



The Holy Ka'bah

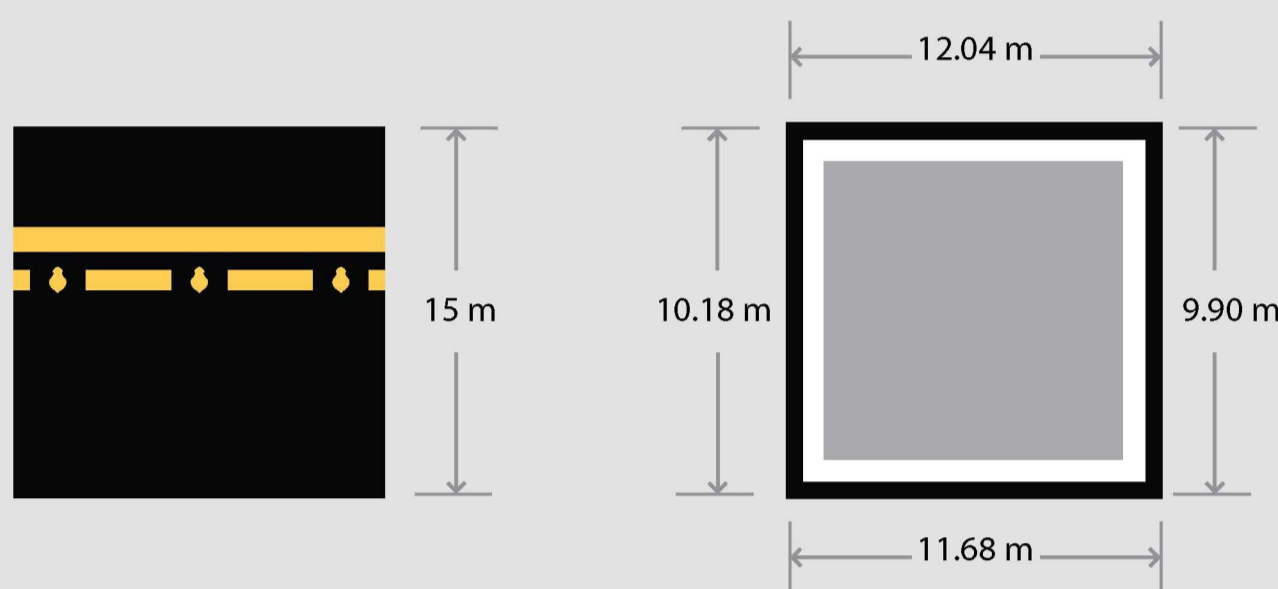


Ka'bah:

A square building and almost cubic in the center of the Holy Mosque in Makkah. And it is a direction to which Muslims face or direct when performing prayers and other acts of worship which are commanded by Allah.

Ka'bah's Construction:

It is built by Abraham and his son Ismail, peace be upon them by the order of Almighty ALLAH, and then it is repeatedly renewed. The Almighty ALLAH says: (And [mention] when Abraham was raising the foundations of the House and [with him] Ishmael, [saying], "Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing.) Baqarah: 601). Later on the Prophet Muhammed peace be upon Him participated with the tribes of Mecca by putting the black stone in its place when the Ka'bah is rebuilt.



Ka'bah 's Dimensions:

From the corner of the black stone to the Shami corner 11.68m, and the Ka'bah's door is located in it.

From Al Yamani corner to the western corner 12.04 m

From the corner of the black stone to Al- Yamani corner 10.18 m

From Al- Shami corner to the western corner 9.90 m

It is the south-western Corner of the Holy Ka'bah, which precedes the black stone when performing al-tawaf. And it is called Al Yamani corner as it is towards the right side or towards Yemen. Al- Yamani corner is characterized from other corners since it is considered among the first bases of the House filed by Ibrahim and Ismail peace be upon them. Receiving Al-Yamani corner, by touching it with hands without kissing, is considered as a Sunnah. And if the Muslim cannot reach Al-Yamani corner, it isn't allowed to refer to it or to say takbir. It has been proven that the Messenger of Allah Muhammed peace be up on Him was received the Black Stone and Al-Yamani corner when He walked all the way around the Holy Ka'bah as He performed twaf. And it is prescribed for Ta'if (Muslim who is performing tawaf) to say between Al-Yamani corner and the Black Stone, "Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the fire. Al-Baqarah.201.

