

Seerah

The Moon Splits, Al Isra and Al Mi'raaj

We are back again to continue to learn about the Seerah of our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم with our little Maimoonah! So do you remember where we stopped last time? Yes we learnt that the Messenger of Allaah went to Taif and no one accepted his call except the Christian slave Addaas. So after that the Messenger of Allaah came back to Makkah under the protection of Mut'im bin Adiy to continue his mission.

Now let's see what happened next. Here is a story of one of the Miracles that happened by the permission of Allaah. Maimoonah has been reading and she is ready to answer the following questions. Are you ready too?

Underline the correct answer.

1. The Makkan pagan Quraish has been shown many (signs/cities) that confirmed the truthfulness of Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم.
2. But the Quraish (were/were not) prepared to accept any of them.
3. One day the pagans were assembled at the Ka'bah and sent for the (Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم /Abu Taalib) and he hurried to meet them thinking they wished to enter Islaam.
4. (The pagans/Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم) said ".. you tell us that prophets had signs: Moosa had a miraculous (staff/horse), Saleh had a (snake/Camel), and Isa resurrected the (dead/sick animals). The Prophets of yore came with clear signs. We want you to show us something to confirm that you are like them".
5. (The Mushriks/The Muslims) asked the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم to do any of the following: turn Mount (Safa/Marwa) into a mountain of (gold/silver), carry the mountain somewhere else and change the surrounding area into a wide (valley/river), cause a (spring/volcano) to gush forth or bring back to life their forefathers.
6. Allaah mentions these demands of the Mushrik in Soorah (Al Isra/Soorah Baqarah), aayah 90 -93.
7. The Mushriks claimed that if the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم performed any of the miracles they would (embrace Islaam/become very angry) as mentioned in Soorah An Aam 6:109.
8. The Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم (prayed/did not pray) to Allaah to show the pagans one of the signs.
9. (Jibreel/Israafeel) came to the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم with (two/three) options.

10. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم chose (they would be given the sign but if they still remained unbelievers they would be punished more severely/ they would not be shown the sign they asked for but the door of repentance and mercy would remain open).
11. Now the Quraish wanted to ridicule the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم and asked him to show (any sign/ no signs at all), so that they could prove to the others that Muhammad was false Prophet if he could not show them even a small sign.
12. (The Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم / The Pagans) prayed to Allaah to show them even a small sign.
13. Finally (Allaah/Prophet) gave the Quraish clear evidence which was the (moon/sun) split into (half/quarter) so that each (half/quarter) appeared on either side of Mount (Hira/Safa).
14. The Pagans then (accepted/rejected) Islaam even after seeing this miracle.
15. They said this was (sorcery/trick) done by the magician Abu Kabsha.
16. The pagans asked some (travelers/ little children) who arrived to Makkah if they saw the miracle and they confirmed that they also saw the strange miracle.
17. But the Quraish were stubborn and (did/did not) accept Islaam.

Well done! What an amazing Miracle from Allaah! Now let's learn about yet another remarkable event that took place in the life of the Messenger of Allaah. It is the Al Israa wal Mi'raaj.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words that are mixed up below!

Prophets	Ascension	Buraaq	milk	wine	donkey	Ka'bah	prayer
Al Israa	Prophets	milk	Jerusalem	heaven	Bait Al Maqdis		
	Jerusalem	mule	Jibreel	the Night Journey			

1. Al Israa means
2. Al Mi'raaj means
3. Israa refers to how one night Allaah took Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم from the to in
4. Mi'raaj refers to the Prophet's صلى الله عليه و سلم actual ascension to from
5. Allaah mentions this remarkable incident in Soorah
6. Angel Jibreel عليه السلام descended on the Kabah with a
7. It was bigger than a and smaller than a that could travel to the furthest horizon with one stride.
8. The Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم androde the animal to the sacred Mosque.
9. Once they were there the Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم tethered the animal outside the Mosque where formerhad tied their mounts.
10. When the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم entered the Mosque he saw all the previous and he led all of them in
11. Jibreel عليه السلام brought two vessels to the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم, one filled with, the other with
12. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم chose the second vessel which was filled with

*Very Good. Maimoonah is very happy to continue the activities. Are you ready to join her too?
Good.*

So the Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم was then taken to the first level of heaven then from there he was taken to 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th heavens. In each level of heaven he met some important people. Do you know them? Write their names in the following table

Heaven	Who did he meet?

