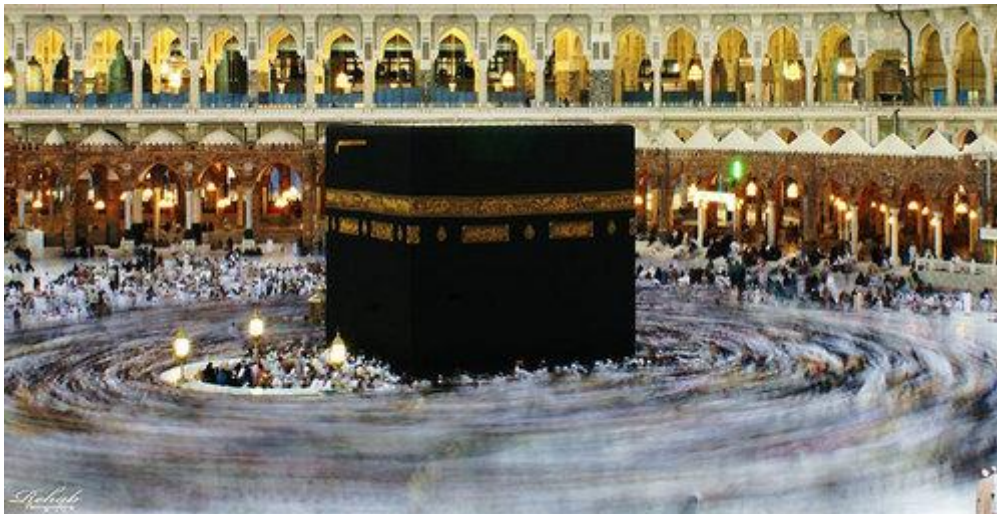


The Holy Kaabah

Allah (SWT) commanded **Prophet Ibrahim (AS)** to build the Kaabah. Although Allah (SWT) does not “**live**” in the Kaabah, it is considered the **House of Allah**. Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his son **Prophet Isma'il (AS)** built the Kaabah in the same place that Prophet Adam (AS) had laid its foundation. As Prophet Ibrahim (AS) stood to build the Kaabah, he often stood on one specific rock, where his footprints are visible to this day. This is called **Maqam-e-Ibrahim**.

In one corner of the Holy Kaabah is **Hajr-ul-Aswad**, the **Black Stone**. When **Imam Ali (AS)** was born, the Holy Kaabah cracked open for his mother **Fatema bint Asad** to enter. That **crack** is still visible today.

When we go for **Hajj** or **Umrah**, when we visit the Kaabah, we walk in a **circle** around the Kaabah. This is called **Tawaf**. We circle the Kaabah **SEVEN** times.



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