

How did Prophet Muhammad reach Jerusalem, ascend the heaven, and return on the same night?

The human technology has succeeded in transmitting people's voices and images all around the world at the same moment, is it not possible for the Creator of mankind to make His Prophet ascend the heavens with his body and soul more than 1400 years ago? The Prophet's ascension on the back of an animal called "Al-Burāq", which was a white and tall animal, larger than a donkey and smaller than a mule. It would place its hoof at a distance which was the furthest point within its sight reach. It had a bridle and a saddle and the prophets (peace be upon them) used to ride it. [Narrated by Al-Bukhāri and Muslim]

The Isrā' and Mi'rāj Journey (the Prophet's night journey from Makkah to Jerusalem and his ascension from Jerusalem to the heavens) occurred in compliance with the absolute divine power and will, which are far beyond our realization and which are different from all the laws that we know. They are signs and proofs of the Lord's omnipotence, as He is the One Who created and set such laws.

Questions and Answers about Islam

Source: <https://www.nwahy.com/qa-islam/en/55/>

Arabic Source: <https://www.nwahy.com/qa-islam/ar/55/>

Sunday 3rd of May 2026 06:36:35 PM