AL-Yamani corner

Ka'bah 's Door

The shape and the measurement of Ka'bah's door were different throughout the ages and dates. The door of the Ka'bah today rises from the ground about 2.5 m, and the length of its door itself (318 cm), and its width (171 cm) and with depth of nearly half a meter. And it is made of pure gold, where the amount of gold used in its construction is about 280 kilos from highest and best quality in order to preserve the Ka'bah and maintaining of her honor.

Kaabah's Keys

Quraish had given Bani Abd Dar who were a part from quraish the honor of carrying the keys of the Ka'bah. And when Mecca was opened, Almighty Allah revealed these words (Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing.) Al-Nissa: 58, so the Prophet peace be up on Him called Uthmane bin Talha and gave him the key of kaabah. Then later the key moved to his cousin Shaybah. And the treasurer of Ka'bah and the holder of its keys is still from Bani Shaybah till now in compliance with the commandment of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him, and the members of Bani Shaybah agreed that this function would be for the eldest of them.

Al-Multazam

Al-iltizam is a way of supplication proven by a number of the companions, where the person, who supplicates, put his chest and his hands and cheek against Ka'bah's wall then supplicates everything he wanted.

Location of Al-Multazam: The ultimate place for al-iltizam is between the Black Stone and the door, and this is what Ibn Abbas said, may Allah be pleased with him, and Al-iltizame is permitted at all sides of Ka'bah and this is adduced by the righteous salaf.

Its time: It can be at the first arrival of pilgrims or at any time. And there is no specific supplication in Al-Multazam so he/she can supplicates all what he/she wants in this life and in the Hereafter, without pushing or jostling people and harming them just to apply that.

The Black Stone

The black stone is a precious stone which came down from Heaven; it is located in the corner of the Holy Ka'bah, as the Prophet peace be upon him said: "When the Black Stone came down from Paradise, it was whiter than milk, but the sins of the sons of Adam made it black." (Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 877). The black stone as it appears today black with redness and it is located in the southern corner and it rises from the Mataf's ground more than a meter. Yet, it was broken over the centuries and the historical events, and not all what's inside the silver ring of the black stone, but a number of fractures, each one of them has almost a size of a date which are surrounded by a black paste to save them.

And if the Muslims align it, it is sunnah to do three things, respectively, as possible:

1. Kissing it and saying "Allah Akbar" (Allah is The Greatest)
2. Wiping it with hand and saying "Allah Akbar" (Allah is The Greatest)
3. Refer to it by hand and saying "Allah Akbar" (Allah is The Greatest)

Al-Hatim (The Enclosure)

A rounded wall in the form of a half circle, it is located in the north of the Ka'bah and is considered as a part of it.

Its story: In advance, the Ka'bah was on the bases of Abraham which extended towards the north, and is approximately in the form of a rectangle, and when Quraish wanted to rebuild the Ka'bah, it collected all its expense but there was a ran out of halal funds and it was not enough for finishing the building of the Ka'bah, yet they did not want to build Ka'bah with money which mixed with forbidden things so they said that they would build with only the halal expense and left the rest outside and built a wall on its limits so that none could perform tawaf besides it. And not the whole wall is from the Ka'bah. So, the wall extends today from the center of the circular shape of the enclosure's inner wall to the Ka'bah's outer wall nearly eight and a half meters. But the space which is from the Ka'bah is about seven cubits or is approximately less than five meters.

The Prayer in it: Performing Voluntary Prayer inside Al-Hijr (Al-Hatim) is sunnah and in fact, it is considered as a prayer inside the Holy Ka'bah. And when Aisha may Allah be pleased with her wanted to enter to the Ka'bah and pray in it, the Prophet peace be upon Him told her "Pray in al-Hijr if you want to enter the House, for it is a part of the House", Abu Dawood (2028)

The Gutter (Al-Mizab)

The Ka'bah's gutter is the part that is installed on its surface in the northern side and it extends towards the enclosure (Al-Hijr) And it drains the accumulated water on the surface of the Ka'bah to the enclosure (Al-hijr) during rainfall or washing the surface.

