

# AL-ISRAA WAL-MI'RAAJ



سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ  
إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنَ  
آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

Glorified (and Exalted) be He (Allah) Who took His slave (Muhammad) for a journey by night from Al-Masjid-al-Haram (at Makkah) to the farthest mosque (in Jerusalem), the neighbourhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him (Muhammad) of Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, lessons, signs, etc.). Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer. (Surah Al-Isra 17: V 1)

Heavens

Masjid Al-Aqsa  
(in Jerusalem)

Kaabah  
(in Makkah)

**The Night Journey  
and  
the Ascension of the Messenger of Allaah**  
(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam)

# Lapbook

(Based upon the Ahadeeth in Saheeh (Muslim))

WHAT

# AL-ISRA WAL-MIRAAJ

is all about

**PERIOD** - During the time when Abu Taalib and Khadeejah died - The Year of Sorrow

**BURAAQ** - A long white beast, slightly bigger than a donkey but smaller than a mule which when trotting (ride) would place its next step as far as its eyesight could see.

**AL-ISRAA**  
Prophet's journey in body and soul from Ka'bah in Makkah to the Masjid Al Aqsa in Jerusalem in Al Buraaq

Sidratul-Muntaha  
Allaah Subhanahu wa Ta'la

Baitul - Ma'mur

7<sup>th</sup> Heaven  
met Ibrahim عليه السلام

6<sup>th</sup> Heaven  
met Musa عليه السلام

5<sup>th</sup> Heaven  
met Harun عليه السلام

4<sup>th</sup> Heaven  
met Idris عليه السلام

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven  
met Yusuf عليه السلام

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven  
met Isa عليه السلام  
and Yahya عليه السلام

1<sup>st</sup> Heaven  
met Adam عليه السلام

50 prayers were enjoined on him, then reduced to 5

**MIRAAJ**  
The Ascension of the Messenger of Allaah from Masjid Al Aqsa to the Heavens and his meeting with Allaah.



# AL-ISRA

(Special Night Journey)

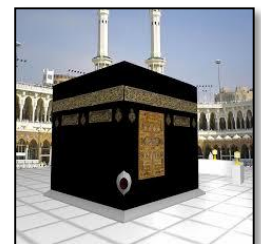
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MASJID AL-AQSA  
JERUSALEM



MASJID AL-AQSA  
JERUSALEM



KA'ABAH  
MAKKAH

# AL-MIRAAJ

(Ascension to Heavens)

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### BEFORE ENTERING

It is narrated on the authority of Anas bin Malik that the Messenger of Allaah (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) said: I was brought al-Buraaq Who is an animal white and long, larger than a donkey but smaller than a mule, who would place his hoof a distance equal to the range of version. I mounted it and came to the Temple (Bait Maqdis in Jerusalem), then tethered it to the ring used by the prophets...

*(Taken From Saheeh Muslim Hadeeth Number 309)*

### INSIDE MASJID AL-AQSA IN JERUSALEM



"...I entered the mosque and prayed two rak'ahs in it..." *(Taken From Saheeh Muslim Hadeeth Number 309)*

### WHEN LEAVING

and then came out and Jibreel brought me a vessel of wine and a vessel of milk. I chose the milk, and Jibreel said: You have chosen the natural thing.

عليه السلام

1<sup>st</sup> Heaven

عليه السلام

4<sup>th</sup> Heaven

عليه السلام

7<sup>th</sup> Heaven

Al Bayt

Al-Ma'moor

7<sup>th</sup> Heaven

Located in  
Jannah right  
above

عليه السلام

2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven

عليه السلام

5<sup>th</sup> Heaven

Al Bayt Al-  
Ma'moor  
means

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was sitting with  
his back  
against its walls

