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An aspis (Ancient Greek: ἄσπις, plural aspides, ἄσπιδες), sometimes also referred to as a hoplon (Greek: ἄσπις), was the heavy wooden shield used by the infantry in various periods of ancient Greece. A galley is a type of ship that is propelled mainly by rowing. The galley is characterized by its long, slender hull, shallow draft and low freeboard (clearance between sea and railing). 33000+ free ebooks online ... Did you know that you can help us produce ebooks by proof-reading just one page a day? At the siege of Vienna in 1683 Islam seemed poised to overrun Christian Europe. We are in a new phase of a very old war.