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)
# ISRA’
(Special Night Journey)

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Before the Journey
Jibraeel (AS) . . .

- **KA‘ABAH**
  - MAKKAH
- **MASJID AL-AQSA**
  - JERUSALEM

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Anas bin Malik (r.a.) that the Prophet (saw) said, “I was brought al-Buraq 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 vision.” (part of a longer hadith Sahih Muslim)

Description of Buraq

- Color
- Size
- Travel Distance

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When Rasulullah (SAW) came outside of the masjid, Jibraeel (AS) brought him two gold containers. One filled with wine and one filled with milk. Rasulullah (SAW) chose the container containing milk and drank it. Jibraeel (AS) said, “You have been guided on al-fitrah” (i.e. the natural way).

BEFORE ENTERING
Once they reached Masjid Al-Aqsa, Jibraeel (AS) harnessed the Buraaq to the ring in the gate of the mosque and then they entered the masjid.

INSIDE MASJID AL-AQSA in JERUSALEM
Rasulullah (SAW) led all the Prophets (AS) in Salaah (2 Rakaat).
Al-Bait Al-Makmoor means Al-Bait Al-Makmoor located in Jannah right above the seventh Heaven. Seventy thousand perform daily prayers. Against its walls was sitting Al-Bai Al-Makmoor. Was sitting with his back against its walls. Was sitting with his back.
In the Hadith of Mi'raj, he said, "Then I was taken to the Sidratul Muntaha at the seventh heaven. I saw its nabiq - fruits that resembled the clay jugs of Hijar. Its leaves were like the ears of elephants. From its root, originated two rivers at were seen (and obvious) and two that are hidden. I asked Jibril about them, and he said, "The hidden rivers are in Paradise and the seen rivers are the Nile and the Euphrates." (Bukhari 3207, Muslim 415)

**Sidratul Muntaha**

(the furthest lote tree in the heaven)

Fruits like

Huge leaves like

Covered in gold

Colourful

Note:
Map to be inserted under the dotted line section of Sidratul Muntaha

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ORDER OF SALAAH

MUSA (AS)

5th Heaven

50 Salaah a day

5 Salaah a day

Allah 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, 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 Musa (AS) and informed him, he said: Go back to thy Lord and ask Him to make things lighter. Upon this the Messenger of Allah (SAW) remarked: I returned to my Lord until I felt ashamed before Him (part of Sahih Muslim hadith).
### The Next Morning...

#### Abu Jahl Makes Fun of Rasulullah (SAW)

Rasulullah (SAW) 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 Allah Abu Jahl passed by him and came to sit with him, saying mockingly, 'Is there anything new?'

Rasulullah (SAW): Yes.
Abu Jahl: What is it?
Rasulullah (SAW): I was taken on a Journey last night.
Abu Jahl: Where to?
Rasulullah (SAW): To Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al-Aqsa).
Abu Jahl: Then this morning you were among us?
Rasulullah (SAW): 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?'

Rasulullah (SAW) said yes. Abu Jahl said, 'O people of Bani Ka`b bin Lu`ayl!' People got up from where they were sitting and came to join them.

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

Rasulullah (SAW) said: I was taken on a Journey last night.

They said, 'Where to'?

He said, to Bayt Al-Maqdis (Al-Aqsa).

They said, 'Then this morning you were among us'?

Rasulullah (SAW) 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 Rasulullah (SAW) described it, until he reached a point where he was not sure about some of the details, but then Allah brought Masjid Al-Aqsa close and placed near the house of 'Uqayl - or `Iqal – so Rasulullah (SAW) could look at it and describe the details. He (SAW) could not remember those description. The people said, 'As for the description, by Allah he has got it right.'

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

#### Abu Bakr As-Siddiq

Imam Ahmad recorded that Jabir bin `Abdullah said that he heard the Messenger of Allah 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 Allah 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 the Two Sahihs with different chains of narration.

According to Al-Bayhaqi, Ibn Shihab said: Abu Salamah bin `Abdur-Rahman 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).