عليه السلام

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven

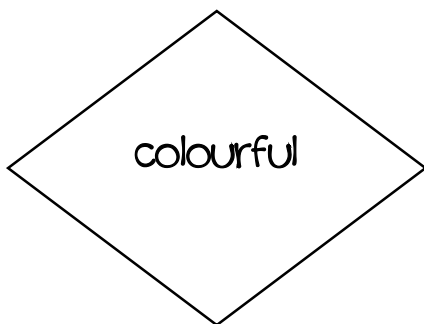
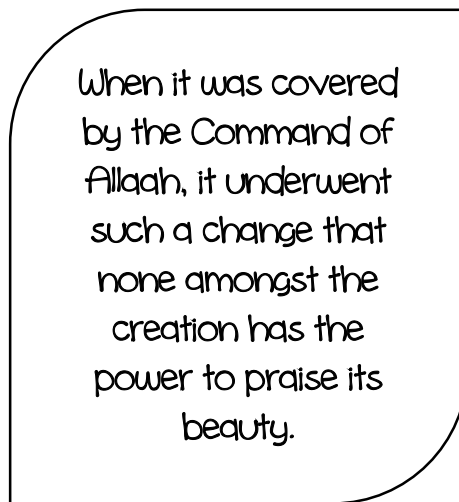
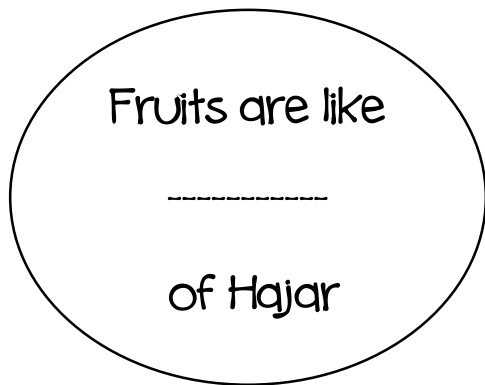
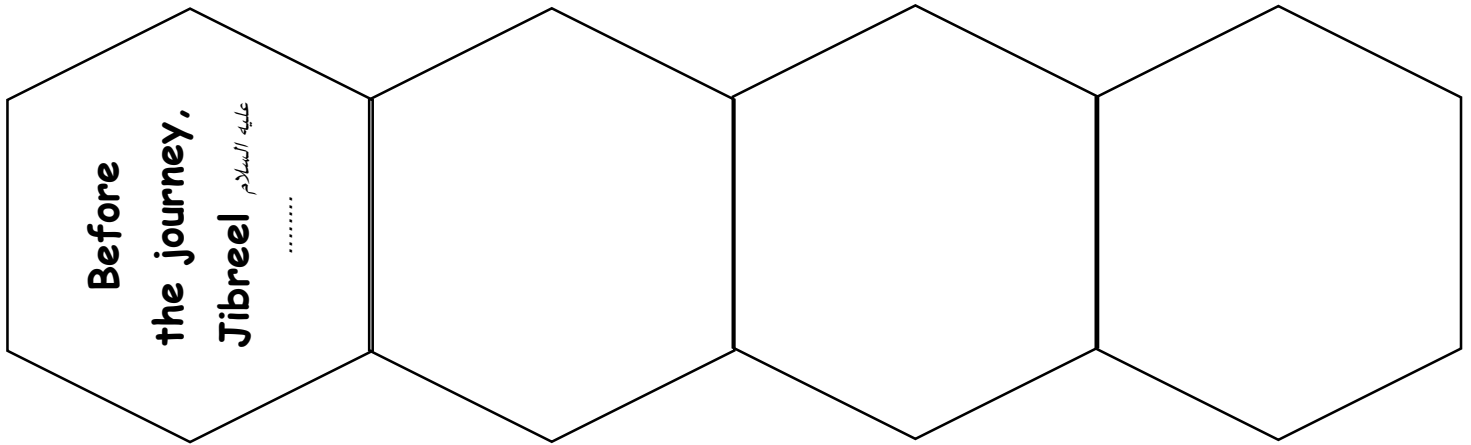
عليه السلام

6<sup>th</sup> Heaven

Seventy  
thousands

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Perfrom  
prayers daily



" Then I was shown Sidratul Muntaha (i.e the Lote Tree of the Utmost boundary), and I saw its Nabiq fruits which resembled the clay jugs of Hajar (a town in Arabia), and its leaves were like the ears of elephants, and four rivers originated at its root, two of them were apparent and two were hidden. I asked Jibreel about those rivers and he said, "The two hidden rivers are in Paradise, and the apparent ones are the Nile and Euphrates". (Saheeh Al Bukhaari 3207)  
 (Nile and Euphrates Symbolically describes the area in whose fertile valleys, Muhammad's (sallaahu alaihiwasallam) message will settle. - Taken from The Sealed Nectar Page 212)

# Sidratul-Muntaha

(The Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary)

## SIZE

## COLOUR

## DISCRIPTION OF BURAAQ

Anas bin Malik reported on the authority of Malik bin Sa sa', perhaps a person of his tribe, that the Prophet of Allaah (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) said: "...I was then brought a white beast which is called al-Buraaq, bigger than a donkey and smaller than a mule. Its stride was as long as the eye could reach..." (a part of Saheeh Muslim Hadeeth Number 314)

