



# AL MASJIDUL

## AQSAA

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## Note to Teachers and Parents

- This is a basic compilation on Al Masjidul Aqsa which is suitable for children in the primary school phase from Grade 1 / Year 1 to Grade 7 / Year 7.
- Each section can be discussed with the children for a duration of 10 minutes each.
- The 'Learner activity' and 'Test your knowledge' sections will be enjoyable for children who are in Grades / Years 5, 6 and 7.

Section: A

## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AL MASJIDUL AQSAA

Al Masjidul Aqsa is in the city of Jerusalem in Palestine.

Who built Al Masjidul Aqsa?

1<sup>st</sup> built by:

Prophet Aadam عليه السلام

and it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masjid to be built  
40 years after the Ka`bah.

Re-built by:

Prophet Ibraaheem عليه السلام

and his 2<sup>nd</sup> son Prophet Ishaq عليه السلام.

Later re-built by:

Prophet Daawud عليه السلام and

completed by his son Prophet Sulaymaan عليه السلام.

## Section: B

# AL MASJIDUL AQSAA

Al Masjidul Aqsaa is NOT a single Masjid BUT it refers to the whole area as demarcated in yellow below.

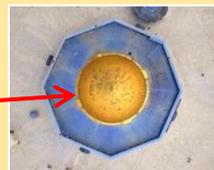


## ‘Qubbatus Sakhrah – The Dome of the Rock’

A ‘Dome’ was constructed above the ‘Rock’ upon which Prophet Muhammad ﷺ stood and ascended (rose) to the Heavens and beyond on ‘Laylatul Mi`raaj’.



This is known as ‘Qubbatus Sakhrah’.



## Section: C

# THE VIRTUES OF AL MASJIDUL AQSAA

Al Masjidul Aqsa was the 2<sup>nd</sup> House of Worship to be built on earth. The 1<sup>st</sup> House of Worship was the Ka`bah in Makkah.

Al Masjidul Aqsa was the first Qiblah (direction for Salaah) until Allah ﷻ changed the Qiblah to the Ka`bah in Makkah.

The 1<sup>st</sup> most important place on earth is Makkatul Mukarramah where the Ka`bah is.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> most important place on earth is Al Madinatul Munawwarah where Al Masjidun Nabawee is.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> most important place on earth is Al Masjidul Aqsa which is in Jerusalem.

It is desirable and recommended for the one who visits the three Masaajid, namely, Al Masjidul Haraam, Al Masjidun Nabawee and Al Masjidul Aqsa, to complete the recitation of the Noble Qur'aan before he/she leaves.

Many Prophets ﷺ lived in Jerusalem and are buried in the land of Palestine.

Sayyidah Maryam ؑ, Prophet `Isaa's ﷺ mother, was sent to Al Masjidul Aqsa to spend her life in total dedication and worship to Allah ﷻ.

Allah ﷻ provided food to Sayyidah Maryam ؑ at Al Masjidul Aqsa.

Al Masjidul Aqsa is a place from which 2 Prophets, that is, Prophet `Isaa ﷺ and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ascended (rose up).

# AL MASJIDUL AQSAA IN THE NOBLE QUR'AAN AND AHAADITH

## LAYLATUL MI`RAAJ

Allah ﷻ tells us in the Noble Qur'aan in Surah Al Israa' 17; Aayah 1:



“Exalted is He Who took His Servant by night from Al Masjidul Haraam to Al Masjidul Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing”

The Israa' was the journey of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ with Angel Jibreel عليه السلام from Makkatul Mukarramah to Al Masjidul Aqsa in Jerusalem on 'Buraaq'.

Al Masjidul Aqsa was Blessed to have every Prophet of Allah ﷻ gathered in one place at the same time.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the Imaam of every Messenger of Allah ﷻ in a 2 Raka`aat Salaah on this Blessed land of Al Masjidul Aqsa. Therefore, he (ﷺ) is 'Imaamul Mursaleen - Leader of the Prophets'.

During the Mi`raaj, it was from Al Masjidul Aqsa that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ascended to beyond the Seven Heavens, and received the gift of Salaah.

Jerusalem is where the Dajjaal will be defeated and killed by Prophet `Isaa عليه السلام.



## The Land of Hashr (Gathering).

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

**“Jerusalem is the land of Hashr,  
so visit it and pray in it.”** (Ibn Majah)



Hadrat Umm Salamah رضي الله عنها, the wife of  
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, is reported to have said:

She heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying

**“Whoever makes Hajj or `Umrah  
from Al Aqsaa Masjid to Al Masjidul Haraam  
is forgiven or Paradise becomes obligatory for him”.**

(Ahmad)



Hadrat Abu Ad Darda رضي الله عنه narrated that the

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

**“Salaah in Al Masjidul Haraam is equivalent  
to a hundred thousand Salaah  
and Salaah in my Masjid is equivalent  
to a thousand Salaah  
and Salaah in Al Masjidul Aqsaa is equivalent  
to five hundred Salaah”.** (Bayhaqi)

