

Miracles of Prophet Muhammad (part 2 of 2)

Description: Two lessons will explain the nature of miracles and details of the miracles performed by the Prophet Muhammad.

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Objectives

- To learn about 8 different types of confirmed miracles of Prophet Muhammad.

Apart from the greatest miracle given to him, the Quran, Prophet Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, performed many physical miracles witnessed by his contemporaries numbering in hundreds, and in some cases thousands.

In this section we will discuss some of the physical miracles performed by Prophet Muhammad.

Splitting of the Moon

One of the times when Allah performed miracles at the hand of the Prophet was when the Meccans demanded to see a miracle from Prophet Muhammad to show his truthfulness. Allah split the moon in two separate halves and then re-joined them. The Quran recorded the event:



“The Last Hour draws near, and the moon is split asunder! And if they see a miracle, they turn away and say, "Passing magic." And they denied and followed their inclinations. But for every matter is a [time of] settlement.” (Quran 54:1-3)

Night Journey and Ascent to Heaven

A few months before the migration from Mecca to Medina, Allah took Prophet Muhammad in one night from the Grand Mosque in Mecca to al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, a month’s journey of 1230 km for a caravan. From Jerusalem, he ascended to the heavens,

passing the boundaries of the physical universe to be in divine presence, meet Allah, and witness the Great Signs (*al-Ayat ul-Kubra*). His truth became apparent in two ways.

First, the Prophet described the caravans he had overtaken on the way home and said where they were and about when they might be expected to arrive in Mecca; and each arrived as predicted, and the details were as he had described.

Second, he was never known to have been to Jerusalem, yet he described al-Aqsa Mosque to skeptics like an eye-witness.

The journey is mentioned in the Quran:

“Exalted is He who took His Servant [Prophet Muhammad] 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.” (Quran 17:1)

“So will you dispute with him over what he saw? And he certainly saw him in another descent at the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary - near it is the Garden of Refuge (Paradise) - when there covered the Lote Tree that which covered (it). The sight (of the Prophet) did not swerve, nor did it transgress (its limit). He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord.” (Quran 53:12-18)

The Tree Trunk

In Medina, Prophet Muhammad used to deliver sermons leaning on a tree stump. When the number of worshippers increased, someone suggested a pulpit be built so he can use it to deliver the sermon. When the pulpit was built, he abandoned the tree trunk. Abdullah ibn Umar, one of the companions, gave an eye-witness testimony of what happened. The trunk was heard weeping, the Prophet of mercy went towards it and comforted it with his hand[1].

The Flowing of Water

On more than one occasion when people were in dire need of water, the blessing of the Prophet saved them. In the sixth year after the he migrated from Mecca to Medina, the Prophet went to Mecca for pilgrimage. In the long journey through the desert, people ran out of all water, only the Prophet was left with a vessel with which he performed ablution for prayers. He put his hand in the vessel, water began flowing from between his fingers. Jabir ibn Abdullah, who witnessed the miracle, says of the fifteen hundred men, ‘We drank it and made ablution.’[2]

Blessing of Food

On more than one occasion, the Prophet blessed food by either praying or touching it

so all present could get their fill. This happened at times when food and water shortage afflicted Muslims (Bukhari). These miracles took place in the presence of a large number of people and is, thus, not possible to deny.

Healing the Sick

Abdullah ibn Ateek broke his leg and Prophet Muhammad healed it by wiping his hand over it. Abdullah said it was as if nothing had happened to it! The person who witnessed the miracle was another companion, Bara' ibn Azib.[\[3\]](#)

During the expedition of Khyber, Prophet Muhammad healed the painful eyes of Ali ibn Abi Talib in front of a whole army. Ali, many years later, became the fourth Caliph of the Muslims (Bukhari, Muslim).

Exorcising Devils

Prophet Muhammad exorcised the devil out of a boy brought by his mother for healing to him by saying, *'Come out! I am Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah!'* The woman said, *'By the One who sent you with the truth, we have never seen anything wrong with him since.'* (Musnad)

Prayers Answered

(1) The mother of Abu Hurayrah, a close companion of Prophet Muhammad, used to speak ill of Islam and its Prophet. One day, Abu Hurayrah came weeping to Prophet Muhammad and asked him to pray for his mother to be saved. Prophet Muhammad prayed and when Abu Hurayrah returned home he found his mother ready to accept Islam. She bore the Testimony of Faith in front of her son and entered Islam (Muslim).

(2) Jarir ibn Abdullah was commissioned by the Prophet to rid the land of an idol worshipped besides Allah, but he complained he could not ride a horse well! The Prophet prayed for him, *'O Allah, make him a strong horseman and make him one who guides and is guided.'* Jarir testifies he never fell off his horse after the Prophet prayed for him[\[4\]](#).

Endnotes:

[\[1\]](#) Saheeh Al-Bukhari

[\[2\]](#) Saheeh Al-Bukhari

[\[3\]](#) Saheeh Al-Bukhari

[4] Saheeh Muslim

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