Write True or False next to each sentence.

1. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم met some Previous Prophets in each level of heaven during Al Mi'raaj.
2. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم saw Adam عليه السلام resting against Baitul Ma'mur.
3. Baitul Marmur is a house of worship which seventy thousand different angels make tawaaf around it every day.
4. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم was led upto Sidratul Muntaha which is a house of Paradise
5. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم saw Jibreel عليه السلام in his real form at Sidratul Muntaha
6. All the Prophets exchanged salaams or greetings with the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم and testified that Muhammad was the Prophet of Allaah, during Al Miraaj.

That was excellent! Now here are some clues for you and you need to solve it! Here we go....

1. He was one of the Prophets that the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم met during Al Miraaj. He looked at his right and smiled and then looked at his left and wept. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم saw two groups of people on either side of this Prophet, the ones he smiled at were the believers, while ones that caused him to weep were the unbelievers. Who was he?
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2. He was also a Prophet who the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم met during Al Mi'raaj. He was weeping and saying "The reason for my tears is that a youth was commissioned as Prophet after me, but his followers will enter heaven in greater numbers than mine". Who was he?
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3. Its leaves were the size of an elephant's ears and its fruits the size of small pitchers. It was covered with golden moths and no words can describe its beauty. What was this?
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4. These are two rivers that the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم saw during Al Miraaj. What are they?
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5. The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم saw him during Al Mi'raaj and he had a cheerless frowning face and he was the keeper of Hell. Who is he?
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6. He was the Prophet who halted the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم and asked him to request Allaah to reduce the order of "Fifty prayers a day", during Al M'raaj. Who was he?

7. He was the best of the companions of the Messenger of Allaah. The Quraish ran and told the news of Al Israa and Mi'raaj to him thinking that it would shake his faith in the Prophet. But he said "If he said so, then it must be true". From this day onwards he was called "As Siddeeq". Who was he?
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After the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم met the Prophets in all 7 heavens, and ascended to Sidratul Muntaha he was then brought before Allaah. He did not see Allaah but he stood close to Allaah. So at this point Allaah ordered that all Muslims should perform prayers 50 times a day. But as Musa عليه السلام said to request Allaah to reduce the number of times of salaah, Allaah eventually reduced it to 5 times a day but out of His Mercy we will be rewarded as if we have prayed fifty times a day. Then the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم returned to Makkah before dawn.

Now it's time to say who said to whom.

1. *"Even if I send angels to them, and the dead speak to them face to face, and I gather together all the things before their eyes, they would not believe unless it be My wish. But most of them ignore the truth". (6:111)*
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2. *"May be he has put a spell on us, so let's wait until some travelers arrive in Makkah and ask them if they saw it".*
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3. *"Your followers are not strong enough. Go back to your Lord as ask Him to make it lighter".*
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4. *"I feel ashamed before my Lord".*
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5. *"I have enforced my obligation and made it light for My servants. He who prays these five prayers will be rewarded as if had prayed fifty. What I decree cannot be changed".*
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6. *"If he said so, it must be true".*
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Ahsantum! When the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم came back to Makkah, the following morning he informed his people of his journey. As usual the Mushriks ridiculed him. They questioned the Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم with regard to Jerusalem. But the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم described everything in detail and also he informed them of a caravan that was travelling from Jerusalem to Makkah mentioning the number of camels, their conditions and the time that they would arrive in Makkah. The caravan appeared exactly the way the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه و سلم described but the Quraish arrogantly still disbelieved. Jibreel عليه السلام came and taught the Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم how to perform salaah 5 times a day and from that day onwards the Muslims started to pray 5 times each day. Prior to this they were praying only mornings and evening.

We hope you enjoyed this part of seerah along with Maimoonah. Inshaa Allaah see you again soon with more activities.