

THE NIGHT JOURNEY

AL ISRA WAL MIRAJ



Prophet Muhammad's (P.B.U.H.) Meeting with Allah



DISCUSSION OUTLINE

What to Expect

Purpose of the Journey

What is Al Isra

Virtues of Masjid Al Aqsa

What is Al Miraj

What lessons do we learn?

THE NIGHT JOURNEY

What was the purpose of this journey.

The night journey to Masjid Al Aqsa, Jerusalem and then into the heavens to meet Allah (S.W.T.) came after a difficult period in Makkah. The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) faced suffering and humiliation at the hands of his own people.

In the tenth year of Prophethood he had lost his beloved wife and uncle and was rejected by the people of Taif.

After this difficult period Allah (S.W.T.) decided to take his beloved Prophet on a miraculous journey to comfort, consoul, honour and elevate his status.

AAM UL HUZN

Year of Sorrow

10th Year of Prophethood

DEATH OF KHADIJAH (R.A.)

After years of boycott and hardship which had made Khadijah (R.A.) very weak. She became ill and soon afterwards she passed away.

DEATH OF ABU TALIB

A few days after the death of Khadija (R.A.) The Prophet's beloved uncle also passes away. He was the chief of his clan and granted protection to the Prophet.

LOSS OF PROTECTION

The death of Abu Talib meant that Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) no longer had the benefit of his clan's protection

VISIT TO TAIF

The situation in Makkah had become more difficult, so Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) decided to leave for Taif and invite them towards Islam.



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THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY BEGINS

The 27th of Rajab after the year of sorrow, is believed to be the night in which the beloved Prophet (P.B.U.H.) embarked on a physical and spiritual famous night journey. The first part of the journey took place From Masjid Al Haram in Makkah to the furthest Masjid, Masjid Al Aqsa in Jerusalem Via the city of Madinah. This leg of the journey is known as Al Isra, the night journey.

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى
الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ وَمِنَ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١﴾

GLORY BE TO THE ONE WHO TOOK HIS SERVANT 'MUḤAMMAD'
BY NIGHT FROM THE SACRED MOSQUE TO THE FARTHEST
MOSQUE WHOSE SURROUNDINGS WE HAVE BLESSED, SO THAT
WE MAY SHOW HIM SOME OF OUR SIGNS. INDEED, HE ALONE IS
THE ALL-HEARING, ALL-SEEING. (17:1)

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Al-Isra' - 27th Rajab

(Source: Sunan an-Nasa'i)

6 Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa, where the Prophet (saw) led all the Prophets (as) in prayer

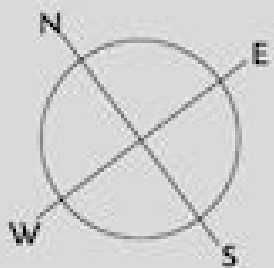
5 The grave of Musa (as) outside of Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa (exact location unknown)

4 Praying at Bethlehem, where 'Isa (as) was born

3 Praying at Mount Sinai, where Allah (swt) spoke to Musa (as)

2 Praying at "the place of emigration" (Madinah)

1 Journey begins at Al-Masjid Al-Haram (Makkah), where the Prophet (saw) mounts Buraq



MASJID AL AQSA

3 Merits of Al Aqsa



1

First Qiblah



2

Second Masjid
to be built in
this world



3



One of three
Holiest site in
Islam

MASJID AL AQSA

Virtues and Blessings

IMPORTANCE OF VISITING AL AQSA

Abu Hurayrah (ra) relates that the Prophet (saw) said:

“Do not undertake a journey to visit any Mosque, but three: this Mosque of mine, the Mosque of al-Haram and the Mosque of Aqsa”
[Sahih Muslim 1397]

GREAT VIRTUE TO PRAY AT AL AQSA

Abu Darda (ra) relates that the Prophet (saw) said: “A prayer in Makkah (Ka’bah) is worth 1000,000 times (reward), a prayer in my Masjid (Madinah) is worth 1,000 times, and a prayer in Al-Aqsa Sanctuary is worth 500 times more reward than anywhere else”

[Bayhaqi]

DONATE TO AL AQSA

Maymunah Bint Sa’d (ra) relates that she asked the Prophet (saw):

“O Messenger of Allah, tell us the legal injunction about (visiting) Bayt al-Muqaddas. The Messenger of Allah said: go and pray there. If you cannot visit it and pray there, then send some oil to be used in the lamps.”

[Abu Dawud]

AL MIRAJ

ASCENSION TO HEAVEN

THE STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

The Miraj is referred to as Miraj because literally it means a stairway or a ladder. After the emergence of the Prophet (P.B.U.H.) from Masjid Al Aqsa, a ladder was brought to the Prophet (P.B.U.H.) by which he ascended to the heavens accompanied by Jibrail.



MEETING THE PROPHETS

7 Heavens and the
Welcome of the
Prophets (A.S.)



Prophet Adam (A.S.)



Prophet Yahya & Isa (A.S.)



Prophet Yusuf (A.S.)



Prophet Idris (A.S.)



Prophet Haroon (A.S.)



Prophet Musa (A.S.)



Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.)

VOYAGE OF THE CELESTIAL REALM



BAITUL MAMUR

The Qiblah of the angels which falls directly in line with the Kabah. Seventy thousand angels make tawaf of this Baitul Mamur every single day never to get another chance.



JANNAH

"I was then admitted into Jannah where the domes were constructed from pearls and the soil was of musk."
Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.)



JAHANNAM

The horrors of hell were laid before the Prophet (P.B.U.H.)



SARIFUL AQLAM

This is the location where the pens of fate are engaged in recording everything that is to transpire in the future.



SIDRATUL MUNTAHA

This is a lotus tree towering above the seventh heaven. After Sidratul Muntaha the Prophet (P.B.U.H.) proceeded alone to meet Allah.

MEETING ALLAH

DIVINE PROXIMITY

The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) reached close proximity to Allah and then he fell into Sajdah when he caught sight of the magnificence of the radiance of Allah.

The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) was blessed with setting eyes on Allah and communicating with him directly without any intermediary between them.

3 GIFTS



5 DAILY PRAYERS

Initially fifty Salahs was prescribed upon this Ummah, but this was significantly reduced to five because of fear that the people will not be able to pray them.



CLOSING VERSES OF SURAH BAQARAH

These verses are in the form of Dua's, they include invoking Allah for mercy, ease, forgiveness and assistance.



FORGIVENESS

Allah would pardon the major sins of any Ummati who does not ascribe partners onto him.

WHAT LESSONS DO WE LEARN FROM THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY?

- Allah can do anything.
- The status of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.).
- The significance of Masjid Al Aqsa.
- The gift of Dua, Quran and salah.
- One day we will all return to Allah and see our Lord in Jannah.



Al Isra

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Al Miraj

Stairway to Heaven

Jazakallah for listening.