

SOME OF THE SIGNS OF THE LAST DAY IN ISLAM  
IN LIGHT OF THE QUR'ĀN AND SUNNAH

The Emergence of the False Messiah  
**Anti-Christ: Dajjāl**

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The Unleashing of  
**Gog and Magog**

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## In the name of Allāh, Most Merciful, Most Beneficent

All praise is due to Allāh, may the peace and blessings of Allāh be upon His Messenger Muhammad, his family, his Companions and all those who follow their path precisely.

Indeed, the best of speech is the Speech of Allāh, the best of guidance is the guidance of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) and the worst of all affairs are the newly introduced matters into the Religion (for which there is no textual proof) for every newly introduced matter is an innovation, every innovation is misguidance and every misguidance leads to the Hellfire.

## The Descriptions of the False Messiah: Al-Masīh Ad-Dajjāl

*Ahlu-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah* believe that the False Messiah, the Anti-Christ, the *Masīh Ad-Dajjāl* will emerge and spread his tribulation across the earth. He will be one-eyed, and the word *Kāfir* (unbeliever) will be written between his eyes. We believe that he is living right now, and we believe in the authentic narrations reported by the scholars of Hadīth about him, and that Jesus, the son of Mary (عليه السلام) will descend and kill him at Ludd (Lod).

Al-Bukhārī and Muslim reported from Anas that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: **“There was not a Prophet sent by Allah except that he warned his people from Al-A‘war Ad-Dajjāl (the One-eyed Liar). Indeed, he is one-eyed, and your Lord is not one-eyed. There will be written between his eyes, the word *kāfir*.”**<sup>1</sup>

The narrations concerning the Dajjāl are *mutawātirah*, that is, they are narrated by a multitude of narrators at every level of the chain of narration, such that they could never have gathered to invent a lie, so their authenticity is beyond doubt.

*Al-Imām* Muhammad Nāsirud-Deen Al-Albānī (رحمته الله) stated: “Know that the

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Bukhārī (7131), Muslim (2933).

narrations concerning the Dajjāl and the descent of Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) are *mutawātirah*, necessitating that one believes in them. Do not be deceived by the one who claims these narrations are *āhād* (i.e., less than *mutawātirah*) because those who say that are ignorant of this science of the Prophetic tradition. There is not among them one who has followed up these chains of transmission, for if they had, they would have realised that they are *mutawātirah* just as has been stated by the great scholars of this science, such as Ibn Hajr and others. It is truly unfortunate that some have felt bold enough to speak about an affair that they have no expertise in. This is even more so about an affair that is connected to religion and ‘Aqeedah (belief).”<sup>2</sup>

An-Nawwās Ibn Sam‘ān (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) that Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“It is other than the Dajjāl that I fear for you. If he emerges while I am among you, I shall contend with him on your behalf, but if he comes forth when I am not among you, each person must contend with him on his own behalf, and Allah will take care in looking after every Muslim even after I have gone.

Those of you who live up to his time should recite before him the opening verses of Surat Al-Kahf, for they are your protection from his trial.”

We asked, “**How long will he remain on the earth?**” He replied, “**Forty days: one day like a year, one like a month, one like a week, and rest of his days will be like your days.**” We asked, “O Messenger of Allah, will one day’s prayer suffice us on this day which will be like a year?” He replied,

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<sup>2</sup> *Sharh Al-‘Aqeedah At-Tahāwīyyah* (p. 501).

“No, you must make an estimate of its extent. Then Jesus, son of Mary, will descend at the White Minaret to the east of Damascus. He will then catch



him up at the gate of Ludd and kill him.”<sup>3</sup>

*Minaret of Isa of the Umayyad Mosque in Damascus, Syria*

So, this is the Creed of *Ahlu-Sunnah* as reported in the authentic *Hadiths*.

Before the appearance of the Dajjāl, there will be a time of severe hardship and tribulation. Abu Umāmah (رضي الله عنه) narrated that Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

“Before the Dajjāl appears, there will be three difficult years in which

the people will suffer severe famine. In the first year, Allah will command the sky to withhold one-third of its rain and the earth to withhold one-third of its produce.

In the second year, He will command the sky to withhold two-thirds of its rain and the earth to withhold two-thirds of its produce.

In the third year, He will command the sky to withhold all of its rain, and not a single drop will fall, and the earth to withhold all of its produce, and nothing will grow.

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<sup>3</sup> Muslim and Abu Dāwūd (4321).

All cloven-hoofed animals will die, except those that Allah wills.”

It was said, **“What will the people live on at that time?”** He replied, “Tahleel (*lā ilāha illallāh*), Takbeer (*Allāhu akbar*), Tasbeeh (*subhānallāh*) and Tahmeed (*alhamdulillāh*). That will take the place of food for them.”<sup>4</sup>

In a wording, the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Before the appearance of the Dajjāl, there will be three very hard years wherein the people will be struck with severe hunger.”

Then the False Messiah will appear. Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) stated, **“There will not be any tribulation on earth since the time Allah created the offspring of Ādam that will be greater than the tribulation of the Dajjāl. Allah has not sent any Prophet except that he would warn his nation about the Dajjāl. I am the Last of the Prophets, and you are the last of the nations. He will undoubtedly appear among you.”**<sup>5</sup>

The Messenger (ﷺ) explained in detail his appearance, where he will come from, and the deception he will use to entrap the people.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: “He will emerge from Al-Khallah, between Syria and Iraq, and will wreak havoc right and left.

O slaves of Allah, remain steadfast. I will describe him to you in a manner in which none of the Prophets has described him before me.

He will start by saying, ‘I am a Prophet,’ and there is no Prophet after me.

Then a second time he will say, ‘I am your Lord.’ But you will not see your Lord until you die.

He is one-eyed, and your Lord is not one-eyed, and written between his eyes is the word Kāfir (كافر). Every believer will be able to read it, whether literate

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<sup>4</sup> These are words magnifying the oneness of Allah, glorifying Him and extolling Him. Ibn Mājah (4077), Ibn Khuzaymah in *At-Tawheed* (2/458), Al-Hākim in *Al-Mustadrak* (8620). Authenticated by Al-Albāni in *Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘* (7875).

<sup>5</sup> Ibn Mājah.

or illiterate.

Part of his fitnah will be that he will have with him paradise and fire, but his fire will be a paradise and his paradise will be a fire.

Whoever is tested with his fire, let him seek the help of Allah and recite the first verses of *Surah Al-Kahf*, then the fire will be cool and safe for him, as the fire was for Ibrāhīm (عليه السلام).

Part of his fitnah will be that he will say to a Bedouin, ‘What do you think if I resurrect your father and mother for you, will you bear witness that I am your Lord?’ The Bedouin will say, ‘Yes.’ Then two devils will appear to him in the form of his father and mother, and they will say, ‘O my son, follow him, for he is your Lord.’

Part of his fitnah will be that he will overpower a single soul, a youth and kill him. Then he will cut him with a saw until he falls into two pieces. Then he will say, ‘Look at this slave of mine. I will now resurrect him. Then he will claim that he has a Lord other than me.’ Then Allah will resurrect that soul, and the Dajjāl will say to him, ‘Who is your Lord?’ So, the youth will say, ‘Allah is my Lord, and you are the enemy of Allah, you are the Dajjāl. By Allah, I have never had more sure insight about you than I have today.’<sup>6</sup>

Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) continued, “Part of his fitnah will be that he will command the sky to rain, and it will rain, and he will command the earth to bring forth vegetation, and it will do so.

Part of his fitnah will be that he will pass by a clan, and they will disbelieve in him, so all their cattle will perish, and none will be left.

Part of his fitnah will be that he will pass by a clan who will believe in him, so he will command the sky to rain, and it will rain. He will command the earth to bring forth vegetation, and it will do so, until their cattle will come back in the evening of that day, bigger and fatter than they have ever been,

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<sup>6</sup> Reported by Ibn Mājah.

with their flanks stretched and their udders full of milk.

There will be no part of the earth left that he does not enter and prevail over, except for Makkah and Al-Madinah, for he will not approach them on any of their mountain paths except that he will be met by angels with unsheathed swords, until he stops at the red hill at the end of the marsh.

