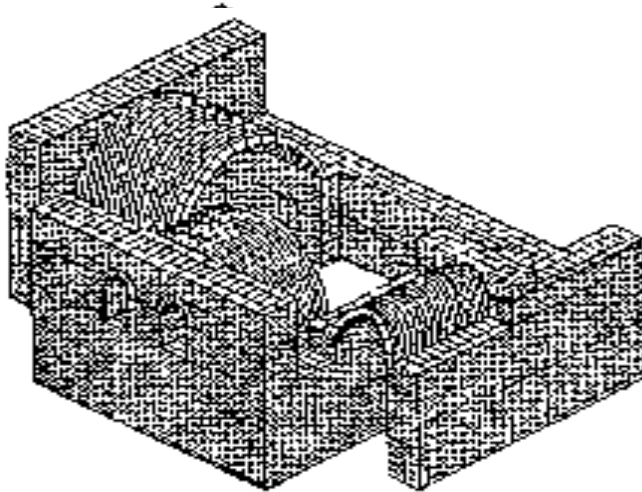
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- Architectural Aspects of the building
 - 10m by 10m in the foot print and 10m high
 - Influence of Persian Architecture
 - Mud Brick work in 18 different forms
 - Sasani Style Domes
 - Semi-Circular Windows at the top of the building from achaemenid kings
 - Influence of Islamic Architecture
 - Central Dome – Round on a Square Base
 - The main Entrance towards quibla
 - Kufi inscriptions on the wooden beam of the door

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- Structural Aspects of the Building
 - Load carrying walls
 - 4 Pillars at the corners
 - Bigger perimeter at the bottom than the top
- What has preserved the building for so many years?
 - Structural Characteristics
 - Getting buried under soil

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به قول حضرت حافظ :

اگر آن ترک شیرازی به دست
آرد دل ما را
به خال هندو اش بخشم
سمرقند و بخارا را

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