## Section: D

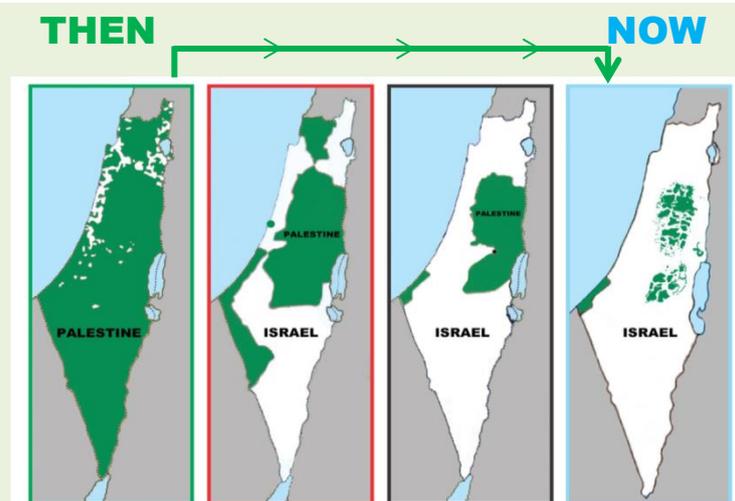
# THE HISTORY OF PALESTINE



Timeline showing the history of Al Masjidul Aqsa and Palestine to date:



- Palestine belonged to the Muslims.
- **Year 620** Prophet Muhammad ﷺ completed the 'Israa' and the 'Mi'raaj' from Makkah to Jerusalem to beyond the Heavens.
- **Year 637** During the Khilaafah of Hadrat `Umar ؓ, Jerusalem came under the banner of Islam.
- **Year 1099** The Crusaders took control of Jerusalem.
- **Year 1187** Shaykh Salahuddin Ayyubi ؒ liberated Jerusalem.
- **Year 1516** Palestine became part of the Uthmaani Khilaafah (Ottoman).
- **Year 1917** The Uthmaani Khilaafah (Ottoman) forces were defeated at the Battle of Jerusalem and Palestine came under British Rule after World War 1.
- Britain decided to create a 'homeland for the Jews'. Jews from all over the world were encouraged to move to Palestine.
- Year 1948 Palestine was given by the British to a Zionist movement. The Muslims were made to leave their homes and their land of Palestine which was then made into the Jewish state of Israel. 78% of Palestine was occupied by Israelis and 750,000 Palestinian Muslims were forced to leave. The event is known as An Nakbah (The Catastrophe).
- Currently, majority of the Palestinians live in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- There are almost 7 million displaced Palestinian refugees worldwide.
- Palestine has been occupied by the Israelis for over 70 years.



Key:

- - PALESTINE
- - ISRAEL

# Section: E

## LEARNER ACTIVITY:



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### Clues:

#### Down

- The first Prophet to build Al Masjidul Aqsa was Prophet A \_\_\_\_\_ عليه.
- Prophet D \_\_\_\_\_ عليه later started rebuilding Al Masjidul Aqsa which was then completed by his son (5.) Prophet S \_\_\_\_\_ عليه.

#### Across

- Al Masjidul Aqsa was built \_\_\_\_\_ years after the Ka`bah.
- Prophet I \_\_\_\_\_ عليه rebuilt Al Masjidul Aqsa with his father (6.) Prophet I \_\_\_\_\_ عليه.

## Section: F

### Activity: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

#### FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. Al Masjidul Aqsaa is important to \_\_\_\_\_ because it has been blessed by Allah ﷻ.
2. Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ﷺ first built Al Masjidul Aqsaa.
3. After Al Masjidul Aqsaa fell into disrepair, Prophet Ibraaheem ﷺ and his son Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ﷺ rebuilt it.
4. Over time, rebuilding of Al Masjidul Aqsaa was initially started by Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ﷺ and completed by his son Prophet Sulaymaan ﷺ.

#### TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1. Al Masjidul Aqsaa is the \_\_\_\_\_ most blessed place in Islam.  
First   
Second   
Third
2. Al Masjidul Aqsaa is the place where \_\_\_\_\_ occurred.  
First Revelation   
Israa' and Mi`raaj   
Hijrah
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the night journey of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from the Ka`bah in Makkah to Al Masjidul Aqsaa in Jerusalem.  
Mi`raaj   
Israa'   
Hajj
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the journey of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from Al Masjidul Aqsaa in Jerusalem to beyond the Seven Heavens.  
Mi`raaj   
Israa'   
Hajj

#### UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWERS

1. Al Masjidul Aqsaa was the first Qiblah of the Muslims for [**Hajj, Salaah, Hijrah**].
2. [**Al Masjidul Haraam, Al Masjidun Nabawee, Al Masjidul Aqsaa**] is the only place on Earth where all the Messengers performed Salaah at the same time led by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.
3. Prophet [**Isaa ﷺ, Ibraaheem ﷺ, Daawud ﷺ**] ascended to the Heavens.
4. The [**Islamic date, Qiblah, Islamic month**] was changed from Al Masjidul Aqsaa in Jerusalem to the Ka`bah in Al Makkatul Mukarramah.
5. Al Masjidul Aqsaa was built [**40 years, 30 years, 20 years**] after the Ka`bah in Al Makkatul Mukarramah.



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