

Al-Aasa Mosque Day

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In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

Al-Aqsa day has been selected by our brothers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque to be a day for unity. It is therefore only appropriate to talk about Al-Aqsa mosque in support for our brothers in the land of Palestine. So, if we wanted to talk about the benefits of Al-Aqsa mosque, we would say: The *Isra* (night trip) of the prophet (ppbu) was from the Haram Mosque in Mekka to the Al-Aqsa mosque in the city of Al-Quds or Jerusalem. Those two mosques as well as the mosque of the prophet in Madina are the three mosques the prophet said about them: {Traveling should only be to three mosques and the Haram mosque, this mosque of mine and the Al-Aqsa mosque}. Indeed, they are the mosques of the prophets. The first (Al-Aqsa mosque) is the target for *Qibla* (to be facing in most matters) and hajj. The second (the Prophet's mosque in Madina) was built in respect and fear for Allah. And the third (Al-Aqsa Mosque) was the *qibla* for the believing nations before.

In the year 15 of Hijra, the Khalifa Omar took over the Al-Aqsa mosque. He was not about to leave such an important mosque in the hands of those who did not believe in Allah and His messenger.

If the flag of Islam was flying above Mekka where the journey of Isra started, then it was not logical to allow the Al-Aqsa land under the rule of the enemies of Allah. This land, where the messenger of Allah (ppbu) led the prophets in a prayer that night. The Khalifa Omar ebn Khattab sent Aba-Obeida to take over Damascus then to head to Jerusalem where it was surrounded. When surrendered, its people

asked for Omar him self to come to receive the city. And that he did. He entered the mosque from the same door where the messenger (ppbh) entered. He prayed at the Al-Aqsa stating that Jerusalem and its mosque belong to Islam.

The mosque remained safe until 23rd of the month of Shaban in the year 492 Hijra when the Crusaders invaded it and killed over 70 thousand Muslims. Remember not one drop of blood was spilled when Omar entered it over 475 years before that. The enemies remained causing havoc in the land of Israa. The disagreements amongst the Muslim leaders then helped to prolong the situation. When Allah wished it to occur, Salah-eddin Al-Ayoubi led a blessed army which liberated the land of Palestine during the battle of Hetteen in the year 583 Hejra.

When Salah-eddin died he only had owned 47 cents to him self. He was a righteous and just leader, spent the money in the benefit of the nation, he loved scholars and scientists, took their advice, he paid attention to Jihad, to keep the flag of Islam high and to liberate Palestine. Allah granted him his wishes. When he got close to Jerusalem, Christians got worried of being executed as the Muslims were when the Crusaders took over. They begged for safety and it was granted to them. He took over Jerusalem without spilling a drop of blood on the 27th day of Rajab in the year 583 Hejri, after it remained under the Crusaders occupation for 92 years.

Allah in His book states that the children of Israel will do harm and bad in the Al-Aqsa land twice. That is through two governing periods based on aggression and wrong doings. And each time they would become powerful and would think they would be in absolute control. And that Allah would send upon them some powerful believing slaves of His who would destroy them. Muslim scholars say that the

first of those two situations took place when they killed the prophets Allah sent them, and disobeyed the commandments of the Turrat book. The second occasion has not happened yet. And what is happening now in the land of Palestine is just a sign of that.

The children of Israel are now more than ever increasing in power. They took over the land of Palestine, and exercised control over a number of some of the major powers in the world. They have some manipulation over the world economy, and the media. Many countries are actively befriending them. They arrogantly announce they are the masters of the world while all others are slaves to them. One of their religious leaders says that all people who are non-Jews are satanic and that there is no good in them. The existence of a non-Jew is not necessary, for all creation was created for the sake and use of Jews alone. That is their belief. They are trying to take over the entire Muslim world, but we are certain that Allah's promise is true. Finally Muslims will fight Jews and Muslims shall win.

The state of weakness and sense of desperation that your nation is living is what enticed other nations to attack you to take over your lands and treasures. Enemies of your belief have aimed at turning the light of this religion off by keeping you away from using Allah's law in all your affairs. There is a continuous battle between justice that you believe in and evil that is lining all its forces, energies and allies to destroy this religion of yours. Such battle will not end even with you being peaceful and accepting implementation of their plans, and presenting the nations honor as a sacrifice. Allah says: **{And they continue to fight you until they pull you back off your faith if they could}**. Push them off, take example from your ancestors who took this religion as a belief and as a way of life, controlling the life for the living, spreading justice, protection the Muslims' honor,

blocking the transgressors, safe guarding the nation and bringing back the bravery of Moutasem, and the will of Salah-eddin.