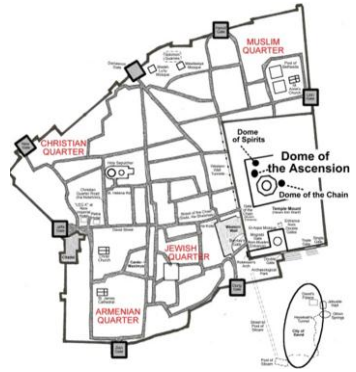


Dome of Ascension



Muhammad is said to have ascended from this rock on a horse with the angel Gabriel. But, others defend the existence of the Dome of the Rock because it marks the spot of Muhammad's ascension according to a 12th century



Interpretation of Muhammad's night journey, described in the Koran in Sura 17:1: *"Most glorified is the One who summoned His servant (Muhammad) during the night, from the Sacred Masjid (of Mecca) to the farthest place of prostration, whose surroundings we have blessed, in order to show him some of our signs. He is the Hearer, the Seer."* But, Jerusalem is not mentioned in this passage, nor ever in the Koran.



The Dome of Ascension - According to early Muslim tradition Muhammad ascended into heaven from here.