

MAIRAJ

In the 10th year of prophethood, on 27th of Rajab

Isra (The Night Journey)

- Walking or travelling at night
- Sacred Mosque in Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem

Mairaj (Ascension)

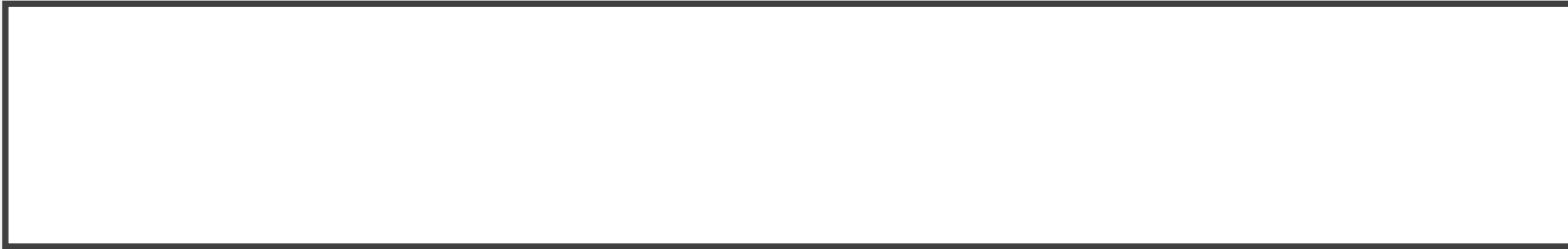
- Rising or going up to a high place
- Taken through the seven Heavens to the highest place in the presence of Allah.

ISRA

- 17:1 (details in hadiths)
- Awoken by angel Jibrael.
- Taken on a horse-like winged creature called Buraq.
- Led all the past prophets in Masjid Al-Aqsa, in a prayer of two raka'ats.
- Angel Jibrael brought two vessels; one of milk and other of wine.
- Prophet (S.A.W) chose milk. Angel Jibrael mentioned “you have chosen fitrah”

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- Second part of Journey, ascended through the sevens heavens.
- Met prophets (Adam, Isa, Yahya, Ysuf, Idrees, Haroon and Musa). Seventh heaven – Ibrahim.
- Jibrael Led Prophet (S.A.W) to lote tree or Sidra-tul- Muntaha.
- Jibrael left as no one is allowed to go beyond it (surah Najm).
- Allah directly spoke to Prophet (S.A.W).
- Last two verses of Surah Baqarah were revealed.
- Allah promised all major sins will be forgiven except shirk.
- Five daily prayers made obligatory.
- Heaven and hell were shown.
- Prophet (S.A.W) rode Buraq and returned to Makkah.



Q 1: Give an account of the events on the Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) night journey and Ascension. (10 marks)

Q 2: How did Isra and Mairaj help Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in his mission? (4 marks)

It was year of grief; Prophet (PBUH) had lost Khadija (RA) and Abu Talib who were his biggest supporters. Allah assured His support and consoled Prophet (PBUH) through Isra and Mairaj.

After spending 10 years there was no tangible outcome from Quraysh. Quraysh mocked him that Allah has left him alone. Allah met Him in person which is a rare distinction and assured Him that Allah will never leave Him alone.

Mairaj gave him spiritual strength, meeting with Allah, receiving special gifts, observing Heaven and Hell and above all getting confirmation of his leadership over all Prophets boosted his morale.

The way his companions especially Abu Bakr (RA) responded and believed in Mai'raj without asking for proofs, reflects the trust and belief of His companions which gave Him more strength.