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Isra and Miraj

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Relevant Terms Explained

Isra The Prophet's (PBUH) journey from Makkah to Jerusalem on the
..... night of 27 Rajab approximately one year before the Hijrah. It was
..... on a Monday.

Miraj..... The Prophet's (PBUH) ascent from Jerusalem to Heaven on the
..... same night

Al-Buraq A unique creature of white colour, having two wings, smaller than
..... a mule but larger than a donkey: one stride of this creature
..... covered a distance as far as it could see.

Bayt al-Mamur A Mosque in heaven parallel to the Kaabah on earth.

Sidrat-ul-Muntaha... Lote tree of the Uttermost Limit, beyond which none may pass. It
..... is in the seventh Heaven

Bayt al-Maqdis..... The Holy Sanctuary of Jerusalem

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1. Irhas Powers of a spiritual nature acquired by Prophets before the
..... declaration of their Prophethood.
2. Mujizah Wonders (Miracles) i.e. something contrary to the usual course of
..... nature performed through their divinely gifted Prophetic powers by
..... Prophets/Messengers of Allah, after they have officially declared
..... their Prophethood/Messengership.
3. Karamat..... Wonders performed by Walis (Saints) through their divinely gifted
..... spiritual powers.
4. Istidraj..... Wonders worked by the power of Satan.

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The Isra

1. Isra and Miraj occurred on the same night.
2. The journey took place when the Prophet was awake not in a dream.
3. The Prophet travelled physically, not metaphorically.
4. On the night of Isra the angel Gabriel came and awoke the Prophet (PBUH) and took him to the Kaabah where his chest was opened, the heart was taken out, washed with Zamzam filled with Wisdom and Faith and put back in its place.
5. Then he mounted Buraq with Gabriel alongside and the Prophet was borne through the sky to Jerusalem.
6. Where with the Prophets from Adam to Jesus he led the prayer at the site of the Temple of Solomon.
7. Two vessels were there, offered to the Prophet to drink, one of wine and one of milk.
8. The Prophet (PBUH) chose milk, whereupon Gabriel said that he had chosen the natural path for himself and his people.
9. Carried by Gabriel, the Prophet rose to heaven on Buraq from the rock of the Temple mount.
10. The "Dome of the Rock" sanctuary stands there today and close by is the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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The Miraj [A]

1. He entered the first Heaven, where he met the Prophet Adam, both exchanged greetings.
2. Then he entered the second Heaven where he met the Prophet John (Yahya) and the Prophet Jesus (Isa).
3. Similarly in the third Heaven he visited the Prophet Joseph (Yousuf), in the fourth Heaven he met the Prophet Idris, in the fifth he was welcomed by the Prophet Aaron (Haroon), in the sixth he was greeted by the Prophet Moses (Moosa) (peace be upon them all).
4. Finally he arrived into the seventh Heaven and met the Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim) there.
5. Then he was taken up to the Bayt al-Mamur. He was presented with three vessels containing wine, milk and honey. He chose the milk so Gabriel said, "This is the natural disposition of you and your Ummah (community)."
6. Then he was taken up to the Sidrat-ul-Muntaha
7. From the Sidrat-ul-Muntaha he alone started to ascend further and further until he arrived into a place beyond time and space (La-Makan). Then Allah the Almighty drew near and was very close indeed. The Prophet (PBUH) saw his Lord and received commandments from him.

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The Miraj [B]

8. In the Divine Presence of Allah the Prophet (PBUH) prostrated and offered his greeting and thanks by saying:

"All prayer is for Allah and worship and goodness."

Allah the Almighty blessed the Prophet by saying.

"Peace be upon you O Prophet, and the Mercy of Allah and His Blessings."

The Prophet said:

"Peace be upon us and on the righteous servants of Allah"

9. There the Prophet received the command from Allah that Muslims should perform the prayer 50 times each day. When the Prophet descended, Moses advised him to return in order finally to reduce the times to five but each carrying a tenfold reward.

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The Miraj [C]

10. The Prophet was also given the final verse of the Surah al-Baqarah by Allah Almighty.
11. He was also assured by Allah that the major sins of everyone of his Ummah, who does not associate partners with Allah, will be forgiven.
12. The Prophet (PBUH) was shown Paradise and Hell and all the promises of the Hereafter.
13. In the morning he made it known that he had visited Jerusalem during the night. The disbelievers mocked him.
14. Upon being challenged by the disbelievers, Allah displayed Bayt al-Maqdis to the Prophet in Makkah. He was looking at it and giving an account of its features to the disbelievers.
15. Leaders of the disbelievers also approached Abu Bakr about this who said:
"If the Prophet (peace be upon him) says so, then it is true."
which earned him the title of As-Siddiq (The Truth Witnessing)

Isra and Miraj In the Qur'an

1. Glory to God Who did take His servant for a journey by night from the Sacred Mosque (in Makkah) to the Farthest Mosque (In Jerusalem)

(Al-Isra 17:1)

2. And then drew near, and came close, until He was but two bow-lengths away or even nearer. And thus God did reveal unto His servant whatever He deemed right to reveal. His heart did not deny what he saw.

(An-Najm 53: 8-11)

Isra and Miraj In the Hadith

1. Isra and Miraj have been reported in detail in numerous Ahadith (sing. Hadith)
2. Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi and Nasai have reported details of this miracle on the authority of prominent Sahabah.
3. Forty-five Sahabah altogether, have reported the story of Isra and Miraj
4. Some of the prominent Sahabah reporting the miracle are:
 1. Hazrat Abu Bakr
 2. Hazrat Umar Farooq
 3. Hazrat Usman
 4. Hazrat Ali
 5. Hazrat Abu Zar
 6. Hazrat Anas
 7. Hazrat Abu Hurairah
 8. Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Masood
 9. Hazrat Ayesha
 10. Hazrat Abu Ayyub Ansari