Then Al-Madinah will be shaken with its people three times; no hypocrite, male or female, will remain therein; all will come out to him. Thus, it will be cleansed of impurity just as the bellows cleanses the impurity of iron. And that day will be called the Day of Deliverance (*Yawmul-Khalās*).<sup>7</sup>

So, we see how the Messenger (ﷺ) described the Dajjāl with such detail that we can perceive him in our mind's eye. This was so that none is deceived or beguiled by him. The Dajjāl will claim Lordship and deceive the people with things that will amaze them. But the steadfast Muslim will not be taken in by the deceit, just as the youth who is cut in half will not be deceived.

‘Imrān Ibn Husayn narrated that Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said:

“Whoever hears that the Dajjāl has appeared, let him stay far away from him. For by Allah, a man will approach him thinking that he is a believer, and end up following him due to what he throws at him from doubts and misunderstandings.”<sup>8</sup>

This *hadīth* is also used as proof by the scholars that a person must keep away from *Ahlul-Bid‘ah*, and *Ahlul-Ahwā* (people of deviation and misguidance). The Dajjāl uses arguments and doubts that shake a firm believer’s faith and *‘Aqeedah*. This is what happens likewise when one exposes himself to the ideas, writings and speeches of *Ahlul-Bid‘ah*. A person has good thoughts about his own abilities; he believes he knows the truth and can distinguish it from falsehood.

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<sup>7</sup> Ibn Mājah.

<sup>8</sup> Abu Dāwood (4319) authenticated by Al-Albāni.

So, he attends the gatherings of *Ahlul-Bid'ah* and listens to their speeches, and eventually, he is shaken by their doubts and follows them, just like the man who ends up following the Dajjāl.

The man who approaches the Dajjal is certain that the Dajjāl is a liar. He sees that he is one-eyed, that he has the word *kāfir* written between his eyes. Yet, he ends up following him and taking him as his Lord. So being deceived by *Ahlul-Bid'ah* (the people of innovation and misguidance) is even easier since they have no such bodily marks warning the people from them, so a person should never imagine that he is safe from being tricked. So, just as we have been commanded to stay away from the Dajjal when he appears, likewise we stay away from the gatherings of *Ahlul-Bid'ah* due to the doubts and misunderstandings that they cast at the Sunnah and the Qur'ān. The Messenger (ﷺ) described his features, and Ubadah ibn as-Samit said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: **“I have told you so much about the Dajjāl that I am afraid you may not understand. The Antichrist is short, hen-toed, with tightly curled hair, one-eyed, eye-sightless, neither protruding nor deep-seated. If you are confused about him, know that your Lord is not one-eyed.”**<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4320), *sahīh*.

## The Christians exaggerate the status of Jesus (ﷺ), whilst Islam gives his right as a noble Prophet

Abu Hurairah narrated that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said,

أَنَا أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءُ إِخْوَةٌ لِعَلَّاتٍ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ شَتَّى  
وَدِينُهُمْ وَاحِدٌ

**“I am the closest of all the people to Jesus, the son of Mary, both in this world and in the Hereafter. The prophets are all paternal brothers, their mothers are different, but their religion is one.”<sup>10</sup>**

Isā Ibn Maryam (ﷺ) was pious and trusting in Allāh. Abu Hurairah narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said,

رَأَى عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَجُلًا يَسْرِقُ فَقَالَ لَهُ أَسْرَقْتَ قَالَ كَلَّا وَاللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ.  
فَقَالَ عِيسَى آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَذَّبْتُ عَيْنِي

**“Jesus, seeing a man stealing, asked him, ‘Did you steal?’ He said, ‘No, by Allah besides whom there is none who has the right to be worshipped.’ So, Jesus said, ‘I believe in Allah, and I will suspect my eyes.’”<sup>11</sup>**

Believing and loving Jesus (ﷺ) is a binding part of the belief of the Muslim, and those Christians who become Muslims receive a double reward. Abu Musa Al-Ash‘arī (رضي الله عنه) narrated that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, **“If a person teaches his slave girl excellent character and manners, and educates her properly, and then frees her and marries her, he will get a double reward.**

وَإِذَا آمَنَ بِعِيسَى ثُمَّ آمَنَ بِي فَلَهُ أَجْرَانِ

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<sup>10</sup> Bukhārī (3443).

<sup>11</sup> Bukhārī (2444).

**And if a man believes in Jesus and then believes in me, he will get a double reward...”<sup>12</sup>**

However, the Christians exaggerated in Christ, opposed the Commandments that still remain (although some have been altered and distorted). They worshipped Christ, though he was a creation of Allah, a Prophet and a Messenger.

In their Bible, the First Commandment reads, **“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods besides Me.”<sup>13</sup>** This is the God of Moses (peace be upon him). It was He who sent Jesus as His servant and Messenger, and not as a god to be worshipped. In the New Testament, the First Commandment is reiterated: **“Jesus declared, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”<sup>14</sup>**

So, Jesus (peace be upon him) confirms the Lord of Moses, who is the True God worthy of worship and devotion. They have also opposed the Second Commandment, which reads, **“You shall not make for yourself an idol or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”<sup>15</sup>** Yet the Christians make images and statues of Jesus and his mother, Mary and worship them both – and each image or statue they make is different to another.

There are images of him for Africa, images for Europe, images for North America and elsewhere around the world. Furthermore, they worship the cross as a symbol of Christ, they use it as an amulet and seek protection with

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<sup>12</sup> Bukhārī (3446).

<sup>13</sup> Exodus (20:2-3).

<sup>14</sup> Matthew (22:37-38).

<sup>15</sup> Exodus (20:4).

it. This is idolatry without a doubt. For this reason, the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said,

لَا تُظْرُونِي كَمَا أَطْرَبَتِ النَّصَارَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ، فَإِنَّمَا أَنَا عَبْدُهُ، فَقُولُوا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ

**“Do not exaggerate in praising me as the Christians have exaggerated the praise of Jesus, son of Mary, for I am only a servant, so say, ‘He is the servant of Allah and His Messenger.’”<sup>16</sup>**

The Messenger Muhammad saw Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ). Sālim narrated from his father, who said, “No, by Allah, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) did not tell us that Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) was of red complexion but he said, **“While I was asleep making Tawāf of the Ka‘bah, I saw a man of tanned-brown complexion and lank hair walking between two men and water was dripping from his head. I asked, ‘Who is this?’ They said, ‘He is the son of Mary.’ Then I looked behind, and I saw a red-complexioned, fat, curly-haired man, blind in the right eye. His eye was like a bulging grape. I asked, ‘Who is this?’ They replied, ‘He is Ad-Dajjāl.’ The one who resembles him among the people is Ibn Qatan.”** Az-Zuhrī said, “Ibn Qatan was a man from the tribe of Kuzā’ah who died in the days of pre-Islam.”<sup>17</sup>

In the narration, it mentions an impairment in both of his eyes, the right and left. One of them is blinded, and the other is bulging like a grape. An-Nawawī said, **“He cannot see through one of them due to the light being removed from it; it does not protrude, nor is it deep-set. The other eye has not lost its light; however, it is impaired in a different way; it is protruding and bulging.”<sup>18</sup>**

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الدَّجَالِ

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<sup>16</sup> Bukhārī (3445).

<sup>17</sup> Bukhārī (3441).

<sup>18</sup> Sharh An-Nawawī ‘ala Muslim (18/61).

“Whoever memorises the ten verses from the beginning of *Surat al-Kahf*, he will be protected from the trial of Dajjāl.”<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4323), graded *sahīh* by Al-Albānī.

## Where is the Dajjāl (Anti-Christ) And When Will He Appear?

*AhluS-Sunnah* believe that Ad-Dajjāl is a human who was alive at the time of the Prophet (ﷺ) and will remain so until Jesus the son of Mary (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) kills him before the Hour.