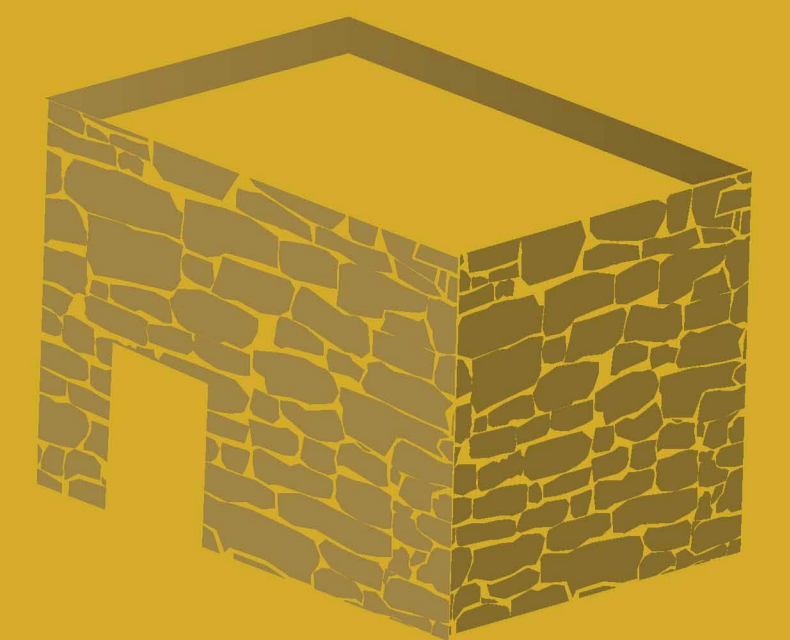
The Standing Place of Abraham (Maqam Ibrahim)

It is the stone that the father of the Prophets Abraham peace be up on him was standing on it for building the Ka'bah, Ismail put it for Him to stand on it as he lifted the stone on Ka'bah so his feet's shape were engraved so deeply in this stone. This stone remained stucked to Ka'bah's wall till the days of the reign of Caliph Omar ibn al-Khattab may Allah be pleased with him, where he put it a few meters far from the House, so as not to distract people who praying or the worshipers around the Holy Ka'bah.

The importance of Makam Ibrahim : Makam Ibrahim has an important place because it is one of the Haram's landmarks which show the correlation of the Holy messages and their unite goals through history. Ibrahim, the Father of all Prophets, peace be upon Him build the Holy Ka'bah in which we worship today in compliance with His call for people for the pilgrimage (Hajj), and we see the effects of His construction and signs of His feet as Allah says: (In it are clear signs [such as] the standing place of Abraham) Al-Imrane:97

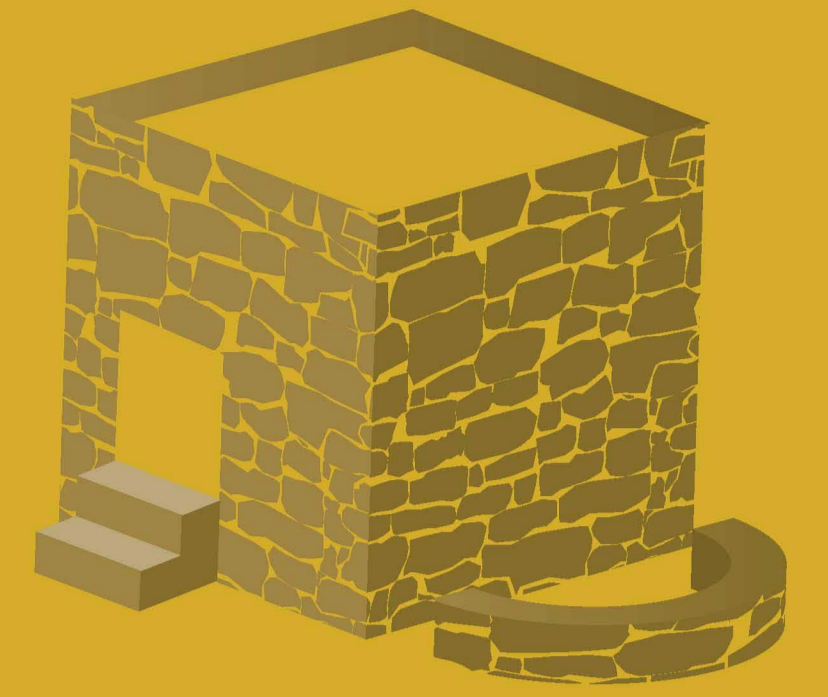
Permitted Acts at Maqam Ibrahim: It is prescribed for the Muslim who performs tawaf around Ka'bah to pray the sunnah of tawaf behind Maqam Ibrahim or behind its side whenever it is available for him, Allah says: (And take, [O believers], from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer) Al-Baqarah:125

