

AL-ISRAA - THE NIGHT JOURNEY

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CLOSENESS TO DIVINITY (ASCENSION) THROUGH DAILY SALAA, THE NIGHT PRAYER,
QUR’AN AND ASMAUL HUSNA

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THE ATTRIBUTES OF ALLAH, HIS PRAISE AND DECLARING HIS PERFECTION
 Qur’an revealed purposefully at the right occasion
 Orders to Call upon Him through His Attributes and to Praise Him and Declare His Perfection



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Ayaat 106-111

PROPHET MUSA & THE BANI ISRAAIL
 9 clear signs

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Ayaat 101-105

DEMANDS OF THE QURAYSH
 Bring a fountain, a garden, a house of gold, angels.... Before we believe.

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Ayaat 90-100

SALAA, TAHAJJUD, THE QUR’AN
 Times of salaa and the recitation of Qur’an at Fajr witnessed
 Tahajjud (The night prayer) raises one’s status in the hereafter
 The Qur’an a healing, mercy and a blessing

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Ayaat 78-89

DIVINE PRESENCE & PROTECTION AND THE DAY OF QIYAAMA
 Similitude of protection in stormy seas
 Every human being will be raised with their Imam and given their autobiography to read



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Ayaat 66-77

SHAYTAN
 Arrogant and a deceptive bully
 Slaves of Divinity protected from Shaytan

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Ayaat 61-65

CONSEQUENCES AND ADMONITION TO REJECTERS OF REVELATION
 Barrier between Qur’an and them
 Speak the best of words

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Ayaat 40-60

QUR’ANIC VERSION OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND WARNINGS
 1. Obedience to the Creator
 2. Kindness to Parents
 3. Responsibility towards relations, the needy and the refugees
 4. Don't be stingy or wasteful
 5. Do not kill children for fear of poverty
 6. Do not go near unlawful intimacy
 7. Do not take a life
 8. Protect the property of orphans
 9. Do not speak without knowledge
 10. Do not be arrogant



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Ayaat 23-39

PSYCHE OF THE HUMAN BEING
 The human being wants instant gratification
 Deeds like a bird around your neck which will become a book to read on Qiyaama
 Deeds linked to the hereafter are immortal



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Ayaat 9-22

A SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF THE BANI ISRAAIL
 Reference to their historical interaction with the Babylonians and Assyrians -
 2 falls and 2 rises

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Ayaat 2-8

AL ISRAA – THE NIGHT JOURNEY
 Israa and Mi’raj – the night journey of the Prophet to Masjidul Aqsa and a tour of the universe

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Aya 1

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111 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Israa means a small portion of the night and refers to the journey from Makka to Jerusalem.
 Mi’raj (Ascension) is mentioned in Sura Al Najm (53)
 The chapter is also called Bani Israel because it mentions Jewish history
 The Sura ends with an order to say Alhamdulillah and the next sura (AL KAHF 18) begins with the phrase Alhamdulillah (All praise and gratitude are for Allah)

SELECTED AYAAT

17:1 Mi’raj
 17:9 Guidance of Qur’an
 17:11 Hastiness of human beings
 17:13 One’s actions dictate one’s destiny
 17:23 Parents
 17:24 O my Lord! Have compassion on them (parents), as they brought me up (when I was) little
 17:79 Tahajjid (Shab)
 17:82 Qur’an a healing and mercy
 17:109 Mustahab Sajda
 17:110 Asmaaul Husna

NARRATIVE

The chapter takes its name from the first verse which refers to the night journey (israa) of the Prophet from Makka to Jerusalem from where the ascension (mi’raj) happened.

The chapter is also referred to as Bani Israel as verses 4-8 discuss their historical destruction.

The human being’s need for instant gratification is followed by the Qur’anic version of the ten commandments.

A warning against Shaytan, and believers are instructed to pray the mandatory prayers and the night prayer.

There is a brief account of the creation of Prophet Adam as well as Prophet Musa’s confrontation with Pharaoh and deliverance of the children of Israail.

Finally, the chapter discusses various qualities of the Qur’an; its revelation in portions and the awesomeness of the effects of its message for those who follow it and an order to call upon Divinity through His attributes.