

Al-Isra' wal-Mi'raj

One verse states the journey; one surah describes the sight at its height; the hadith give the heavens and the five prayers.
The date is sirah, not hadith.



★ The verse that states it

سُبْحَنَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ ۚ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا

“Glory to Him who took His servant by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, whose surroundings We have blessed.”

Qur'an 17:1

★ How it began

فُرجَ عَنْ سَقْفِ يَتِي وَأَنَا بِمَكَّةَ، فَزَلَّ جِبْرِيلُ

“The roof of my house was opened while I was in Makkah, and Jibril descended.” He opened his chest and washed it with Zamzam water.

Sahih al-Bukhari 349

★ The mount

أُوتِيْتُ بِدَابَّةٍ دُونَ الْبَغْلِ وَفَوْقَ الْحِمَارِ أَيْضَ

“I was brought a white beast, smaller than a mule and larger than a donkey.” Anas confirmed it was al-Buraq, which placed its step as far as it could see.

Sahih al-Bukhari 3887

★ Gate after gate

At each heaven Jibril asked for it to be opened and was asked who was with him. He met Adam, then Yahya and 'Isa, Yusuf, Idris, Harun, Musa, and Ibrahim.

Sahih al-Bukhari 3887 • 349

★ At the lote tree

عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَى

“And he certainly saw him in another descent, at the lote tree of the utmost boundary.” The place is named in the Qur'an, not in a hadith.

Qur'an 53:13 • 53:14

★ The sight did not swerve

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ

“The sight did not swerve, nor did it transgress.” And: he certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord.

Qur'an 53:17 • 53:18

★ Fifty, then five

أُمِرَ بِنَبِيِّكُمْ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - بِخَمْسِينَ صَلَاةً فَنَازَلَ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يَجْعَلَهَا خَمْسَ صَلَوَاتٍ

“Your Prophet ﷺ was enjoined fifty prayers, and he kept returning to your Lord until they were made five.” Musa advised him each time to ask again.

Sunan Ibn Majah 1400 • Sunan an-Nasa'i 449 • sahih

★ The decree that closed it

أَمَضَيْتُ فَرِيضَتِي وَخَفَّفْتُ عَنْ عِبَادِي

A caller called out: “I have carried out My obligation and lightened the load on My servants.” Five prayers, counted as fifty.

Sahih al-Bukhari 3887

★ When it happened

The sirah works place it in the late Makkan years, before the Hijra. They differ on the month and year; 27 Rajab is a later ascription, not given by a hadith.

Standard sirah chronology • Ibn Hisham • Ibn Sa'd • at-Tabari