

Dajjal the AntiChrist

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Dajjal

There are three aspects of the Dajjal. There is Dajjal the individual. There is Dajjal as a world wide social and cultural phenomenon. There is Dajjal as an unseen force.



Although the word ‘Dajjal’ – which comes from the Arabic word meaning ‘to deceive’, ‘to cheat’, ‘to smear with tar’ – does not appear in the *Qur’an*, the Dajjal is described in considerable detail in all the major collections of the *Hadith*, including the two well-known Sahih collections of Imam al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim, especially in the sections which are concerned with ‘the last days’, the period of time immediately preceding the end of the world, as well as in many other compilations of *Hadith* such as *Al-Mishkat Al-Masabih*, *The Gardens of the Righteous*, and *Al-Muwatta’* of Imam Malik:

From ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, stood up to speak to his people and after praising Allah as He should be praised, may He be Exalted and Glorified, he spoke about the Dajjal, saying, ‘I warn you against him, and there is no Prophet who has not warned his people against him – even Noah warned his people against him. But I will tell you something which no other Prophet has told his people. You must know that the Dajjal is one-eyed, and Allah is not one-eyed.’ (It was related by Muslim)

From Abu’l-Dira, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, ‘Whoever memorises the first ten ayat of Surat’al-Kahf will be protected from the Dajjal.’ (It was related by Abu Da’ud and by Muslim)

From ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, used to teach this du’a in the same way that he would teach them a surah of the *Qur’an*:

*‘Allahumma inniy a’udhu bika min adhabi jahannama,
wa a’udhu bika min adhabi’l-qabri, wa a’udhu bika min
fitnati’l-Masihid-Dajjal, wa a’udhu bika min fitnati’l-mahya
wa’l-mamati.’*

‘O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the torment of Hell,
and I seek refuge in You from the torment of the grave,
and I seek refuge in You from the trial of the Dajjal, and I
seek refuge in You from the trial of life and death.’ (It was
related by Malik)

‘Al-Masih ad-Dajjal’ literally means ‘the False Messiah’, in other words,
‘the Anti-Christ’ – as opposed to ‘Al-Masih ibn Maryam’, meaning
‘the Messiah son of Mary’, in other words, the Prophet Jesus Christ,
peace be on him:

From ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant
him peace, said, ‘I dreamt at night that I was at the Ka’ba,
and I saw a dark man like the most handsome of dark men
you have ever seen. He had hair reaching to between his
ears and his shoulders like the most excellent of such hair
that you have seen. He had combed his hair, and water was
dripping from it. He was leaning on two men or on the
shoulders of two men doing tawaf around Ka’ba. I asked,
“Who is this?” It was said, “Al-Masih ibn Maryam.” Then
we were with a man with wiry hair and blind in his right
eye, as if it was a floating grape. I asked, “Who is this?” It
was said to me, “This is Al-Masih ad-Dajjal.”’ (It was related
by Malik).



At some point between now and the end of the world the Dajjal will
most certainly appear.

The Prophet Muhammad, may the blessings and peace of Allah
be on him, was sitting with a group of his companions, may Allah be
pleased with all of them, one day during the late afternoon. The disc of
the sun was just about to begin to disappear behind a wall. The Prophet
said that the time between their sitting there that afternoon and the
end of the world, was as short as the distance between the bottom

of the sun and the top of the wall at that moment. This was fourteen hundred years ago.

Allah confirms in the *Qur'an* that the person who is asked about the end of the world – that is, the Hour – knows as much about it as the person who asks the question. Allah also says that mankind has only been given a little knowledge concerning the Hour. No-one knows exactly when it will be, but Allah indicates in the *Qur'an* that perhaps it is closer than you think. As far as you are concerned, the world ends for you when you die.

From Abu Hurayra, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, 'There are five things which nobody knows except Allah.' Then he recited:

Truly knowledge of the Hour is with Allah – and it is He Who sends down rain, and it is He Who knows what is in the wombs – and no self knows what it will earn tomorrow, and no self knows in what land it will die. Truly Allah is All-Knowing, Aware. (*Qur'an: Surah Luqman* – 31.34)

(It was related by Muslim)

Many of the signs of the end of the world are clearly indicated in the *Hadith* collections, and whoever is awake and aware of the signs in the self and on the horizon, knows about these signs and recognises them when they appear. Virtually all the signs of the end of the world are now apparent, except for the last four major signs, and it would appear that even these are now imminent.