Fatimah bint Qais (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) said: I heard the caller of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) call out, ‘Assemble for the prayer.’ I then came out and prayed along with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). When the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) finished his prayer, he sat on the pulpit laughing. Then he said, ‘Everyone should remain where he prayed. Do you know why I assembled you?’ They said, ‘Allah and His Messenger know best.’ He (ﷺ) said, ‘I did not call you together for some fearful news or for good news. Rather, I called you all because Tamīm Ad-Dārī, a Christian, has come and accepted Islam. He told me something which agrees with what I was telling you about the Dajjāl. He told me that he sailed with thirty men of the tribes of *Lakhm* and *Judhām* and that they were caught in a storm at sea for a month. Then they drew near to an island as the sun was setting. They sat in a boat nearest to them and entered the island where they were met by a beast covered in fur. They said, ‘Woe to you! What are you?’ It replied, ‘I am the *Jassāsah*. Now go to that man that is in the monastery, for he is anxious to get news of you.’

He said, ‘When it named a man to us, we became afraid of this beast lest it should be a female devil. So, we went off quickly and entered the monastery where we found a man with the hugest and strongest frame we had ever seen, with his hands were chained to his neck. He asked them about the palm-trees of *Baisān* and the spring of *Zughar* and about the unlettered Prophet. Then he said, ‘I am the Messiah (i.e. the Antichrist) and will soon be given permission to emerge.’ The Prophet (ﷺ) said, ‘He is in the Syrian sea or the Yemeni sea. No! Rather, he is towards the east, that’s where he is.’ He said it twice and pointed his hand to the east. She said, ‘I memorised it from the Messenger of Allah

(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).<sup>20</sup>

In another narration, the Dajjāl said to those who came to the island, “**Has the Prophet of the unlettered people come forth now?**” Tamīm Ad-Dārī replied, “**Yes.**” He then asked, “**Have they obeyed him or disobeyed him?**” Tamīm said, “**They have obeyed him.**” He said, “**That is better for them.**”<sup>21</sup>

Abu Bakr (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) stated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

أَنَّ الدَّجَالَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَرْضِ الْمَشْرِقِ يُقَالُ لَهَا خُرَاسَانُ يَتَّبِعُهُ أَقْوَامٌ كَأَنَّ وُجُوهُهُمْ  
الْمَجَانُّ الْمُطْرَقَةُ

“**The Dajjal will emerge from a land in the east called Khurāsān, and he will be followed by people with faces like hammered shields.**”<sup>22</sup>

And in a narration of Muslim, “**The Dajjāl will be followed by seventy thousand Jews of Isfahān.**” Isfahan city is the capital of Isfahan Province in Iran, located about 340 kilometres (211 miles) south of Tehran.

Shaikh Ibn Uthaimīn (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) stated:

يُخْرَجُ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ مِنْ جِهَةِ الْفِتَنِ وَالشَّرِّ كَمَا قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْفِتْنَةُ  
هَاهُنَا وَأَشَارَ إِلَى الْمَشْرِقِ فَالْمَشْرِقُ مَنبَعُ الشَّرِّ وَالْفِتْنُ يَخْرُجُ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ مِنْ خُرَاسَانَ  
مَارًّا بِأَصْفَهَانَ

“He will appear from the East, from the direction of the tribulations just as the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “**The fitnah is from there,**” and he pointed to the East. So, the East is the source of the evil and tribulation – he will emerge from the East, from Khurasān and pass by Isfahān.”<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4326).

<sup>21</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4325).

<sup>22</sup> Ibn Majah (4072).

<sup>23</sup> *Majmū' Fatāwā* of Ibn 'Uthaimīn, Chapter: The Last Day.

## When Will the Dajjāl Appear?

As for when he will appear, then Mu‘ādh ibn Jabal narrated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

عُمَرَانُ بَيْتَ الْمَقْدِسِ خَرَابٌ يَثْرِبُ وَخَرَابٌ يَثْرِبُ خُرُوجُ الْمَلْحَمَةِ وَخُرُوجُ الْمَلْحَمَةِ  
فَتَنْحُ فَسُطُنْطِينِيَّةً وَفَتَنْحُ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةَ خُرُوجُ الدَّجَالِ ثُمَّ صَرَبَ بِيَدِهِ عَلَى فَيْحِ الَّذِي  
حَدَّثَ - أَوْ مِنْكِبِهِ - ثُمَّ قَالَ إِنَّ هَذَا لِحَقٌّ كَمَا أَنَّكَ هَا هُنَا أَوْ كَمَا أَنَّكَ فَاعِدٌ يَعْنِي مُعَادًا  
بْنِ جَبَلٍ

**“Jerusalem will flourish when Yathrib is in ruins. Yathrib will be in ruins when the great battle takes place. The great battle will take place when Constantinople is conquered. When Constantinople is conquered, the Dajjāl will appear.”** The Prophet struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: “This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting.” Meaning Mu‘ādh ibn Jabal.

This conquest of Constantinople has not yet taken place, nor have the rest of the events. The narration of Muslim states that 70,000 Muslims will conquer Constantinople without using weapons or firing arrows. Its walls will tumble when they say: *Lā-ilāha-illallāh wallāhu-akbar*. Abu Hurairah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“You have heard about a city, one side of which is on land and the other side is on the sea (Constantinople)? They said: ‘Yes, O Messenger of Allāh.’

He said: ‘The Last Hour will not come until seventy thousand persons from the Children of Ishāq attack it. When they land there, they will neither fight with weapons nor will they shower arrows, but they will only say: ‘*Lā ilāha illallāh wallāhu akbar*’, and one side of it will fall.’

Thawr (one of the narrators) said: I think that he said: ‘The side by the sea [will fall].’

‘Then they will say for the second time: ‘*Lā ilāha illallāh wallāhu akbar*’, and the second side will also fall.

Then they will say for the third time: ‘*Lā ilāha illallāh wallāhu akbar*’, and the gates will be opened for them.

They will enter and collect the spoils of war and divide them among themselves. Then a cry will reach them saying: ‘**Verily, the Dajjāl has appeared.**’ So they will leave everything there and return.”<sup>24</sup>

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

إِنَّ فُسْطَاطَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ يَوْمَ الْمَلْحَمَةِ بِالْغُوطَةِ إِلَى جَانِبِ مَدِينَةِ يُقَالُ لَهَا دِمَشْقُ مِنْ خَيْرِ  
مَدَائِنِ الشَّامِ

**“The place of assembly of the Muslims at the time of the war will be at Ghūtah near a city called Damascus, one of the best cities in Syria.”**<sup>25</sup>

Ghūṭa (الغوطة) is a fertile region of towns and farmland surrounding Damascus in southern Syria.

In a series of Hadīths, the Prophet explained:

سَتُصَالِحُكُمُ الرُّومُ صُلْحًا آمِنًا ثُمَّ تَغْزُونَ أَنْتُمْ وَهُمْ عَدُوًّا فَتَنْصَرُونَ وَتَعْنَمُونَ  
وَتَسْلَمُونَ ثُمَّ تَنْصَرِفُونَ حَتَّى تَنْزِلُوا بِمَرْجِ ذِي ثُلُولٍ فَيَرْفَعُ رَجُلٌ مِنْ أَهْلِ الصَّلِيبِ  
الصَّلِيبَ فَيَقُولُ غَلَبَ الصَّلِيبُ . فَيَغْضَبُ رَجُلٌ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فَيَقُومُ إِلَيْهِ فَيَدْفَعُهُ فَعِنْدَ  
ذَلِكَ تَعْدِرُ الرُّومُ وَيَجْتَمِعُونَ لِلْمَلْحَمَةِ

“You will make a secure treaty with the Romans, then you and they will fight together against a common enemy. You will be granted victory, you will collect the spoils of war, and you will return safely. Then you will depart until you camp in a meadow with small hills.

Then a man from the people of the Cross will raise the cross and say: ‘The Cross has prevailed.’ At that, a man from the Muslims will become angry,

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<sup>24</sup> Sahīh Muslim (2920).

