

Isra and Miraaj - Night Journey - Lailat al-Miraaj

The Isra and Miraaj (الإسراء والمعراج) are the two parts of a Night Journey, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) took during a single night around the year 621 with the help of Angel Gabriel as both a physical and spiritual journey. A brief sketch of the story is in Surah Al-Isra 017 as well as in Surah An-Najam 053 of the Quraan. In this journey, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) travelled on the steed Buraq to "the farthest mosque (Masjid-al-Aqsa)".

Glorified be He Who took His slave on a journey by night from Al-Masjid-al-Haram (Kabaa) to the Masjid-al-Aqsa (possibly Al-Masjid an-Nabawi), the neighbourhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him of Our signs. Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer, (Al_Quran_017:001). More details are mentioned in Surah An-Najam 053 as well.

We must understand that the neighbourhoods of these Masjids are blessed all the time. If we reanalyse since the time of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) till today only Masjids which are truly blessed and free from any violence looks like Kabaa (Al-Masjid-al-Haram) in Makkah al-Mukarram and Al-Masjid an-Nabawi (Masjid-al-Aqsa) in al-Madinah al-Munawwarah. Many civilizations came and governments toppled down several times after Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) till today but these Masjids were protected all the time, since Allah has named it blessed neighbourhood. Muslim Scholars need to do more research on it and final announcement must come from Imaam Kabaa for Muslims Unity.

Global Masjid is only and only Al_Masjid al-Haram (Kaaba) in Makkah al-Mukarram, Saudi Arabia, to perform Hajj and Umrah, uniting Global Muslim Ummah at one place, get the benefits from here, and see few signs of Allah, in addition to establishing regular five times prayers as well as additional prayers including Tahajjud Prayers according to local time. Remember, it is the first worshipping place and centre of the guidance for the mankind.

Local Masjid example is Masjid al-Nabawi in Madinah al-Munawwarah, Saudi Arabia. It is a Role Model for all local Masjids around the world, since Rasool Allah (PBUH) used this as a Role Model to perform many duties including following:

1> Trained Muslim Ummah. 2> Established best Judicial System. 3> Established best Community Centre. 4> Must have Modern Islaamic Library. 5> Must have **Multi Faith Community Center** which must have convertible hall for Prayers, other Islaamic Activities and Multi Faith Sessions. 6> Must have economical Funeral Home.

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