

By 1906 the Wahhabis had come under the leadership of the resourceful and intelligent Abdul Aziz ibn Saud, sultan of Najd, and under his direction the Wahhabi state expanded greatly. During World War I, Ibn Saud cooperated with Great Britain in fighting Turkey. Final Turkish defeat resulted in its expulsion from Al ?ij?z, Asir, and Yemen. Six years of civil war followed between adherents of Ibn Saud and followers of various other Arabian princes and chieftains. In 1924 and 1925, Ibn Saud conquered Al ?ij?z, becoming its king in 1926. In 1927 he proclaimed himself king of Al ?ij?z, and of Najd and its dependencies; in 1932 he gave his two dominions the .name of Saudi Arabia

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