<sup>25</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4298) graded *sahīh* by Al-Albānī.

stand up to him and break it. Thereupon, the Romans will betray the treaty and gather their forces for the great battle (al-Malḥamah).” In a narration, he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

فَيَجْتَمِعُونَ لِلْمَلْحَمَةِ فَيَأْتُونَ حِينِيذٍ تَحْتَ ثَمَانِينَ غَايَةٍ تَحْتَ كُلِّ غَايَةٍ اثْنَا عَشَرَ أَلْفًا

“They (the Christian nations) will gather for the Great Battle (al-Malḥamah). At that time, they will come under eighty banners, and beneath each banner will be twelve thousand soldiers.”<sup>26</sup>

In the narration of Muslim, Abu Hurairah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَنْزِلَ الرُّومُ بِالْأَعْمَاقِ أَوْ بِدَائِقِ فَيَخْرُجُ إِلَيْهِمْ حَيْشٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ مِنْ خِيَارِ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ يَوْمِيذٍ فَإِذَا تَصَافَوْا قَالَتِ الرُّومُ خَلُّوا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ الَّذِينَ سَبَّوْنَا مِنَّا نُقَاتِلُهُمْ . فَيَقُولُ الْمُسْلِمُونَ لَا وَاللَّهِ لَا نُخَلِّي بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَ إِخْوَانِنَا . فَيَقَاتِلُونَهُمْ فَيَنْهَرُمُ ثُلُثٌ لَا يَتُوبُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَبَدًا وَيُقْتَلُ ثُلُثُهُمْ أَفْضَلُ الشُّهَدَاءِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَيَقْتَتِحُ الثُّلُثُ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ أَبَدًا فَيَفْتَتِحُونَ قُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةَ فَبَيْنَمَا هُمْ يَقْتَسِمُونَ الْعَنَابِمَ قَدْ عَلَقُوا سُيُوفَهُمْ بِالرِّبْتُونَ إِذْ صَاحَ فِيهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ خَلَفَكُمْ فِي أَهْلِكُمْ . فَيَخْرُجُونَ وَذَلِكَ بَاطِلٌ فَإِذَا جَاءُوا الشَّامَ خَرَجَ فَبَيْنَمَا هُمْ يُعَدُّونَ لِلْقِتَالِ يُسَوِّرُونَ الصُّفُوفَ إِذْ أُقِيمَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَيَنْزِلُ عَيْسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ فَأَمَّهُمْ فَإِذَا رَأَاهُ عَدُوُّ اللَّهِ ذَابَ كَمَا يَذُوبُ الْمِلْحُ فِي الْمَاءِ فَلَوْ تَرَكَهُ لَأَنْذَابَ حَتَّى يَهْلِكَ وَلَكِنْ يَقْتُلُهُ اللَّهُ بِيَدِهِ فَيَرِيهِمْ دَمَهُ فِي حَرَبَتِهِ

“The Hour will not be established until the Romans (the Christian nations) descend at al-A’maq or Dābiq<sup>27</sup>. Then an army will set out to face them from al-Madīnah, composed of the best people upon the earth at that time.

When the two armies arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans will say: ‘Do

<sup>26</sup> Ibn Mājah (4089-4090), graded *sahih* by Al-Albānī.

<sup>27</sup> Places in northern Syria.

not stand between us and those [Muslims] who took prisoners from among us—let us fight them!’ The Muslims will answer back: ‘No, by Allāh! We will not stand aside and leave our brothers to you.’

Then they will fight. One third of the [Muslim] army will flee, and Allāh will never accept their repentance. One third of them will be killed, and they will be the best of martyrs in the sight of Allāh. And one third will be victorious, and they will never be put to trial, **and they will conquer Constantinople.**

Then, while they are dividing the spoils of war, having hung their swords upon the olive trees, Shaytān will cry out among them, saying: ‘**Indeed, the False Messiah (*al-Masih ad-Dajjāl*) has taken your place among your families.**’

So, they will set out—but that claim will be false. But when they reach Shām, he will appear. Then, while they are preparing for battle and straightening their ranks, the call to prayer will be made. At that moment, ‘Īsā ibn Maryam will descend and lead them.

When the enemy of Allāh (the Dajjāl) sees him, he will begin to dissolve just as salt dissolves in water. If he were left alone, he would dissolve completely until he perished—but Allāh will kill him by the hand of ‘Īsā (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ), and he will show the people his blood upon his spear.”<sup>28</sup>

## **The Mahdī Will Precede the Dajjāl and Welcome ‘Īsā Ibn Maryam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)**

Furthermore, the Dajjāl will not come out until the awaited Mahdī appears. The Mahdī is a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), specifically from his family line of the Quraysh tribe—in the authentic narrations, it is stated that he will be a descendant of the Prophet’s daughter, Fātimah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا). He will possess certain qualities, such as being a just and righteous

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<sup>28</sup> Muslim (2897).

leader who will rule according to Islamic principles, eliminate corruption and tyranny, and establish a period of peace and prosperity. His name will be Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdullāh, and he will be known clearly to be a Qurayshi from Banu Hāshim.

Umm Salamah narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

المُهْدِيُّ مِنْ عِترَتِي مِنْ وَالدِ فَاطِمَةَ

**“The Mahdi will be of my family, of the descendants of Fātimah.”<sup>29</sup>**

‘Alī (رضي الله عنه) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

المُهْدِيُّ مِنَّا أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ يُصْلِحُهُ اللَّهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ

**“Mahdi is one of us, from Ahlul-Bayt (the family of the Prophet). Allah will rectify and prepare him in a single night.”<sup>30</sup>**

Abu Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

المُهْدِيُّ مِنِّي أَجَلِي الْجُبْهَةِ أَقْفَى الْأَنْفِ يَمْلَأُ الْأَرْضَ قِسْطًا وَعَدْلًا كَمَا مُلِئَتْ جَوْرًا  
وُظْلَمًا يَمْلِكُ سَبْعَ سِنِينَ

**“The Mahdi will be of my progeny and will have a broad forehead and a prominent nose. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and tyranny, and he will rule for seven years.”<sup>31</sup>**

Abu Sa‘eed Al-Khudri (رضي الله عنه) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: **“The Mahdi will be among my nation. If he lives for a short period, it will be seven [years], and if he lives for a long period, it will be nine, during which my nation will enjoy a time of ease such as it has never enjoyed. The land will bring forth its yield and will not hold**

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<sup>29</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4284) graded *sahīh* by Al-Albānī.

<sup>30</sup> Ibn Mājah (4085) and Abu Dāwūd (4284) *sahīh*.

<sup>31</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4285) graded *hasan* by Al-Albānī.

back anything, and wealth at that time will be piled up. A man will stand up and say: ‘O Mahdi, give me!’ He will say: ‘Take!’”<sup>32</sup>

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) narrated that Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

كَيْفَ أَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَزَلَ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ فِيكُمْ وَإِمَامُكُمْ مِنْكُمْ

“How will you be when the Son of Mary descends amongst you, and your *imam* is among you?”<sup>33</sup> The Imām referred to here is the Mahdi, whose name will be Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdillāh.

Imām Muslim has a heading in his *Sahih*: “Chapter: The descent of Jesus, son of Mary, to judge according to the Shari‘ah of our Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)—and how Allāh has honoured this Ummah. And clarifying the evidence that this religion will not be abrogated; and that a group from it will continue to adhere to the truth and prevail until the day of resurrection.”

Then he said that Jābir Ibn ‘Abdullah narrated: I heard the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say:

لَا تَزَالُ طَائِفَةٌ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يُقَاتِلُونَ عَلَى الْحَقِّ ظَاهِرِينَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ - قَالَ - فَيَنْزِلُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِيَقُولُ أَمِيرُهُمْ تَعَالَى صَلِّ لَنَا. فَيَقُولُ لَا إِنْ بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ أَمْرَاءُ تَكْرِمَةَ اللهِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةُ

“A group of my *umma* will not cease fighting for the Truth and will prevail till the Day of Resurrection. Jesus, son of Mary (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), will descend, and their leader will say: ‘Come and lead us in prayer’, but Jesus will say: ‘No, some amongst you are leaders over others. This is the honour from Allah for this *Ummah*.’”<sup>34</sup> This leader is the Mahdī, Muhammad ibn

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<sup>32</sup> Ibn Mājah (4083) *hasan*.

