

Al-Mahdi



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Mahdi will come at the end of times, in a period when the world is full of trials, wrongdoing and lacking justice. He will set aright the affairs of the Muslims and lead the believers in a number of battles. He will come in the years preceding the Dajjal.

Ibn Mas'ud (ra) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Even if only one day was left of this world, Allah Would Make that day long so that He Could Send a man who is of me or of my family, whose name is the same as my name and whose father’s name is the same as my father’s name.” [At-Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud]

Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri (ra) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “The Mahdi is of me. He has a high forehead and a prominent nose. He will fill the world with fairness and justice as it was filled with wrongdoing and injustice, and he will rule for seven years.” [Abu Dawud]

Ali (ra) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “The Mahdi is one of us, from our family; Allah Will Prepare him in one night.” [Al-Musnad]

The Mahdi is from the lineage of the Prophet (ﷺ), a descendant of his daughter, Fatima (ra), through Al-Hasan ibn Ali (ra). His name will be Muhammad ibn Abd'Allah.

Where will the Mahdi appear?

Thawbaan (ra) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, “Three will fight one another for your treasure, each one of them being the son of a caliph but none of them will gain it. Then the black banners will come from the east and they will kill you in an unprecedented manner.” Then he mentioned something that I [Thawbaan] do not remember, then he said, “When you see him, then pledge your allegiance to him even if you have to crawl over the snow.” [Ibn Maajah]

Umm Salamah (ra) that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “Disagreement will occur at the death of a caliph and a man from Madeenah will flee to Makkah. Some of the people of Makkah will come to him, bring him out against his will and give bay’ah to him between the Rukn (Black Stone) and the Maqaam. An expeditionary force will then be sent against him from Syria but will be swallowed up in Al-Bayda’, between Makkah and Madeenah. When the people see that, the devoted worshippers from Syria and the best people of Iraq will come to him and swear allegiance to him. Then there will arise a man of Quraysh whose maternal uncles are from Kalb. He will send an army against [the Mahdi] and [the Mahdi’s followers] will prevail over them. That [defeated army] will be the force of Kalb. The real loser will be the one who is not present when the wealth of Kalb is divided. He [the Mahdi] will divide the wealth, and will rule the people by the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Islam will be established on Earth and he will remain seven years, then he will die and the Muslims will offer the funeral prayer for him.” [At-Tabarani] According to another narration the length of his rule will be 9 years [Abu Dawud]

What the Mahdi is NOT

He is not the claimed mahdi of the Ahmadiyya (Qadiyani, also known as Mirza'iy) – Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is not the mahdi.

He is not the claimed mahdi of the Shia, who say that he is the 12th imam of a chain of imams, who has been living in the tunnel of Samurra for more than 1000 years, since the year 260AH.