The Ka'bah's building throughout history



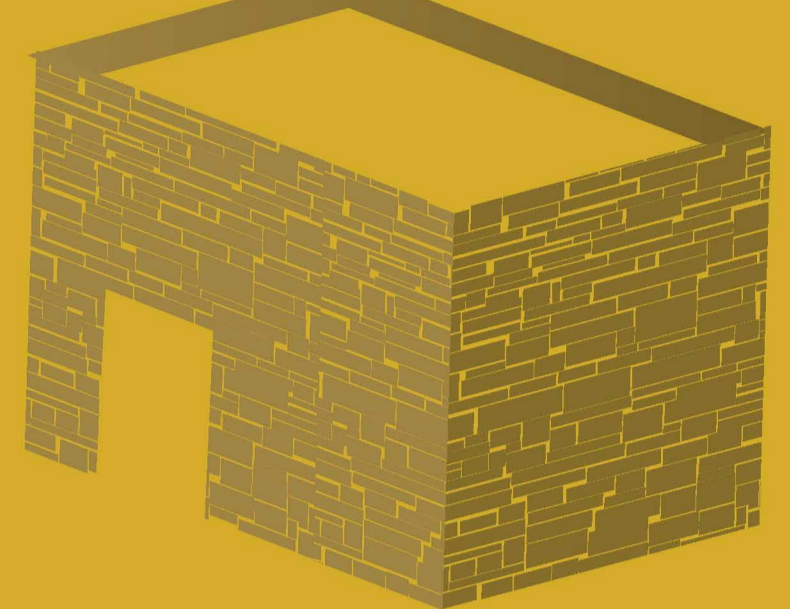
The Construction of the Prophet Abraham peace be upon him

It is approximately rectangular and has two doors conjoined with the ground.



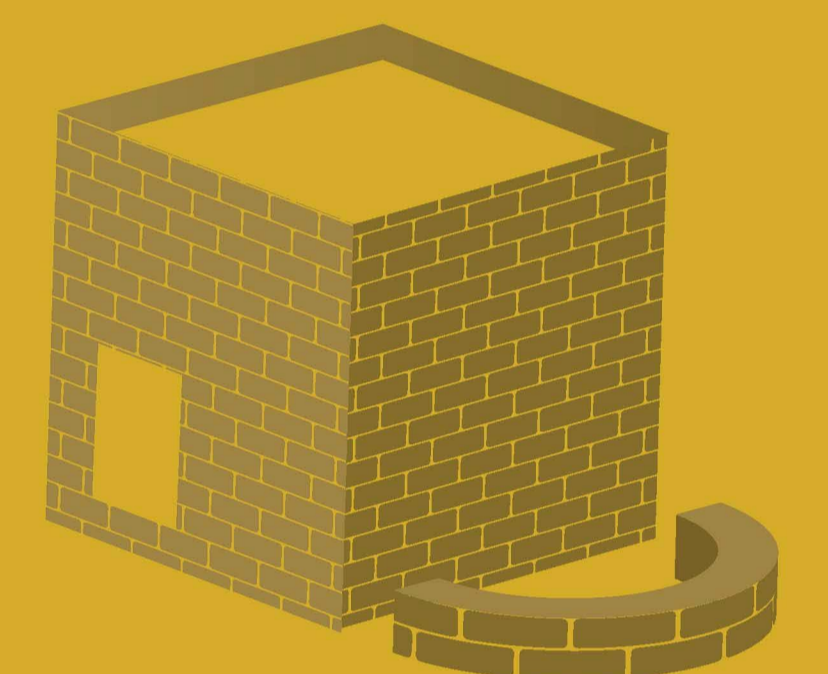
The Construction of Quraish before Islam

It was after the ran out of funds. The enclosure (Al-Hatim) appeared in it and it is a part of the Ka'bah.



The Construction of the great companion Abdullah Ibn Zubair may Allah be pleased with him

Applying for the guidance of the Messenger of Allah peace be upon Him when he told Aisha (if your people are not close to the era of ignorance (jahliya) I would rebuilt it on the bases of Abraham) Al-Bukhari 1586



It was rebuilt it after Abdullah Ibn Zubair may Allah be pleased with him

during the reign of the Umayya state as the same way it is built by quraish.



Today, the Holy Ka'bah has been honored by Allah

The garment of Kaabah:

The Ka'bah was covered with finest textiles before Islam. Afterwards, all the caliphs had successively covered it with different colors. Today, the covering of Ka'bah is of the pure black silk carved with Holy Quranic verses and supplications in golden color. And the single garment consumes 670 kg of natural silk and its size is about 658 square meters.

AL-Shadarwan

A building surrounds the bottom of the Ka'bah's wall with slanted shape to strengthen it. And it is not permissible to perform Tawaf upon it because it is a part of the Ka'bah according to the opinions of many scholars.