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Articles for Muslim Community

A Pictoriogram of Al Quds

Muslim Voice recently visited Al Quds. We share some information and some photographs that we took during this visit.

There are five mosques in the area of Al-Aqsa. Palestinians call none of them as Masjid Aqsa. The entire area is Masjid Aqsa. Even the vacant areas where the Olive trees are growing is Masjid Aqsa.

The five mosques are as follows.

Dome of the rock

This is the biggest mosque from architecture point of view, not capacity wise. Its Dome covers the rock from where it is reported that the Prophet (S) mounted the Buraq and kick started the journey by pushing against the rock.

The dome is about as large as the size of the rock. Hence the Masjid is also referred to as The Dome of the Rock.

The dome was originally, as built by Banu Umayyad, covered in a sheet of gold. But the Crusaders looted it. A sheet of gold was recently restored to the dome by King Hussain of Jordan. The recent pictures that are commonly seen are after restoration by King Hussain. Figure 1 is a picture that we took.

The building is an octagon. We did not research the reason for this geometry. The outside has superb calligraphy of Quranic Surahs. But the interior only has geometrical decorations, except that the dome has Ayatul Kursi calligraphed on it. Figure 2 is a picture of the dome interior.



Figure 1 A picture of the Dome of the Rock Masjid taken from the side of Masjid Qibly, taken about sunset with rays reflected from the dome. The two mosques are about 150 meters apart. The door you see is sometimes open for Maghrib time, and offers a soothing peaceful view and environment. Dome of the Rock is an octagon (with 8 sides).



Figure 2 Picture of the interior of the Dome of the Dome of the Rock Masjid. It has Ayatul Kursi calligraphed in the middle of the Dome. The lower part of the Dome has some names calligraphed on it.

Masjid in the Basement of the Dome of the Rock

There is a mosque within a mosque. The mosque now in the basement of Dome of the Rock was ordered by Caliph Umar (R) after he conquered Jerusalem from the Roman Empire. It is a cave into the Aqsa Rock; it has an irregular shape, as the rock structure would have permitted; and it is roughly the size of a two car garage, with a low ceiling.

The Jamaat in the Dome of the Rock Masjid is held on the main floor, near the wall that faces Masjid Qibly. Some maps show this Masjid Qibly as Masjid Aqsa; but that is not correct according to the Palestinians who pray there.

It is considered of special significance to offer some prayers in the basement Masjid by Caliph Umar (R). There is a woman's area and a men's area. Since more women visit there, the women's area is like twice as large.

There is a hole in the rock that opens into the upper level. It is not clear why this hole was dug, presumably by Banu Umayyad. One reason could be to let the light from the upper level into the lower Masjid.

Figure 3 is a picture of this mosque in the basement.



Figure 3 The Masjid in the basement of the Dome of the Rock Masjid, reportedly built by Caliph Umar (R). You can see that the ceiling is low, that is as permitted by the cave in the rock.

Below is a picture of the rock itself which protrudes the upper level; approximately it spans the entire area under the dome. It seems that the mosque was built to enshrine the location from where the Prophet (S) started the Meraj.



Figure 4 The rock which is covered by the dome of the Masjid known as the Dome of the Rock Masjid. Reportedly, this is the rock from where the Prophet (S) ascended for Meraj.

Masjid Qibly (Sometimes erroneously called Masjid Aqsa)

This mosque is within a block of distance from the Dome of the Rock Masjid. Once we were praying Maghrib in the Dome of the Rock Masjid. As Aqamah was being said we saw many people rushing away from the masjid, instead of coming in to join the prayer. We later discovered that even though those people were in the vicinity of the Dome of the Rock Masjid, their preference was to join the prayer in the Masjid Qibly. Dome of the Rock is on a ground which is about 20 feet higher than the ground where Masjid Qibly is built. We (Muslim Voice) are not sure who built Masjid Qibly.

Figure 5 is a picture of Masjid Qibly. The interior of Masjid Qibly is larger than the interior of the Masjid of the Dome of the Rock. A substantial portion of the interior is devoted to the Rock. It is shown in Figure 6 .



Figure 5 Masjid Qibly.



Figure 6 Interior of Masjid Qibly. It is larger than the interior of the Dome of the Rock Masjid.

Masjid in the Basement of Masjid Qibly

There is a mosque in the basement of Masjid Qibly on about one third of the masjid ground to the left. We did not research the history of this mosque. The basement masjid has a library, where we saw some women; they were mostly staff.

Below are two pictures of this basement masjid: Figure 7 for the basement entrance door relative to the Masjid Qibly's left end; and Figure 8 for the Library in the basement masjid.



Figure 7 The entrance to the Masjid in the basement of Masjid Qibly.



Figure 8 Library in the basement masjid.

To the left of this basement masjid there is a huge masjid which is also at the basement level, but is separated from this one, so that there is a separate entrance. Below is Figure 9 depicting the interior of the larger masjid at the basement-level.



Figure 9 Interior of the large basement-level Masjid to the left of the Masjid Qibly.

Masjid Buraq

There is a relatively tiny masjid which is only opened during after Fajr and 11 am, Monday to Friday. It is stated that while the Prophet was doing his proceedings, the Buraq was held at that location, waiting for when the Prophet (S) would start for Meraj. Below is Figure 10 showing the smallish Masjid Buraq.



Figure 10 Buraq Masjid

We leave you with a scene of olive trees on couple of acres on the side of the Dome of the Rock Masjid. It was the season to harvest olives. The harvested olives from one tree are shown on the ground, together with the long stick used for harvesting.



Figure 11 Olive trees at the left side of the Dome of the Rock Masjid during the harvesting season.

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