

The Fitna of the Dajaal: The description of the Liar



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

Description of the Dajaal

- He is a man
- He is one-eyed and his eye has the appearance of floating, and it will be protruding
- Between his eyes is the word “Kaafir”, that all Muslims, whether literate or illiterate, will be able to read
- He is large (physique)
- He has extremely curly hair
- He has red complexion

Ibn Umar (ra) reported that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “Indeed Allah (swt) is not one-eyed but the Dajaal is indeed one-eyed, from the right eye which is like a floating grape.” [Bukhari]

Anas (ra) related that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “There is no Prophet that did not warn his nation against the one-eyed liar. Lo! He is indeed one-eyed, and indeed, your Lord is not one-eyed. Written between the eyes (of the Liar) is Kaafir.” [Muslim]

An-Nawaas Ibn Sam’aan (ra) related that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “...Indeed he (the Dajaal) is a young man with extremely curly hair; his eye floats and he resembles ‘Abdul-‘Uzza ibn Qatun...” [a snippet from a longer hadith in Sahih Muslim]

‘Abdullah ibn Khabaab listened to Ubai Ibn Ka’ab (ra) as he was returning from the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). When the Dajaal was mentioned in his presence, he said, “It is as if one of his two eyes is glass. And seek refuge in Allah (swt) from the punishment of the grave.” [Ahmad]

‘Abd Allaah ibn ‘Umar said, “The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said; ‘While I was asleep, I saw myself in a dream performing Tawaaf around the Ka’bah. I saw a ruddy man with lank hair and water dripping from his head. I said, “Who is he?” and they said, “The son of Mary.” Then I turned around and saw another man with a huge body, red complexion, curly hair and one eye. His other eye looked like a floating grape. They said, “This is the Dajaal.” The one who most resembles him is Ibn Qatan, a man from the tribe of al-Khuzaa’ah.’ ” [Bukhari, Muslim]

Abu Hurayrah (ra) related that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, “...As for the night of Qadr, seek it out in the odd nights from the last ten nights. And as for the Maseeh of Misguidance, he is one-eyed, with a large forehead, and a wide upper chest. He has a bowing (curvature) as if he is Qatun ibn ‘Abdul-‘Uzza.” [Ahmad]

Protection against Dajaal

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) has ordered us to run away from the Dajaal, 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 Dajaal cannot enter these two places).