



*Above: The al Abbas Mosque is situated 38km southwest of Sana'a near the village of Asnaf. The ruins of an earlier mosque and a stable can be seen at the left of the mosque.*

*Below: The entrance to the mosque on the west façade.*



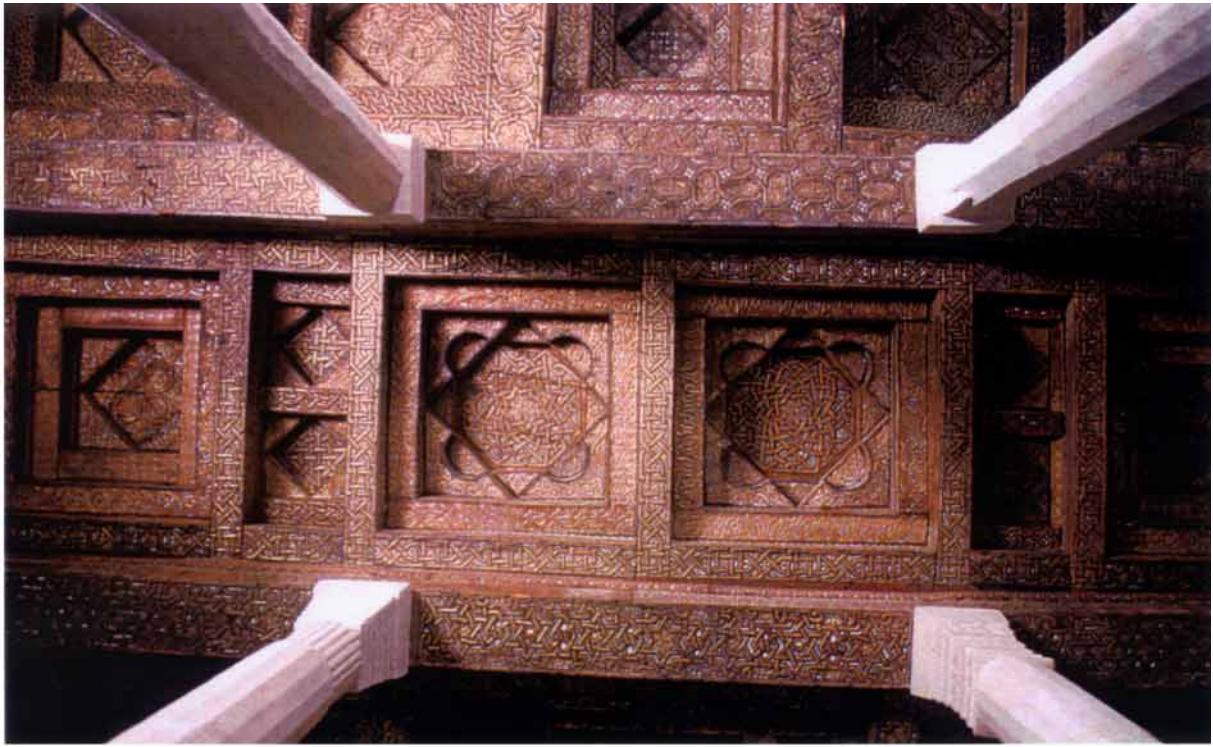




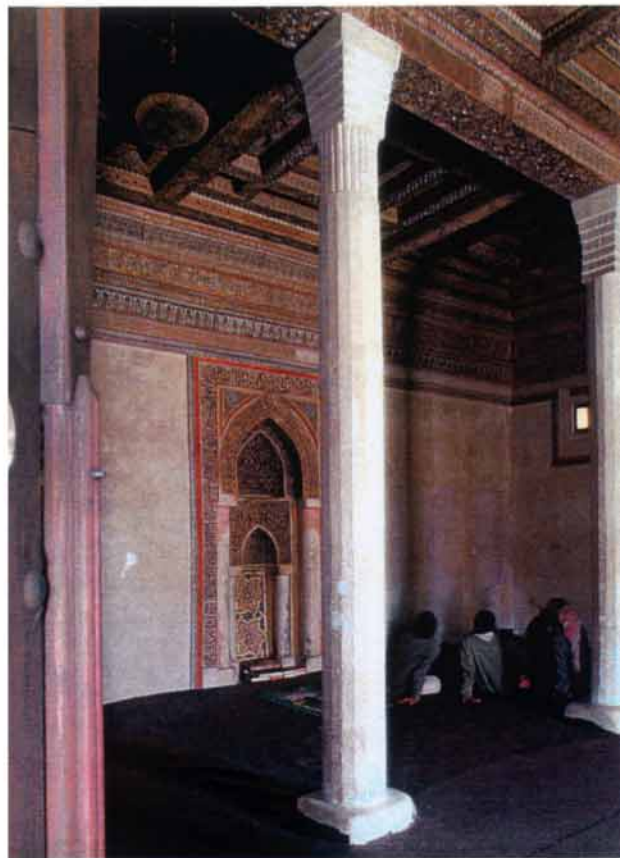
*Above: South façade; window and door openings are treated with qudad, which is lime mortar and crushed volcanic stone .*

*Below: The stove paved platform around the mosque can be removed if excavations around the mosque are necessary.*





*Above: Detail of the timber-coffered ceiling supported by stone columns.*



*Below: Interior prayer hall; view to the mihrab on the north wall.*





*Above: The coffers of the timber ceiling were completely dismantled and reconstituted during the restoration process.*

*Below: The restored ceiling is decorated with painted and gilded floral and geometric patterns as well as bands of writing.*







*Above: Detail of a coffer; the restoration work involved very careful cleaning of the painted and gilded surfaces.*

*Below: Detail of a floral pattern showing both a restored portion (right) and the condition before restoration (left).*







*Above: The roof of the mosque was covered with a layer of mud mortar and crushed stones on top of it to hold the qudad.*



*Right: The timber ceiling was removed and carefully cleansed at the Sana'a Museum.*