

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى  
الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ  
هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

**“Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing.” (17:1)**

# **Ka'bah Epicentre – Sanctuary – Haram – House**

- 1. Several Reconstructions – Prophets – 1996**
- 2. It used to have two doors, and a window**
- 3. It used to be bare and multi-coloured Green, Red, White - Black Kiswah – Abbasids Caliphate**
- 4. The keys until today are in the hands of one family - Bani Talha**
- 5. It used to be open to everyone - 2x a week**
- 6. You used to be able to swim around it**
- 7. The inside contains plaques commemorating rulers who renovated it**
- 8. There are two Ka'abas! – Makkah – Bayt al-Ma'mur**
- 9. The Black Stone is broken – Qarmatians, Sieged, Killed, East Arabia, Kufa – Abbasid Caliphate**
- 10. It's not supposed to be a cube shape – Ka'bah is originally a rectangle**

# Madinah Epicentre of Mercy – Paradise Beloved of Allah

1. The first place in the Arabian Peninsula to have electricity – Ottoman Period – Before Sultan Istanbul
2. The current mosque is larger than the old city
3. There's an empty grave in the Prophet's room
4. It was destroyed by fire – 600 Years
5. There was no dome before, now there are two! 1279 Mamluk Sultan – Wood - Outer Dome – Inner Dome Inscribed
6. The dome used to be white, blue/purple, last 150 years green
7. It has 3 Mihrabs – Lead Mihrab, Ahnaf Mihrab, Maliki Mihrab
8. Room of Fatimah incorporated – Artificat WW1 Topkapi Palace
9. It is FULL of secret signs, pillars, domes, windows,

# Al-Aqsa - 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Masjid - Prophets Resting - Ascension

1. It isn't just one mosque – Qibly, Buraq, Marwani, Dome of the Rock, Aqsa
2. It is a resting place of Prophets
3. It was a garbage dump – Romans – Umar Liberated – Returned Exiled Jews
4. Al Ghazali lived and wrote his magnum opus there
5. It was used as a stable, palace, and execution chamber – Crusaders Slaughtered 70,000, Qibly – Palace, Dome of Rock – Chapel
6. Legendary Minbar – Nooruddin Zengi, 25000 Pieces
7. First Dome Built - Ummayyd Caliph Abdul Malik Marwan – Ottoman Rule caliph Suliman Magnificent – Gold Added
8. It has been burnt down – 1967 Mosque – 1969 Minbar