



MIRACLE NIGHT PART 1

Glory be to the One Who took His servant 'Muḥammad' by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque (Al-Aqsa) whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him some of Our signs. Indeed, He (Allah) alone is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing. (Al-Isra':1)

Amidst all trials and calamities, let's be reminded of the story of the miraculous night journey, Al-Isra' wal Mi'raj.

Al-Isra' meaning in Arabic is to take a trip at night, and Mi'raj is ascension. Hence, Al-Isra' describes the night journey from Masjidil Haram in Makkah to Masjidil Al-Aqsa in Palestine, whilst Mi'raj details the ascension from Masjidil Al-Aqsa to the seven heavens.

Since the travelling involved Masjidil Al-Aqsa, the event was closely tied up with the story of the blessed land, Palestine (Filastine) and Bani Israel.

Al-Isra' wal Mi'raj occurred when our Prophet ﷺ faced with extreme hardship and pain. That year was called the Year of Sorrow ('Aam al-Huzn) for reasons: he lost his wife, Khadijah (RA) and his uncle, Abu Talib, one after another in the same year.

Then, he went to Ta'if hoping to spread the message of Islam, but he ﷺ was rejected cruelly. After the pain and suffering, Allah ﷻ gave Prophet Muhammad ﷺ a beautiful solace gift—a gift to foresee the future in a night's journey of Al-Isra' wal Mi'raj.

One prominent lesson that we should keep reminding ourselves of is,

So, surely, with hardship comes ease.
(As-Sharh:94)

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