

The Fitna of the Dajjal: The Appearance of the Dajjal



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There is no fitna that we have been warned against more than the Fitna of the Dajjal. It will be such that many people, Muslims included, will fall prey to it. So you need to be on your guard against this.

The Appearance of the Dajjal

Abu Umaamah Al-Baahili (ra) reported that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, “Before the Dajjal appears there will be 3 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-third 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. Everything that provides shade will die, except whatever Allah Wills.” This means that all the trees will die except for a few. It was said, “What will the people live on at that time?” He (ﷺ) said, “Tahleel Takbeer and Tahmeed,” which will take the place of food for them.” [Ibn Majah; there is some doubt about its authenticity but there is

corroborating evidence in the hadeeth of Asma' bint Yazeed Al-Ansaariyyah which was recorded by Ahmad and abu Dawood].

Raashid ibn Sa'd said, "When Astakhar [a city in Persia] was conquered, a caller called out, 'The Dajjal has appeared!' Sa'b ibn Juthaamah met them and said, 'If you did not say that, I would not have told you that I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say, 'The Dajjal will not appear until people forget about him and until the imams stop mentioning him on the Minbar [pulpit].'" [recorded by 'Abd-Allah ibn Ahmad from a report narrated from Baqiyyah from Safwan ibn 'Amr. It is Saheeh as stated by Ibn Ma'eed and Baqiyyah, it's men are Thiqaat (trustworthy)]

Abu Bakr (ra) narrated that the Messenger (ﷺ) said, "The Dajjal will emerge from a land in the East called Khorosan [a city in Iran] and he will be followed by people with faces like hammered shields." [Muslim]

It was narrated from Mu'aadh ibn Jabal (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "When Jerusalem flourishes, Yathrib will be in ruins; when Yathrib is in ruins, the great battle will occur; when the great battle occurs, Constantinople will be conquered; and when Constantinople is conquered, the Dajjal will appear." [Ahmad, Abu Dawood, At-Tirmidhi]

Samurah ibn Jundub (ra) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "By Allah, the Hour will not begin until 30 liars have emerged, the last of whom will be the one-eyed Dajjal whose left eye is abraded." [Ahmad, Ibn Hibaan, Ibn Khuzaymah, Al-Haakim – saheeh]

Protection against Dajjal

The Prophet (ﷺ) has ordered us to run away from the Dajjal, not to confront him, and to memorize the first or last 10 verses of Surat Al-Kahf, or to live in either Makkah or Madeenah (as the Dajjal cannot enter these two places).