

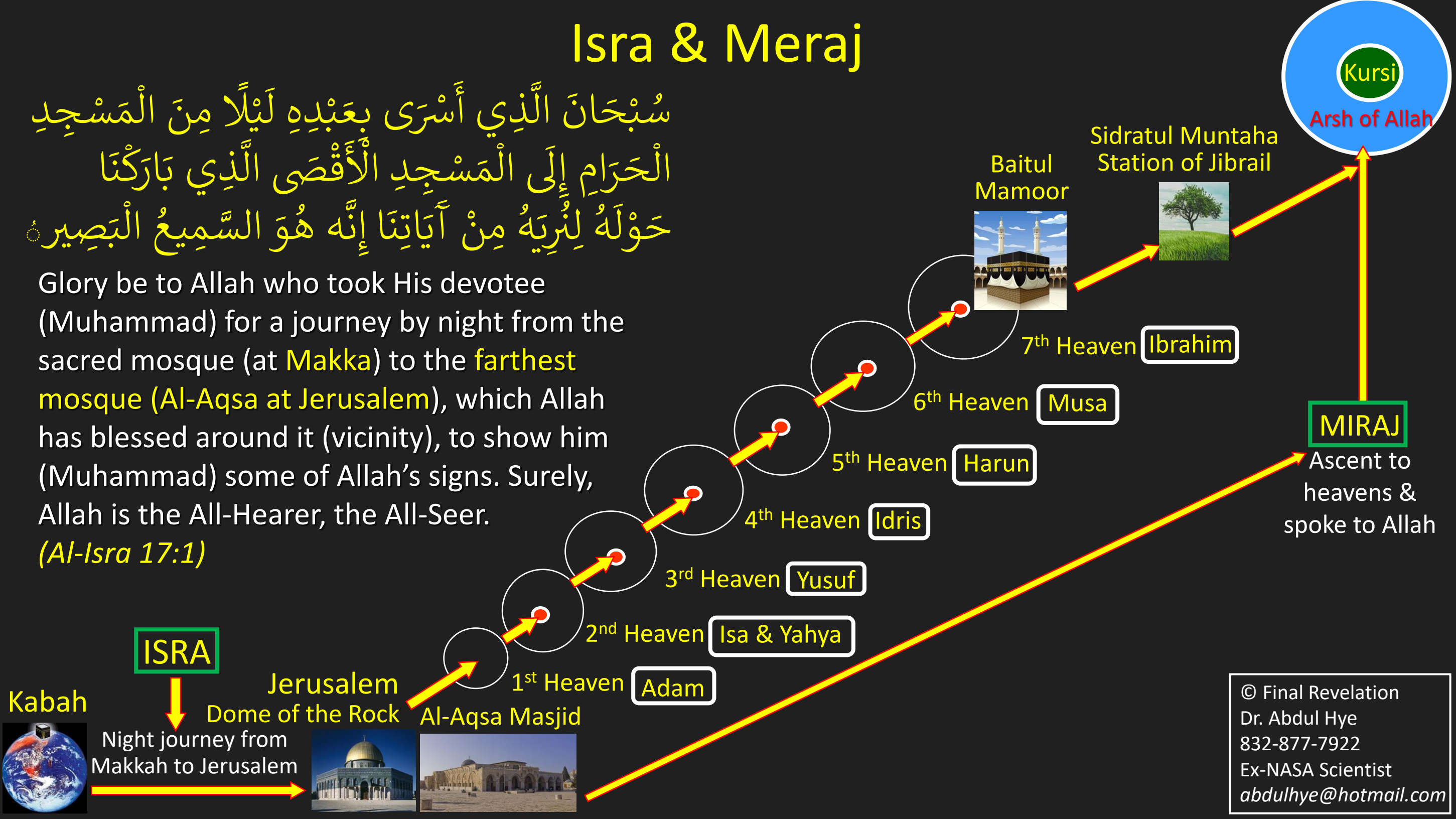
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سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

Glory be to Allah who took His devotee (Muhammad) for a journey by night from the sacred mosque (at **Makka**) to the **farthest mosque (Al-Aqsa at Jerusalem)**, which Allah has blessed around it (vicinity), to show him (Muhammad) some of Allah's signs. Surely, Allah is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer. *(Al-Isra 17:1)*



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Background

- ✓ The Prophet ﷺ said, 'When the Quraish disbelieved me (concerning my night journey), I stood up in Al-Hijr (the unroofed portion of the Kaba) and Allah displayed **Bait-ul-Maqdis** before me, and I started to inform them (Quraish) about its signs while looking at it.'
(Bukhari)
- ✓ Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported it directly from Prophet ﷺ that he said: '**Do not** undertake journey but to 3 mosques: this mosque of mine (**Madina**), the **Mosque of Al-Haram** (Makka) and the Mosque of Aqsa (**Bait al-Maqdis**).'
(Bukhari, Muslim)
- ✓ Abu Darda رضي الله عنه reports: 'I said: O Messenger of Allah, which mosque was set up first on the earth? He said: **Al-Masjid al-Haram** (the sacred). I (again) said: Then which next? He said: It was the **Masjid Aqsa**. I (again) said: How long the space of time (between their setting up)? He said: It was **40 years**.'
(Muslim)
- ✓ Abu Darda رضي الله عنه is quoted that the Prophet of Allah Muhammad ﷺ said, 'A prayer in the Sacred Mosque (in Makka) is worth **100,000** prayers, a prayer in my mosque (in Madina) is worth **1,000** and a prayer in Jerusalem is worth **500** prayers more than in any other mosque.'
(Bukhari)