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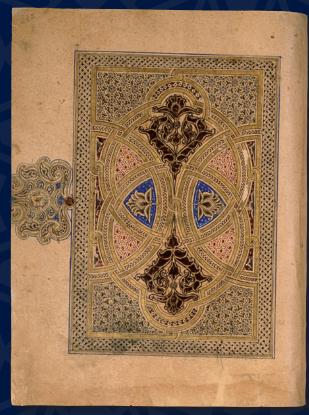
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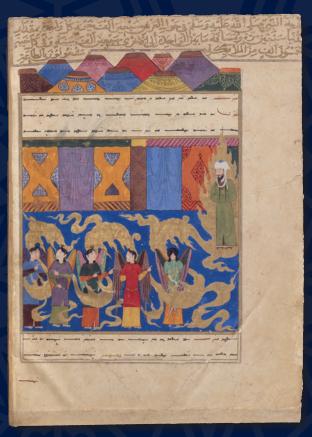
Illuminated Opening from: Qur'an of Ibn al-Bawwāb, early 5th century AH/ 11th century CE Dublin, Chester Beatty Library, MS. K. 16, folio 284b, 285a 13,7 x 11,7 cm | N° 1188



Scheme of Mecca
Qibla Diagram with 40 miḥrābs
from: Sea Atlas by al-Sharafi, Tunis, 958 AH/ 1551 CE
Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 2278, folio 2v
25 x 20 cm | N° 1173



Abū Zayd and al-Harith on the Euphrates* from: *Al-Maqāmāt by al-Ḥarīrī*, Basra, 7th century AH/ 13th century CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 6094, folio 68r 30 x 23 cm | N° 1181



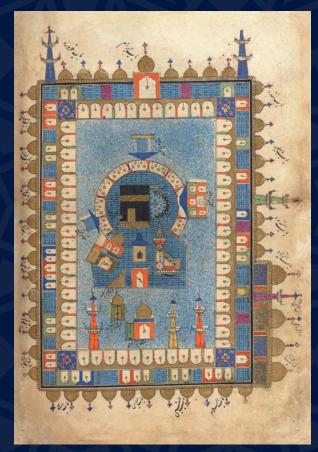
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Riders with Lances* from: *Kitāb al-maḥzūn ǧāmiʿ al-funūn* ("Treatise on Military Arts"), Egypt, 874 AH/ 1470 CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 2824, folio 78v **30 x 20 cm | Nº 1176**



The Two Jackals Kalila and Dimna from: *Kalila wa Dimna*, Syria, 596–617 AH/ 1200–1220 CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 3465, folio 48r 28 x 21,5 cm | N° 1177



 The Great Mosque of Mecca*

 from: Futūḥ al-Ḥaramayn ("The Triumph of the Holy Places"),

 Mecca, late 10th century AH/ 16th century CE

 Dublin, Chester Beatty Library, Per 249, folio 19b

 23,7 x 16,2 cm | N° 1190



Abū Zayd and his Camels from: *Al-Maqāmāt by al-Ḥarīrī*, Basra, ^{7th} century AH/ 13th century CE Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 3929, folio 40v 27 x 21 cm | N° 1178



Grapevine

from: Encyclopedia of al-'Umarī, *Masālik al-abṣār fī mamālik al-amṣār*, 6th century AH/ 14th century CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 2771, folio 186r **26 x 18 cm | N° 1175**



Miḥrābs* from: Qur'an calligraphed by Yāqūt al-Musta'şimī, Irak, 688 AH/ 1289 CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 6716, folio 2r 19,1 x 15,5 cm | N° 1182



City view of Medina* from: *Dalā`il al-ḫayrāt* ("Guide to Good Deeds"), Ottoman Empire, 13th century AH/ 19th century CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 6055, folio 71r 20 x 12 cm | N° 1179



Hunting Scenefrom: Treatise of Falconry and Hunting, Milan, 863 AH/ 1459 CEChantilly, Musée Condé, Ms. 368, fol. 85r21,5 x 15 cm | N° 1187

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The Archangel Gabriel proclaims the 8th Surah of the Qur'an to Muhāmmad aus: *Siyer-i Nebi* ("The Life of the Prophet"), Istanbul, c. 1002–03 AH/ 1594–95 CE Paris, Musée du Louvre, MAO 708 37,3 x 27,2 cm | N° 1186



Iblis the Demon from: *Kitāb al-mawālīd* ("The Book of Nativities"), 7th century AH/ 13th century CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 2583, folio 2r 36 x 26,5 cm | N° 1174



Young Man with a Falcon* from: Album of Paintings, Iran, 11–12th century AH/ 17–18th century CE Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Arabe 6076, folio 7r 34 x 24 cm | N° 1180



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Khosrow in front of Shirin's Palace* Khosrow and Schirin (from a Shâhnâmeh), Iran, 11th century AH/ 17th century CE Paris, Musée du Louvre, MA 1036

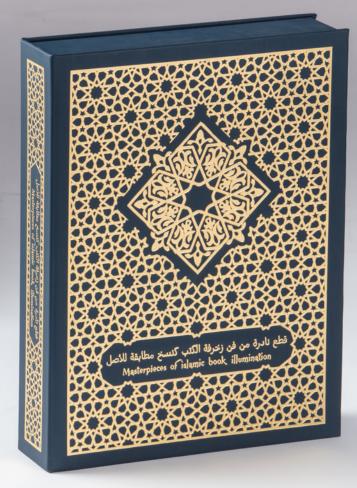
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The Prophet in a Mountain Landscape with two Followers* from: *Siyar-i Nabi* ("The Life of the Prophet"), Istanbul, c. 1002–03 AH/ c. 1594–95 CE Dublin, Chester Beatty Library, T. 419, folio 189b 37,4 x 27 cm | N° 1192



Leaf from the Blue Qur'an* Versets 60 and 61 from Surah II from: Blue Qur'an, Tunisia (possibly Qairawan), 3rd-4th century AH/ 9th-10th century CE Dublin, Chester Beatty Library, CBL Is 1405A, folio 1a 29 x 38 cm | N° 1183



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