<sup>33</sup> Bukhārī (3449).

<sup>34</sup> Muslim (156).

‘Abdillāh.

Note that this is not the awaited ‘Mahdī’ of the *Twelver Shi‘ah Rāfidah* sect [that makes up the majority of the Iranian population]. The Shi‘ah believe that they are guided by the *Hidden Imām* even today. They believe that, by a miracle, the *Hidden Imām* went into hiding as a child beneath the earth many centuries ago and that he communicates with Shi‘ite religious clerics. In Iran, Shi‘ites pray for the return of the *Hidden Imām*. Iranian religious leaders are called *Ayatollahs* and are believed to be spokesmen for the *Hidden Imām*. This is from the many heretical beliefs of the *Rāfidah*.

## Thirty Dajjāls Will Appear Before The Last Hour—Each Claiming Prophethood

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) stated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ ثَلَاثُونَ دَجَالُونَ كُلُّهُمْ يَزْعُمُ أَنَّهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

“The Last Hour will not come before there come forth thirty Dajjālūn (great liars), each one claiming for himself that he is a Messenger of Allah.”<sup>35</sup>

Abu Hurayrah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) stated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ ثَلَاثُونَ كَذَابًا دَجَالًا كُلُّهُمْ يَكْذِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَعَلَى رَسُولِهِ

“The Last Hour will not come before there come forth thirty Lying-Dajjāls, each one will invent lies against Allah and against His Messenger.”<sup>36</sup>

So, anyone who claims he receives revelation from Allah after the death of Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is a liar and a Dajjāl. Ibn ‘Abbās narrated (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) from Abu Hurairah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) that Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

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<sup>35</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4333), *sahih*.

<sup>36</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4334), *sahih*.

said,

رَأَيْتُ فِي الْمَنَامِ كَأَنَّ فِي يَدَيَّ سِوَارَيْنِ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ فَهَمَمْتَنِي شَأْنُهُمَا فَأُوجِحِي إِلَيَّ أَنْ أُنْفِخَهُمَا  
فَنَفِخَهُمَا فَطَارَا فَأَوْلَتْهُمَا كَاذِبِينَ يَخْرُجَانِ مِنْ بَعْدِي يُقَالُ لِأَحَدِهِمَا مُسَيْلِمَةُ صَاحِبُ  
الْيَمَامَةِ وَالْعُنْسِيُّ صَاحِبُ صَنْعَاءَ

“I saw in a dream as if there were two gold bracelets in my hands, which bothered me greatly. So, it was revealed to me to blow on them. So, I blew on them, and they flew away. So I interpreted them to be two liars who will appear after me: the first is Musaylimah of Yamāmah and the second is Al-ʿAnsī of Sanʿā.”<sup>37</sup>

Both of these liars and lesser dajjāls claimed prophethood during and after the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). And anyone else who comes after the Messenger Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) claiming to be a prophet and receiving revelation is also a dajjāl, a liar and an unbeliever—and whoever follows him is also an unbeliever, outside of Islam.

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<sup>37</sup> Tirmidhī (2292) *sahīh*.

## The Appearance Of The ‘Liar’ And ‘Murderer’—The Killing Of ‘Abdullāh Ibn Az-Zubayr (رضي الله عنه)

Muslim<sup>38</sup> reported that Abu Naufal said, “I saw the body of ‘Abdullah Ibn Zubair (رضي الله عنه) hanging on the steep path on the outskirts of Makkah. The Quraish and the people passed by him.

Then ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Umar happened to pass by. So, he stood there and said, ‘**May there be peace upon you, Abu Khubaib!**’<sup>39</sup> **May there be peace upon you, Abu Khubaib, may there be peace upon you, Abu Khubaib!**

**By Allah, I used to forbid you from this. By Allah, I used to forbid you from this. By Allah, I used to forbid you from this.**

**By Allah, I knew you as one who fasted often and prayed much at night, and you kept the ties of kinship. Those to whom you belonged are called wicked, but by Allah, they are good.’**

The stance of Ibn ‘Umar (رضي الله عنه) reached Al-Hajjāj.<sup>40</sup> So as a result, the body of Ibn Az-Zubayr was taken down from the scaffold on which it was hanging and thrown into the graves of the Jews.

Then Al-Hajjāj sent his messenger to Asmā bint Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنها)<sup>41</sup>, ‘Abdullah Ibn Az-Zubair’s mother, to come to him, but she refused. He again sent the messenger to her with the message that she must come, otherwise he would bring her forcibly pulling her by her hair. But she again refused and said in response, ‘**By Allah, I will not come to you until you send one to**

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<sup>38</sup> Muslim (2545).

<sup>39</sup> This was the *kunya*h of ‘Abdullah Ibn Zubair (رضي الله عنه)

<sup>40</sup> Al-Hajjāj Ibn Yoosuf was the general (appointed by the ruler) who attacked Makkah, demolished the Ka’bah and killed ‘Abdullah Ibn Az-Zubair.

<sup>41</sup> She was a noble elderly Companion, the sister of A’ishah (رضي الله عنها) and the daughter of Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه).

**me who would drag me by pulling my hair!’**

Thereupon he said, ‘**Bring me my shoes.**’ He put on his shoes and walked quickly, swollen with pride, until he came to her and said, ‘**How do you find what I have done with the enemy of Allah?’**

She said, ‘**I know that you wronged him in this world, whereas he has spoiled your Hereafter. It has been conveyed to me that you used to call him the son of *The Possessor of Two Belts* (ذَاتِ التَّيْطَاقَيْنِ).**

**By Allah, I am indeed *The Possessor of Two Belts*. One belt I used to suspend the food of Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and Abu Bakr (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) high, taking it out of the reach of animals.<sup>42</sup>**

**As far as the second belt is concerned, that is the belt which no woman can do without [to secure her garments]. Verily, Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) told us that in Thaḳīf,<sup>43</sup> there would be born a great liar and a great murderer. The liar we have seen, and as far as the murderer is concerned, I do not find anyone else besides you.’** Thereupon, Al-Hajjāj stood up and did not give any reply to her.”

An-Nawawī said in his explanation of this narration, “As for her saying regarding the liar, ‘We have already seen him’, then she means by that Al-Mukhtār Ibn Abī ‘Ubaid Ath-Thaqafī (d. 67H), who was a severe liar. From his vile sayings was his claim that Jibrīl (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) comes to him. The scholars are agreed that the intent of the Messenger when he said, ‘The liar’ is Al-Mukhtār Ibn Abī ‘Ubaid Ath-Thaqafī. And the ‘great murderer’ is Al-Hajjāj Ibn Yūsuf from Thaḳīf.”

Ibn Kathīr (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>44</sup> stated about Al-Mukhtār Ath-Thaqafī, “**His father**

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<sup>42</sup> Asmā (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا) provided food secretly to the Prophet and Abu Bakr after they left Makkah on the Migration (Hijrah) to Madinah whilst the pagans were searching to kill them.

<sup>43</sup> Banu Thaḳīf is a tribe from the region of Taif, 87 km south-east of Makkah.

<sup>44</sup> See *Al-Bidāyah wa-Nihāyah* (vol. 8), the biography of Al-Mukhtār Ath-Thaqafī.

embraced Islam in the time of the Messenger, though he did not meet him. Al-Mukhtār was a Nāsibī who hated ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) with a severe hatred. He claimed that revelation came to him through Jibrīl (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ).” The Rāfidah Shī‘ah, however, revere him due to his seeking to avenge the killing of Husain Ibn ‘Alī at Karbala.

