

Al-Isra

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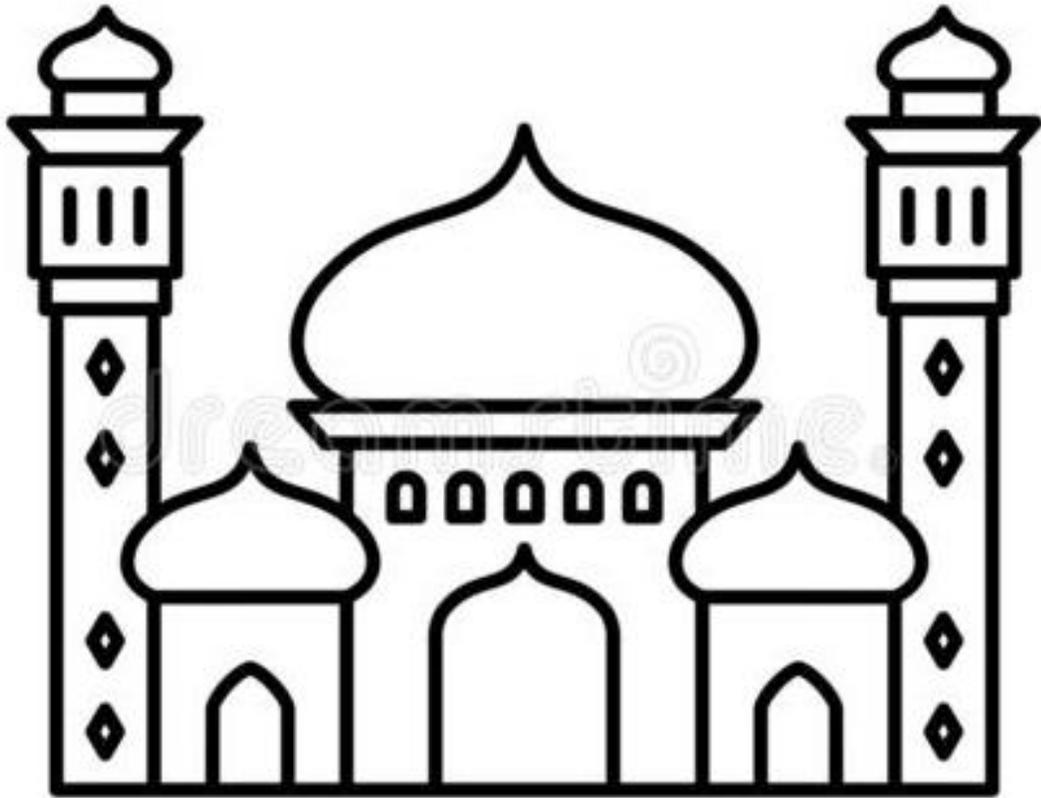
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Answers:

1. What does the title 'Al-Isra' mean? Why is the surah named so?

The title of the surah 'Al-Isra' means 'The night journey'. The surah begins by describing the incident when the Prophet ascended from the mosque of Jerusalem through the seven heavens and came before God Himself, the Surah is named after this incident.

2. What is the event of Ascension of the Prophet popularly known as? And what day do we celebrate the event?

The event of Ascension of the Prophet is popularly known as 'Isra and Miraj' and is celebrated on 27th Rajab.

3. Verses 23-24 talks about how we should treat our parents. Describe the guidelines mentioned in these verses.

The verses say that we should be kind to our parents. If either or both of them reach old age, we should say no word that shows impatience with them, and that we should not be harsh with them, but speak to them respectfully and pray for them.

4. How did the people of Thamud disobey God? How did God punish them?

The people of Thamud slaughtered the sacred she-camel God had sent them in response to their request for a sign, and suffered annihilation by God shortly afterward.

5. What was the proof that the Quran was sent by Allah mentioned in this surah?

The surah mentions the Quran has examples for all kinds of people and it is impossible for man and jinn producing something like the Quran

6. What is another name for this Surah and why?

This surah is also known as Bani-Israel because it has many verses that explain how God sent multiple signs to God and how the people of Israel disobeyed God.

7. How many signs did God give Prophet Moses? Name some of them.

God gave Prophet Moses 9 clear signs or miracles. Some of them are:

- a. the miracle of Moses' staff turning into a serpent (7:109)
- b. his hand turning white after being placed in his bosom (7:108)
- c. the plagues and drought that happened when his people disobeyed God(7:133)
- d. the parting of the sea (2:50)
- e. his making streams come forth by striking a rock with his staff (2:60)
- f. the miraculous provision of manna and quails in the desert (2:57)

For younger kids:

1. How long was Isra and Miraj?

The duration of Isra and Miraj was one night.

2. What is believed to be the method of transportation of the Prophet according to traditions?

The Prophet was reportedly taken upon a winged horse, named Burāq, and led by the Archangel Gabriel to Jerusalem

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