

Al-Franj: the Crusaders in the Levant | Saladin in the Holy Land

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Dynasty:
Hegira 72 / AD 691 Umayyad

Details:
Jerusalem

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Justification:
The arched interior of the Dome of the Rock.



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Aqsa Mosque

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Interior view of the Aqsa Mosque.



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Justification:
Interior view looking up at the dome in the Aqsa Mosque.



Name:
Haram al-Ibrahimi

Dynasty:
First century BC; AH 492 / AD 1099 From the Roman period to the end of the
Ottoman period

Details:
Hebron (al-Khalil), Palestine*

Justification:
The Haram al-Ibrahimi, which was converted into a church by the Crusaders, was
restored back to a mosque by Saladin in 583 / 1187.