So, anyone who claims to receive revelation after the Prophet is a liar and a Dajjāl. There have been several Dajjālūn who claimed Prophethood after the Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Some claimed they were receiving revelation from Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) through Jibrīl, others claimed that they were Jesus or the Messiah, and some asserted that they had a book sent to them from Allah. Each one is encompassed by the saying of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), “**The Last Hour will not come before there come forward thirty Dajjālūn (great liars), each one claiming for himself that he is a Messenger of Allah.**”<sup>45</sup>

The scholars of *hadīth* would label a known fabricator and liar who invented *hadīth* as a Dajjāl due to the statement of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), “The Last Hour will not come before there will come forth thirty Liars and Dajjālūn, each one lying on Allah and His Messenger.”<sup>46</sup>

Eventually, after these liars, there will come Al-Masīh Ad-Dajjāl (the False Messiah) who will wreak havoc on the earth.

The Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “**The Dajjāl will not appear until the people have left off mentioning him, such that even the Imāms on their pulpits will stop mentioning him.**”<sup>47</sup> He also said, “**There is not between the creation of Ādam until the Day of Resurrection an affair more severe than the Dajjāl.**”<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>45</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4333).

<sup>46</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4334).

<sup>47</sup> Al-Haythamī in *Majma‘ az-Zawā‘id* (7/646), with a *hasan isnād*.

<sup>48</sup> Muslim (2946).

## What Will The Dajjāl Bring – And With Whom He Will Appear?

The Messenger (ﷺ) said: “He will bring with him that which resembles Jannah and that which resembles the Fire, and it will be said: This is Jannah and this is the Fire.”<sup>49</sup>

In a narration, he (ﷺ) said, “I know what the Dajjāl will have with him. He will have two flowing rivers, one that appears to the eye to be clear water, and one that appears to the eye to be a flaming fire. If anyone sees that, let him go to the river which he thinks is fire and close his eyes, then lower his head and drink from it, for it is cool water.”<sup>50</sup>

The Dajjāl will have with him the Khawārij (insurgents). Ibn ‘Umar (رضي الله عنه) narrated that Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) said, “A group will emerge who will recite the Qur’ān, but it will not go beyond their throats. Every time a faction amongst them emerges it will be cut-off until the Dajjaal appears amongst them.”<sup>51</sup>

In a narration, the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “The Dajjāl (Anti-Christ) will come forth with the Jews of Isfahān (Iran)—there will be with him 70,000 Jews wearing Persian shawls.”<sup>52</sup>

This is because the Jews will consider the Dajjāl to be the long-awaited Messiah. According to Jewish theology, a future *Messiah-King* will appear from the line of King David (عليه السلام) before the end of time to rule over the Jewish people in the ‘Messianic Age’. Whoever does not believe in the coming of the *Messiah-King* is regarded as an unbeliever. Jews also regard Jesus (عليه السلام) as ‘the most influential, and consequently, the most damaging of all the false messiahs.’<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> Bukhārī (3338), Muslim (2836).

<sup>50</sup> Muslim (2934).

<sup>51</sup> Ibn Mājah (179), see *Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘* (8171).

<sup>52</sup> Muslim (2944).

<sup>53</sup> See: Maimonides. *Mishneh Torah*, Sefer Shofetim, Melachim u Milchamot, Chapter

When the Dajjal appears, the people will run away from him seeking shelter in the mountains.<sup>54</sup>



A central expectation of the Jews is that the Messiah will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. This refers to rebuilding the Third Temple on the Temple Mount, where the earlier temples once stood. Today, that is the Temple Mount—the site where the First and Second Temples stood.

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11, Halacha 4.

<sup>54</sup> Sahih Muslim.



The Temple Mount (Hebrew: *Harha-Bayit*; Arabic: *al-Ḥaram ash-Sharīf*) is a walled, elevated precinct within the Old City of Jerusalem. It is regarded by the Jews as one of their most sacred places, and it is likewise revered by the Christians and the Muslims.

Within this enclosure are well-known structures such as the Dome of the Rock and the blessed mosque, Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Muslim belief teaches that Al-Masjid al-Aqṣā is an ancient mosque built by the Prophet Ya‘qūb (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ). Abu Dharr (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said: **“I asked the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) regarding the first Masjid that was made in the world?”** So, he said: **“The Masjid al-Ḥarām (Ka‘bah in Makkah).”**

I asked: **“Then which one after that?”** He said: **“Masjid al-Aqṣā (in Jerusalem).”** I asked: **“What was the time period between them?”** He replied: **“Forty years.”**<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>55</sup> Bukhārī (3366) and Muslim (520).

Ibnul-Qayyim (d. 752H رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ) said: “This *hadīth* is difficult to comprehend for those who do not know its intent. A person may say: **‘It is known that Prophet Sulaimān son of Dāwūd (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) was the one who built Masjid al-Aqsā, and there was between him and Ibrāhīm over a thousand-year gap’** So this shows the ignorance of such a person. That is because Sulaimān (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) merely rebuilt and renovated the Masjid al-Aqsā. He did not establish it or build it in the first place. Rather, the one who originally built it was Ya‘qūb son of Ishāq (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)—and that was after Ibrāhīm (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) built the Ka‘bah at Makkah.”<sup>56</sup>

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A believer will warn the people, saying, **“O people! This is Dajjāl about whom the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) has informed us.”** Then the Dajjāl will have him lie on his stomach. He will be struck on his back and on his front.

Dajjal will ask him: **“Don’t you believe in me?”** He will say: **“You are the false Messiah.”**

So, the Dajjāl will give an order to have him sawn into two halves from his head up to his legs. Then the Dajjāl will walk between the two halves and say, **“Stand up”**, and he will stand on his feet.

He will then say to him: **“Do you believe in me?”** The person will say: **“Now I am certain that you are Dajjal.”**

Then the believer will say: **“O people! He will not be able to do this again with anyone after me in this manner.”**

So, the Dajjāl will try to kill him. The space between his neck and collarbone will turn into copper, and he will find no way to kill him.

So, the Dajjāl will catch hold of him by his hands and feet and throw him into a fire. The people will think that he has been thrown into the fire,

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<sup>56</sup> See *Zād al-Ma‘ād* (1/50).

whereas in truth, he will be cast into Paradise.

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) added, **“He will be the most eminent amongst the people with regard to martyrdom near the Lord of the worlds.”**<sup>57</sup>

Ibn ‘Abbās (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا) said that the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) used to teach them a supplication of protection just as he used to teach them a Sūrah of the Qur’ān:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ جَهَنَّمَ وَمِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ  
الدَّجَالِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا وَالْمَمَاتِ

**“O Allah, verily I seek refuge with you from the punishment of Hell, and from the punishment of the grave, and I seek refuge with You from the trial of the Masīh ad-Dajjāl, and I seek refuge in You from the trials of life and death.”**<sup>58</sup>

He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) commanded that it should be recited before one makes the Tasleem at the end of the daily Prayers.<sup>59</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> Muslim (2938).

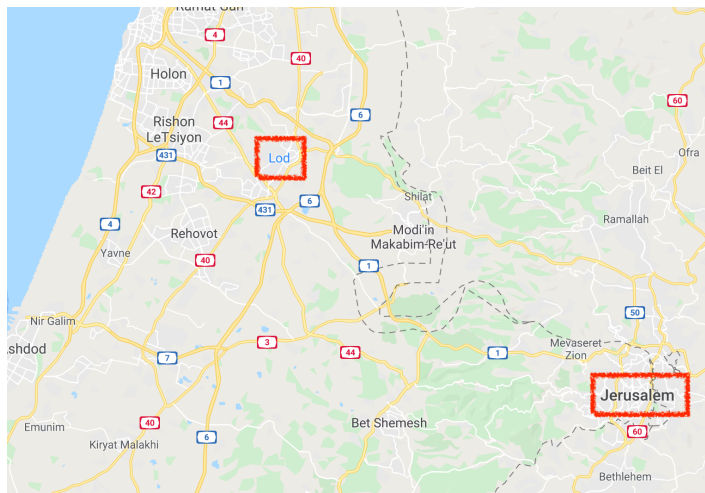
<sup>58</sup> At-Tirmidhī (3494).

<sup>59</sup> Al-Bukhārī (6375), Muslim (549).

## The Return Of Jesus — ‘Īsā Son Of Maryam

(عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)

So, whilst the False Messiah spreads his turmoil and tribulation across the earth, the believers will await the Prophet Jesus, son of Mary (peace be upon him).