## DISTANCE

Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood radiyallaahu anhu said:  
 "...The Messenger of Allaah was given three (things): he was given five prayers; he was given the concluding verses of surah Al-Baqarah and the remission of serious sins for those among his Ummah who associate not anything with Allaah."  
 (Saheeh Muslim hadeeth no. 329)

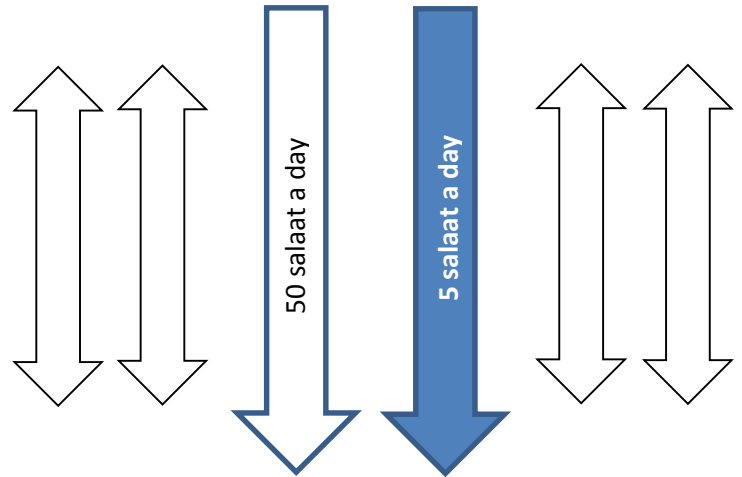


**Nile River**



**Euphrates River**

## ORDER OF SALAAH



"...I then kept going back and forth between my Lord Blessed and Exalted and Moses, till He said: There are five prayers every day and night. O Muhammad, each being credited as ten, so that makes fifty prayers. He who intends to do a good deed and does not do it will have a good deed recorded for him; and if he does it, it will be recorded for him as ten; whereas he who intends to do an evil deed and does not do, it will not be recorded for him; and if he does it, only one evil deed will be recorded. I then came down and when I came to Moses and informed him, he said: Go back to thy Lord and ask Him to make things lighter. Upon this the Messenger of Allaah remarked: I returned to my Lord until I felt ashamed before Him" (Book #001, Hadith #0309).

**MOOSA** عليه السلام

6<sup>th</sup> Heaven

# What the Messenger of Allaah saw during Miraaj

## Kauthar

A river on the two banks of which there were tents made of hollow pearls. Its scent or its mud was sharp smelling musk".

## Maalik

The Angel who is the Gate Keeper of the Hell Fire

Narrated by Anas Ibn Malik (radiyallaahu anhu): "The Prophet sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam said: "When I was taken up to Heaven I passed by people who had nails of copper and were scratching their faces and their breasts. I said: Who are these people, Jibreel? He replied: They are those who used to backbite and who slander people's honor." (Sunan of Abu Dawood no. 4860)

Narrated Abu Hurayrah (radiyallaahu anhu): "The Messenger of Allaah sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam said: On the night when I was taken up to Heaven, I came upon people whose bellies were like houses and contained snakes which could be seen from outside their bellies. I asked Jibreel who they were and he told me that they were people who had practiced usury (dealing with interest)." (Musnad Ahmad, Ibn Majar and At-Tirmidhee no.2828)

Narrated Anas Ibn Malik (radiyallaahu anhu): " The Messenger of Allaah sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam said: on the night when I was taken up to Heaven, I passed by people whose lips were cut by scissors of fire. I asked Jibreel alayhissalaam who they were and he told me they were the preachers among my people, who said what they did not do. (At-Tirmidhee (gharib) no.4801)

Narrate Jabir Ibn Abdillaah radiyallaahu anhu: " The Prophet said: I saw myself entering Paradise, and behold! I saw Ar-Rumaisa, Abu Talha's wife. I heard footsteps. I asked: "Who is it?". Somebody said:"It is Bilal." Then I saw a palace and a lady sitting in its courtyard. I asked: "For whom is this palace?" Somebody replied: "It is for 'Umar." I intended to enter it and see it, but I thought of your ('Umar's) gheerah and (gave up the attempt.). 'Umar said: "Let my parents be sacrificed for you, O the Messenger of Allaah sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam! How dare I think about my gheerah (self-respect) being offended by you? (saheeh Al Bukhaaree vol 5, no.28)



## ABU JAHL MAKES FUN OF RASULULLAAH (Sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam)

Rasulullaah (Sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) woke up in Makkah the next morning having anxiety that, he knew that the people would not believe him. He kept away from people, feeling anxious and sad, then the enemy of Allaah, Abu Jahl passed by him and came to sit with him, saying mockingly: "Is there anything new?"

Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam): Yes.

Abu Jahl: What is it?

Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam): I was taken on a Journey last night.

Abu Jahl: Where to?

Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam): To Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al Aqsa)

Abu Jahl: Then this morning you were among us?

Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam): Yes.

Abu Jahl did not want to say to his face that he was lying, lest he deny saying it when he called other people to hear him, so he said, 'Do you think that if I call your people, you will tell them about what happened?' Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) said yes. Abu Jahl said, 'O people of Bani Ka'b bin Lu'ay!' People got up from where they were sitting and came to join them.

Abu Jahl said, 'Tell your people what you told me.'

Rasulullaah(sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam): I was taken on a journey last night.

They said: Where to?

He (sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) said: To Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al Aqsa)

They said: then this morning you were among us?

Rasulullaah (sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) said yes.

They began to clap their hands together and put their hands on their heads in astonishment at this "lie" – as they claimed it to be. They said, 'Can you describe the sanctuary to us?' Among them were some who had traveled to that land and seen the sanctuary, so Rasulullaah (sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) described it until he reached a point where he was not sure about some of the details, but then Allaah brought Masjid Al-Aqsa close and placed near the house of 'Uqayl- or 'Iqal- so Rasulullaah (sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam) could look at it and describe the details. He could not remember those descriptions. People said, 'As for the description, by Allaah, he has got it right.'

*This was recorded by An-Nasa'i and Al-Bayhaqi.*

## ABU BAKR AS-SIDDIQ

Imam Ahmad rahimahullaah recorded that Jabir bin Abdullaah said that he heard the Messenger of Allaah sall Allaahu alayhi wasallam say: "When Quraysh did not believe that I had been taken on The Night Journey to Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al-Aqsa), I stood up in Al-Hijr and Allaah displayed Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al-Aqsa) before me, so I told them about its features while I was looking at it."

This was also reported in two Saheehs with defferent chains of narration.

According to al-Bayhaqi, Ibn Shihab said: Abu Salma bin Abdirrahman said: "Some people from Quraysh went to Abu Bakr and said: "Have you heard what your companion is saying. He is claiming that he went to Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al-Aqsa) and came back to Makkah in one night!"

Abu Bakr said, "Did he say that?". They said, "Yes". Abu Bakr said, "Then I bear witness that if he said that, he is speaking the truth." They said, "You believe that he went to Ash-Sham (Greater Syria) in one night and came back to Makkah before morning?" He said, "yes, I believe him with regard to something even more than that. I believe him with regard to the revelation that comes to him from heaven." Abu Salamah said, "from then on, Abu Bakr was known as As-Siddiq (the verifier of the truth)."

# Should Muslims Celebrate Al-Israa wal-Miraaaj

NO

## WHY?

- Date of the Israa and Miraaaj is unknown
- Even if the date was specified still the Prophet and the Sahabaahs did not celebrate this day or night
- If it was to be celebrated then the Messenger of Allaah and the Sahaabah would have done so,
- There are no authentic narrations from the Messenger of Allaah, the sahabaah or the scholars with regard to such a celebration
- Celebrating Al Israa wal Miraaaj with Ibaadah and other than is an innovation and a sin

# Ruling on celebrating the Night of Al-Israa wal-Miraaj

*All praise be to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon his family and Companions.*

There is no doubt that Isra' (Night Journey) and Mi`raj (Ascension to Heaven) are among Allah's Great Signs that testify to the truthfulness of His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his great status in the Sight of Allah (Exalted be He). They are also signs of Allah's Awe-Inspiring Power and His Exaltation above all His creation. Allah (Glorified be He) says: Glorified (and Exalted) be He (Allâh) [above all that (evil) they associate with Him] Who took His slave (Muhammad ﷺ) for a journey by night from Al-Masjid-al-Harâm (at Makkah) to Al-Masjid-al-Aqsâ (in Jerusalem), the neighbourhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him (Muhammad ﷺ) of Our Ayât (proofs, evidence, lessons, signs, etc.). Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.

It was reported by Tawatur (a significant number of narrators whose agreement upon a lie is impossible) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was taken up to the heavens and their gates were opened for him until he went beyond the Seventh Heaven. There Allah (Glorified be He) spoke to him about what He willed and enjoined the Five Daily Salahs (Prayers) upon him. Allah (Exalted be He) first enjoined fifty Salahs, but our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) kept returning and asking Him to lighten the duty, until Allah reduced them to five in number, but fifty in reward, because a good deed earns a tenfold reward. All praise and thanks to Allah for all His Blessings.

