7871 - Is it possible for the jinn to kidnap a human being?

the question

I have heard many stories about the jinn kidnapping human beings. I read a story which said that a man of the Ansaar (may Allah be pleased with him) went out to pray ‘Ishaa’ and the jinn took him prisoner and he was lost for years. Is this possible – I mean that the jinn could kidnap a human being?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

With regard to the question of possibility, it is possible, but it is very rare. Shaykh ‘Abd-Allah ibn Jibreen (may Allah preserve him) answered this question as follows:

That is possible. It is well known that Sa’d ibn ‘Ubaadah was killed by the jinn when he urinated in a hole in which was their dwelling place, and they said, “We have killed the leader of Khazraj Sa’d ibn ‘Ubaadah; we struck him with an arrow and we did not miss his heart.”

At the time of ‘Umar, a man was kidnapped by the jinn and stayed with them for four years, then he came back and told the people that some mushrik jinn had kidnapped him, and he stayed with them as a prisoner, then some Muslim jinn launched a campaign against them and defeated them, and brought him back to his family. This was mentioned in Manaar al-Sabeel and elsewhere.

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