The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “While they are in that state, Allah will send Jesus, son of Mary, who will come down at the white minaret in the east of Damascus, wearing two dyed garments, resting his hands on the wings of two angels.

When he lowers his head, beads of perspiration will fall from it [as pearls].

Every unbeliever to whom the breath of Jesus reaches will die, and his breath will reach as far as his eye can see.

He will set out and catch up with Al-Masih Ad-Dajjal at the gate of Ludd and will kill him. The Prophet of Allah, Jesus will come to some people whom Allah has protected and he will wipe their faces and tell them of their status

in Paradise.”<sup>60</sup>

When the Dajjāl appears, the believers will be few. Umm Shareek bint Abil-‘Ukar (رضي الله عنها) asked, “O Messenger of Allah, where will the Arabs be on that day?”

He replied, “On that day, there will be few, and most of them will be in Jerusalem (Baitul-Maqdis), and their leader will be a righteous man (the Mahdī). When their leader steps forward to lead them in the Fajr prayer, Jesus, the son of Mary (عليه السلام), will come down to them.

Their leader will step backwards so that Jesus (عليه السلام) can come forward and lead the people in prayer, but Jesus will place his hand between his shoulders and say to him, ‘Go forward and pray, for the iqāmah was given for you.’ Then their leader will lead them in prayer.

When he has finished, Jesus will say, ‘Open the gate.’ So, they will open it, and behind it will be the Dajjāl along with seventy thousand Jews, each of them carrying an adorned sword and wearing a greenish cloak.

When the Dajjāl sees Jesus, he will begin to melt, like salt in water. He will run away, and Jesus will say, ‘I have only one blow for you, which you will not be able to escape.’ He will catch up with him at the eastern gate of Lod and will kill him.”<sup>61</sup>

Abu Hurairah stated that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, “The Hour will not begin until Jesus son of Mary comes down as a just judge and a just ruler. He will break the cross, kill the swine and abolish the Jizyah, and wealth will become so abundant that no one will accept it.”<sup>62</sup>

He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) also stated that when Jesus (عليه السلام) establishes justice, “No one will be appointed to collect the Zakāh of sheep and camels. Grudges and

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<sup>60</sup> Ibn Mājah (4075).

<sup>61</sup> Ibn Mājah (4077), Ibn Khuzaymah in *At-Tawheed* (2/458), Al-Hākim in *Al-Mustadrak* (8620) and authenticated by Al-Albāni in *Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘* (7875).

<sup>62</sup> Ibn Mājah (4078).

mutual hatred will disappear, and the venom of every venomous creature will be removed, so that a baby boy will put his hand on a snake and it will not harm him, a baby girl will make a lion run away, and it will not harm her, the wolf will be among the sheep like their sheepdog.

The earth will be filled with peace just as a vessel is filled with water. The people will be united, and none will be worshipped except Allah.

War will cease, and the Quraish will no longer be in power. The earth will be like a silver platter, with its vegetation growing as it did at the time of Adam, until a group of people gather around a bunch of grapes and it suffices them, and another group gather around a single pomegranate, and it suffices them.

An ox will be sold for a large amount of money, and a horse will be sold for a few Dirhams.”

They asked, “O Messenger of Allah, why will horses be so cheap?” He replied, “They will never be ridden in war again.” It was said to him, “Why will oxen be so expensive?” He said, “Because all of the land will be tilled.”<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>63</sup> Ibn Mājah (4077), Ibn Khuzaymah in *At-Tawhīd* (2/458), *Al-Hākim in Al-Mustadrak* (8620) and authenticated by Al-Albāni in *Sahīh Al-Jāmi‘* (7875).

## **Jewish Fabrications About ‘Isā Ibn Maryam: Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ), The Messiah**

The *Talmud* is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism from the 200s CE onwards, serving for them as a commentary and expansion on the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh). It is a collection of legal, theological, ethical, and historical discussions compiled over several centuries. The *Talmud* refers to Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) as *Yeshu*.

1. Babylonian Talmud – Sanhedrin 43a

**“On the eve of Passover, they hanged Jesus. And a herald went out before him for forty days saying: ‘He is going to be stoned because he practised sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy...’”** This passage portrays Jesus as executed for sorcery and leading Israel astray.

2. Babylonian Talmud – Sanhedrin 107b / Sotah 47a

**“Jesus practised magic and led Israel astray.”**

3. Babylonian Talmud – Gittin 57a

A passage here describes Jesus’ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) punishment in the afterlife according to the Jews: **“Jesus the Nazarene is punished in boiling excrement.”**

4. Babylonian Talmud – Shabbat 104b

“Was he (Jesus) then the son of Stada? Was he not rather the son of Pandera? Rav Hisda said: ‘The husband was Stada, the lover was Pandera. But the husband was Pappos ben Yehuda and his mother was Stada. His mother was Miriam, the women’s hairdresser. As they say in Pumbedita: **She was unfaithful to her husband.**”

According to the Talmudic account, Jesus was the son of a woman named Miriam, who was married to a man called Stada. However, it is claimed she fornicated with another man, Pandera—and that he is Jesus’ biological father. Rav Hisda is cited as saying that her legal husband was Stada, but her lover was Pandera. Some versions also mention Pappos ben Yehuda as her

husband. Miriam is described as a women's hairdresser who was allegedly unfaithful to her husband.

*Toledot Yeshu* literally means *The Life of Jesus*. Its earliest fragments date back to the 4th and 5th centuries CE and then developed over time till the 13th century. It is an early Jewish religious work that presents its own version of the life of Jesus Christ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام). It portrays Jesus as a fraudulent teacher, sorcerer, and illegitimate child:

1. Jesus is said to be born illegitimately, with his mother Miriam accused of adultery.
2. The father is often called Pandera (Pantera).
3. His miracles are depicted as deceitful tricks.
4. Portrays Jesus as rebellious or learning sorcery.
5. Claims he studied magic in Egypt.
6. He is shown misleading Israel.
7. Jesus is executed by Jewish authorities (under Roman oversight).
8. The claim that Jesus suffers punishment in hell.

We seek refuge with Allāh from these evil words and false accusations against this noble, pious and beloved Prophet and Messenger of Allāh (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام).

## Islam and Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)

Muslims believe that Jesus is a righteous, innocent Prophet of Allāh (peace and blessings be upon him), born from virgin birth, from a noble mother, Mary (peace be upon her), who was untouched by any man. The Angels said to Maryam (Mary):

وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ يٰمَرْيَمُ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ اصْطَفٰكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَاَصْطَفٰكِ عَلٰٓى نِسَاۗءِ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ

**“O Mary, verily Allāh has chosen you, purified you from unbelief and immoral conduct, and chosen you above the women of creation.”** (Surah Āli ‘Imrān 3:42)

Then she was informed that she would have a son:

اِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةُ يٰمَرْيَمُ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ اَسْمُهُ الْمَسِيْحُ عِيسٰى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِى الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِيْنَ

**“O Maryam, verily Allāh gives you the glad tidings of a word spoken by Him. His name will be the Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, held in honour in this world and in the Hereafter, and of those brought near to Allāh.”** (Surah Āli ‘Imrān 3:45)

She was a virgin, untouched, so she asked:

قَالَتْ رَبِّ اَنۢى يَكُوْنُ لِيْ وَاَلَدٌ وَلَمْ يَمَسِّنِيْ بَشَرًا قَالَ كَذٰلِكَ ۗ قَالَ رَبُّكِ هُوَ عَلٰٓى هٰٓؤُلَاءِ سَمِيْعٌ  
وَجَعَلُهُ اٰيَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً مِّنَّا وَكَانَ اَمْرًا مَّقْضٰٓيًا

**“O my Lord, how shall I have a son when no man has touched me?”** He replied, **“So it will be, for Allāh creates what He wills. When He has decreed something, He only says to it, ‘Be!’ and it is.”** (Surah Āli ‘Imrān 3:47)

So, Jesus was created by a command from Allāh; he is not the son of God, and neither is Mary “the mother of god.” In defence of the accusations

against his mother, God promised Mary that Jesus would speak whilst still a baby:

وَيُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

**“He will speak to the people in the cradle and in manhood, and he will be one of the righteous.”** (Surah Āli ‘Imrān 3:46)

Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified, but rather he was taken up into the Heavens before he could be harmed:

وَقَوْلِهِمْ إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ وَمَا صَلَبُوهُ وَلَٰكِن شُبِّهَ لَهُمْ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ مَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِلَّا اتِّبَاعَ الظَّنِّ وَمَا قَتَلُوهُ يَقِينًا

**“They said in boast: “We killed the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, the Messenger of Allāh.” But they killed him not, nor did they crucify him – but it was only made to appear as such to them.”** (Surah An-Nisā’ 4:157)

The Qur’ān informs us:

إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَعْيسَى ابْنِي مَتْوَفِيكَ وَرَافِعِكَ إِلَىٰ وَمُطَهَّرِكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَجَاعِلِ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَحْكُمُ بَيْنَكُمْ فِيمَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ

**“And remember when Allāh said: O Jesus, I will take you and raise you to Myself and clear you from the forged statements of those who disbelieve.”** (Surah Āli ‘Imrān 3:55) So, he was raised to the Heavens before they could capture him and kill him. Then God placed his image on another who was killed in his place. This further leads to the Islamic belief that he was not resurrected after death because he did not die.

However, the Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stated that ‘Isā Ibn Maryam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) will descend before the Last Day to establish God’s worship and

justice on earth, and he will then die as others die. This ascension of Jesus into the heavens is also mentioned in the Bible:

**“And while they were gazing into heaven as Jesus ascended, behold, two men stood by them in white robes (Angels), and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)**

Christian scribes, however, decided to make this ascension seem as though it occurred after the so-called resurrection so as to fit in with later Christian doctrine, which prescribed that Jesus “the son of God” died for the sins of mankind. So, without the death and subsequent resurrection of Christ, this doctrine would have no validity.

Islam teaches that each individual bears the burden of his own sins and of the sins he teaches others, and Allāh readily accepts the repentance of the believing servant when he seeks forgiveness from God by calling upon Him directly and seeking His Mercy without any need for intercessors. Islam is vehemently monotheistic and regards any act of worship directed towards other than Allāh to be polytheistic. So worship such as supplication, prostration, seeking refuge, seeking divine aid, assistance and support, seeking forgiveness and deliverance, and so on can only be sought from the one true God, Allāh.

## The Emergence Of Ya'jūj And Ma'jūj (Gog And Magog)

It is whilst Jesus reigns that Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj (Gog and Magog as they are referred to in the Bible) will emerge and wreak havoc upon the earth, upon the people, their land and their cattle. Abu Sa'īd Al-Khudrī (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said that Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said,

**“The tribes of Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj will be set free and they will emerge as Allah says,**

وَهُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ حَدَبٍ يَنْسِلُونَ

**‘And they will come swooping down from every mound.’ [21:96]**

They will spread throughout the earth, and the Muslims will flee from them until the remainder of the Muslims seek refuge in their cities and fortresses, taking their flocks with them. Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj will pass by a river and drink from it until they leave nothing behind, and the last of them will follow in their footsteps and one of them will say, **‘There was once water in this place.’**

They will prevail over the earth, then their leader will say, **‘These are the people of the earth, and we have finished them off. Now, let us fight the people of heaven!’**

Then one of them will throw his spear towards the sky, and it will come back down smeared with blood. And they will say, **‘We have now killed the people of heaven.’**

While they are in that state, Allah will send a worm like a worm that is found in the noses of sheep, which will penetrate their necks and they will die like locusts, one on top of the other. In the morning the Muslims will not hear any sound from them, and they will say, **‘Who will sell his soul for the sake of Allah and see what they are doing?’** A man will go down, having prepared himself to be killed by them and he will find them dead, so he will call out to his people, **‘Glad tidings to you all, for your enemy is dead!’** Then

the people will come out and let their flocks loose, but they will not have anything to graze on except their flesh, and they will become very fat as if they were grazing on the best vegetation they ever found.”<sup>64</sup>

In a narration, the Messenger Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said he met Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) on the Night Journey and Ascension through the Heavens. Jesus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) said, “**The people will supplicate to Allah (to save them from Ya’jūj and Ma’jūj) and I will pray to Allah to kill them. The earth will be filled with their stench and the people will supplicate to Allah and I will pray to Allah, then the sky will send down rain that will carry them and throw them in the sea.**

**Then the mountains will turn to dust and the earth will be stretched out like a hide. I have been promised that when that happens, the Hour will come upon the people, just like a pregnant woman whose family does not know when she will suddenly give birth.”**<sup>65</sup>

‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Amr said about the last days: I heard the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say:

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ الْآيَاتِ خُرُوجًا طُلُوعُ الشَّمْسِ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا أَوْ الدَّابَّةُ عَلَى النَّاسِ ضُحَى فَأَيَّتُهُمَا كَانَتْ قَبْلَ صَاحِبَتِهَا فَالْأُخْرَى عَلَى أَثَرِهَا قَالَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَكَانَ يَقْرَأُ الْكُتُبَ وَأُظُنُّ أَوْلَهُمَا خُرُوجًا طُلُوعُ الشَّمْسِ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا

**“The first of the signs to appear will be the rising of the sun in its place of setting and the coming forth of the Beast against mankind in the forenoon. Whichever of them comes first will soon be followed by the other.”** ‘Abdullāh, who used to read the scriptures of *Ahlul-Kitāb*, said: ‘I think the first of them will be the rising of the sun in its place of setting.’<sup>66</sup>

Hudhaifah Ibn Aseed al-Ghifārī said: We were sitting in the shade of the

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<sup>64</sup> Ibn Mājah (4079).

<sup>65</sup> Ibn Mājah (4081).

<sup>66</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4310), graded *sahīh* by Al-Albānī.

room of the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) talking—and when we mentioned the last hour, our voices rose. So, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

لَنْ تَكُونَ - أَوْ لَنْ تَقُومَ - السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ قَبْلَهَا عَشْرُ آيَاتٍ طُلُوعُ الشَّمْسِ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا وَخُرُوجُ الدَّابَّةِ وَخُرُوجُ يَأْجُوجَ وَمَأْجُوجَ وَالدَّجَالُ وَعِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَالدُّخَانُ وَثَلَاثُ خُسُوفٍ خَسْفٌ بِالْمَغْرِبِ وَخَسْفٌ بِالْمَشْرِقِ وَخَسْفٌ بِجَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ وَآخِرُ ذَلِكَ تَخْرُجُ نَارٌ مِنَ الْيَمَنِ مِنْ قَعْرِ عَدَنَ تَسُوقُ النَّاسَ إِلَى الْمَحْشَرِ

**“The Hour will not be established until ten signs occur before it:**

1. The rising of the sun from the west;
  2. The emergence of the Beast (ad-Dābbah);
  3. The coming forth of Ya’jūj and Ma’jūj;
  4. The appearance of the Dajjāl;
  5. The descent of ‘Īsā ibn Maryam;
  6. The Smoke (ad-Dukhān);
- Three sinkings of the earth:
7. A sinking in the west,
  8. A sinking in the east,
  9. A sinking in the Arabian Peninsula.
  10. And the last of that will be a fire that will emerge from Yemen, from the lowest part of ‘Adan, driving the people to the place of gathering.”<sup>67</sup>

May Allah protect us from the evil of those days. We seek refuge with Allah from the fitnah of Al-Masih Ad-Dajjāl. We ask Allah to save us from the terrors of the Last Hour and from the terrors of the Day of Resurrection. We ask Him to shade us in the shade of His Throne on the Day when there is no shade except His shade — and we ask Him to give us to drink from the reservoir of the beloved Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), his Hawd that is prepared for the Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā‘ah.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation. May Allah extol the

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<sup>67</sup> Abu Dāwūd (4311), graded *sahīh* by Al-Albānī.

Messenger in the highest company of Angels and grant him peace; and likewise, his family, his Companions and all those who truly follow him until the Day of Resurrection.

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