The night on which the Isra' and the Mi`raj occurred has not been reported in authentic Hadiths as having been in the month of Rajab nor in any other specific month. All that has been reported concerning a specific date for this event is not authentically reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him), according to the Hadith scholars. There must be a great wisdom why Allah made people forget the exact night of Isra' and Mi`raj; but even if it were specified, still it would not be permissible for Muslims to perform specific acts of `Ibadah (worship) on this night or celebrate it. This is because the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them) did not celebrate it or perform specific acts of `Ibadah on it. If celebrating this night was prescribed in Islam, the Messenger (peace be upon him) would have made it known to the Muslim Ummah (nation based on one creed) either in words or in deeds. If anything of this was observed on this night, it would be known by all Muslims and would have been transmitted to us by the Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them), as they transmitted

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from the Prophet (peace be upon him) everything that the Muslim Ummah needs, and they never neglected anything related to the religion.

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opening (of the door). He was asked: Who are you? He replied: Gabriel. He was (again) asked: Who is with you? He replied Muhammad (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam). It was said: Has he been sent for? He replied He has indeed been sent for. (The gate) was opened for us and I saw Yusuf (peace of Allaah be upon him) who had been given half of (world) beauty. He welcomed me prayed for my well-being. Then he ascended with us to the fourth heaven. Gabriel (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) asked for the (gate) to be opened, and it was said: Who is he? He replied: Gabriel. It was (again) said: Who is with you? He said: Muhammad. It was said: Has he been sent for? He replied: He has indeed been sent for. The (gate) was opened for us, and lo! Idris was there. He welcomed me and prayed for my well-being (About him) Allaah, the Exalted and the Glorious, has said: " We elevated him (Idris) to the exalted position" (Qur'an xix. 57). Then he ascended with us to the fifth heaven and Gabriel asked for the (gate) to be opened. It was said: Who is he? He replied Gabriel. It was (again) said: Who is with thee? He replied: Muhammad. It was said Has he been sent for? He replied: He has indeed been sent for. (The gate) was opened for us and then I was with Harun (Aaron-peace of Allaah be upon him). He welcomed me prayed for my well-being. Then I was taken to the sixth heaven. Gabriel (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) asked for the door to be opened. It was said: Who is he? He replied: Gabriel. It was said: Who is with thee? He replied: Muhammad. It was said: Has he been sent for? He replied: He has indeed been sent for. (The gate) was opened for us and there I was with Musa (Moses sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) He welcomed me and prayed for my well-being. Then I was taken up to the seventh heaven. Gabriel asked the (gate) to be opened. It was said: Who is he? He said: Gabriel It was said. Who is with thee? He replied: Muhammad (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam.) It was said: Has he been sent for? He replied: He has indeed been sent for. (The gate) was opened for us and there I found Ibrahim (Abraham sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) reclining against the Bait-ul-Ma'mur and there enter into it seventy thousand angels every day, never to visit (this place) again. Then I was taken to Sidrat-ul-Muntaha whose leaves were like elephant ears and its fruit like big earthenware vessels. And when it was covered by the Command of Allaah, it underwent such a change that none amongst the creation has the power to praise its beauty.

Then Allaah revealed to me a revelation and He made obligatory for me fifty prayers every day and night. Then I went down to Moses (sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam) and he said: What has your Lord enjoined upon your Ummah? I said: Fifty prayers. He said: Return to thy Lord and beg for reduction (in the number of prayers), for your community shallnot be able to bear this burden. as I have put to test the children of Isra'il and tried them (and found them too weak to bear such a heavy burden). He (the Prophet) said: I went back to my Lord and said: My Lord, make things lighter for my Ummah. (The Lord) reduced five prayers for me. I went down to Moses and said. (The Lord) reduced five (prayers) for me, He said: Verily thy Ummah shall not be able to bear this burden; return to thy Lord and ask Him to make things lighter. I then kept going back and forth between my Lord Blessed and Exalted and Moses, till He said: There are five prayers every day and night. O Muhammad, each being credited as ten, so that makes fifty prayers. He who intends to do a good deed and does not do it will have a good deed recorded for him; and if he does it, it will be recorded for him as ten; whereas he who intends to do an evil deed and does not do, it will not be recorded for him; and if he does it, only one evil deed will be recorded. I then came down and when I came to Moses and informed him, he said: Go back to thy Lord and ask Him to make things lighter. Upon this the Messenger of Allaah remarked: I returned to my Lord until I felt ashamed before Him (Book #001, Hadith #0309)