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Nur al-Din Zangi

"Exalted is He who took His Servant [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] by night from al-Masjid al-Ḥarām to al-Masjid al-Aqṣā, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing."

— Surah Al-Isra' 17:1

The historian Ibn al-Athir found no ruler, after the Rightly Guided Caliphs and ʻUmar ibn ʻAbd al-ʻAziz, of better conduct than Nur al-Din Zangi. He united Syria, built the Nuri Hospital, the House of Hadith and the House of Justice, went to the judge's court himself as a defendant, sent Saladin to Egypt, and commissioned a minbar for al-Masjid al-Aqsa while Jerusalem was still in Crusader hands. The story of the tunnel to the Prophet's ﷺ grave is honestly shown to be unestablished; every lesson rests on the Qur'an and authentic Hadith.

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