Amongst the signs already apparent are: that the poor and the destitute build tall buildings in which people glorify themselves; that the slave girl gives birth to her mistress, one meaning of which is that a mother who is enslaved by her work situation has children who grow up to be uncontrollable and who dominate and tyrannise the family situation; that women greatly outnumber men; that there are many women who no longer give birth to children; that everyone is concerned with working so that not only the men but also the women go out to work; that family ties are neglected or abandoned; that there is an abundance of food, much of which has no blessing; that when a person is offered food it is refused; that time is short; that there are

many people who are hard-hearted and mean; that there are many people who bear false witness; that the truthful are disbelieved and the liars are believed; that the strong devour the weak; that few are wise and many are ignorant; that the leader of a people is the worst of them; that a people fear a tyrant so much that they dare not even tell him that he is a tyrant; that there is much fighting and killing of people; that the ones who do the killing do not know who is being killed, and that the ones who are killed do not know why they have been killed; that there are people who behave like animals; that there are women who wear their clothes like a second skin so that they appear naked even though they are clothed; that many people drink alcohol; that adultery and fornication are common; that men lie with men, and women with women; that men wear silk; that female singers and musical instruments are popular; that usury is so widespread that even those who are not directly involved in it are affected by it; that there are few people who are trustworthy in their business transactions; that people distrust those who are honest and trust those who are dishonest; that writing is widespread; that attempts are made to make the deserts green; that there are people who attempt to change the balance of nature and who interfere with and interrupt the basic cycles and processes of existence; that earthquakes and other natural disasters increase in frequency and intensity; that people wish they were out of this world and in their graves; that people believe in the stars rather than trusting in God; that there are many false prophets, each claiming to be a messenger of God; that voices are raised in anger in places of worship; that many of the Muslims become extremely wealthy; that the Muslims are numerous but powerless – because of their love for this world and their fear of death – and unable to stop the nations of the world from invading and plundering them; and finally that the sun rises in the west, one meaning of which is that the life transaction of Islam is adopted by people living in the western world – although it is clear from the *Hadith* collections that this is also an event which is destined to literally take place:

From ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, ‘The first of the signs (of the Hour) to appear will be the rising of the sun from the West and the appearance of the Beast before the people in the forenoon.

Whichever of these two events happens first, the other will follow immediately. (It was related by Muslim).

Commenting on this hadith, Ibn Kathir states that the emergence of the Beast – either in or near Makka – will be the first of the earthly signs, just as the rising of the sun from the West will be the first of the heavenly signs. In summarising what the *Qur'an* and the *Hadith* say about the Beast Ibn Kathir states in his book *Al-Bidayah wa'n-Nihayah*, meaning 'The Beginning and the End', as follows:

Among the signs of the Hour will be the emergence of a beast from the earth. It will be very strange in appearance, and extremely huge; one cannot even imagine what it will look like. It will emerge from the earth and shake the dust from its head. It will have with it the ring of Solomon and the rod of Moses. People will be terrified of it and will try to run away, but they will not be able to escape, because such will be the decree of Allah. It will destroy the nose of every unbeliever with the rod, and write the word 'kafir' on his forehead; it will adorn the face of every believer and write the word 'mumin' on his forehead, and it will speak to people.

As well as the rising of the sun from the West and the emergence of the Beast from the earth, the *Hadith* also refer to other major signs which have yet to take place, including the Smoke – which will drive people from the east to the west; the destruction of Madina al-Munawarra; the destruction of the Ka'ba in Makka by an Abyssinian called Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn; and three major landslides – one in the East, one in the West, and one in Arabia – at the end of which fire will burst forth from the direction of Aden in the Yemen, and drive people to the place of their final assembly.

According to most of the commentators, these events will probably take place after the last four major signs of the end of the world have occurred – and these are: the appearance of Dajjal the individual; the appearance of the Mahdi, the rightly guided leader of the Muslims who will fight the Dajjal; the re-appearance of the Prophet Jesus, on him be peace, who as well as breaking all the crosses, killing all the pigs, marrying and having children and praying with the Muslims, will also kill the Dajjal; and the appearance of Yajuj wa Majuj, or Gog and Magog, a tribe of people who will scatter across the world, creating destruction.

