

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH

Before Reappearance



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Introduction

One of the pre-reappearance events that can be referred to is that in the narrations, before the advent of Imam Mahdi, the world will be full of war, revolt and injustice, and then he will appear. And we are seeing terrorist groups, which is very interesting because the names of all these groups are also Arabic and related to Islam, and their names represent the religion of Islam, and because the media are also subordinate to their leaders and falsely advocate freedom of expression, and apparently. These defenders say that "O' people, these terrorist groups that you see are in fact the ones who want to help the advent of the Mahdi by creating insurgency and war, while in Islam and narrations it is not said at all that the advent of Imam Mahdi, Muslims are commanded to wage war and bloodshed, instead they command to make peace and help other countries and help the world, and those who are considered weak on earth are promised victory and succession on earth. In fact, if we want to talk about what the media is doing and these issues, most of these terrorist groups are intentionally created and used for Islamophobia. We see many people in the world converting to Islam from non-Muslim countries, which shows that the media and these people can not stop the spread of Islam and this perfect divine religion. In the following, we will examine the events before the emergence.

The signs of the Apocalypse (the End Times)

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says about the condition of the believers at the End Times: "... At that time, the believer's heart dissolves inside them, as salt dissolves in water; because they see the sins, but they can't prevent or change them. The believer walks among them fearfully, if they talk, they will be attacked, and if they remain silent, they will die of a broken heart."¹

¹ (Ilzam al-Nasib, p. 115)

Corruption Will Be Widespread

Hazrat Imam Muhammad Baqir (as) prophesied, 'The reappearance of the Qaem (as) shall not come to pass until such a time that the dark shadow of fear looms large over the people. People shall be engulfed in all forms of corruption and calamities and earthquakes shall be frequent.'²

Imam Jafar Sadiq (as) predicted, 'In those times, corruption shall be widespread and terrible conditions of misguidance shall prevail.'³

The Holy Prophet (sawa) has mentioned, 'Times will come closer and work will reduce. People will become self-centered and selfish; malice will be commonplace while corruption and conflicts will raise their heads.'⁴

² (al-Ghaybah of Nomani, page 235)

³ (al-Ghaybah of Nomani page 153)

⁴ (Sahih Bukhari, volume 9, page 161)

Severe Differences Among People

In a tradition, Holy Prophet (sawa) asserted, 'I give you glad tidings of the Mahdi who will appear from my progeny at a time when there will be severe differences among the people and they shall be victims of earthquakes. He (as) will fill the earth with justice and equity.'⁵

Imam Jafar Sadiq (as) declared, 'By Allah! Your Imam shall remain hidden from you for a long time. You will be tried and examined in those times. To such an extent that some people shall say that "He has died or he has gone in some cave. While the believers will be shedding tears for him.'⁶

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: "The advent of al-Mahdi ('atfs) will be at the time when the world would be in chaos and full of turmoil and disorder with one group rising up against another; neither would the elder be merciful toward the young nor would the powerful have pity on the weak. In such a time God will grant him permission to rise up (qiyam)."⁷

⁵ (al-Ghaybah of Shaykh Tusi (ar), page 111)

⁶ (Kamaluddin, page 347)

⁷ Ibid., vol. 52, p. 154.

Misguided Rulers

When Holy Prophet (sawa) was asked about the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (as), he (sawa) replied 'Allah has revealed to me that the reappearance (of Imam Mahdi) will take place at a time when knowledge shall diminish and ignorance will become widespread Rulers shall be unbelievers while the reigns of the government shall be in the hands of sinners. Their friends and helpers will be oppressors. Their scholars shall be corrupt and immoral.'⁸

Hazrat Imam Jafar Sadiq (as) says, 'Beware! The rulers will be unbelievers and atheists and distance themselves from the honest people. Rulers and judges will expect bribes in order to pass (favourable) judgments and will always crave for more (bribes)' ⁹

⁸ (Kamaluddin, page 251)

⁹ (Muntakhab al-Asar, page 429)

Drying Up Of Lakes And Rivers

The Noble Prophet (S) said: “From the effect of the drying up of the Nile River, cities in Egypt will be destroyed.”¹⁰

Irtat said: “At that time, the Euphrates, rivers and fountains will dry up.”¹¹

¹⁰ Bisharah al-Islam, p. 28.

¹¹ Ibn Hammad, Fitan, p. 148.

The Commonness Of Starvation And Poverty

A man asked the Prophet (S): “O Messenger of Allah! When will the Day of Resurrection be?” He (S) said: “The one asked (the Prophet himself) is as unaware as the questioner on this matter, but (the approach of) the Day of Resurrection has some signs one of which is the convergence of markets.” He asked: “What is meant by the ‘convergence of markets’?” He (S) answered: “The recession of markets and trade, and the lack of growth of plants and crops notwithstanding the rain.”¹²

The Commander of the Faithful (‘a) said to ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas: “Trade and transactions will increase, but only small profits will be earned by the people and after that extreme famine will break out.”¹³

¹² At-Tarhib wa’t-Tarhib, vol. 3, p. 442.

¹³ Ibn Tawus, Malahim, p. 125.

Hopelessness Of The People Of The World

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: “O ‘Ali! The advent of the Mahdi will be at the time when cities will be changed, and the servants of God become weakened and hopeless about the advent of the Mahdi. At that time, Mahdi the Qa’im from my progeny will appear.”¹⁴

Abu Hamzah ath-Thumali said: Imam al-Baqir (‘a) said: “The uprising and advent of the Mahdi (‘atfs) will be at a time when there will be hopelessness and disappointment in the people concerning his advent and the improvement in deeds.”¹⁵

In this regard, Imam ‘Ali (‘a) said: “Verily, someone from my household will come as my successor, and his successorship will be after a period full of hardship and affliction—a period in which calamity and suffering will become intense and hopes shattered.”¹⁶

¹⁴ Yanabi‘ al-Mawaddah, p. 440; Ihqaq al-Haqq, vol. 13, p. 125.

¹⁵ Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 348.

¹⁶ Ibn al-Munadi, Malahim, p. 64; Ibn Abi’l-Hadid, Sharh Nahj al-Balaghah, vol. 1, p. 276; Al-Mustarshid, p. 75; Shaykh al-Mufid, Irshad, p. 128; Kanz al-‘Ummal, vol. 14, p. 592; Ghayah al-Maram, p. 208; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 32, p. 9; Ihqaq al-Haqq, vol. 13, p. 314; Muntakhab Kanz al-‘Ummal, vol. 6, p. 35.

Wars, Killings And Diseases

The Noble Prophet (S) said: “Among the signs of the Day of Resurrection is paralyzing diseases and sudden death.” He (S) also said: “The Day of Resurrection shall not come to pass unless the “white death” occurs.” He was asked: “O Messenger of Allah! What is “white death”?” He (S) answered: “Sudden death”.¹⁷

The Commander of the Faithful (‘a) said: “Before the advent of the Qa’im (‘atfs), there will be the ‘red death’ and ‘white death’... The ‘white death’ is plague.”¹⁸

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (‘a) said: “The Qa’im (‘atfs) will not rise up until there comes a time when intense fear becomes dominant and prior to it there would be contagious diseases of epidemic proportions.”¹⁹

In this regard, Imam ar-Rida (‘a) said: “Before the advent of the Imam of the Time (‘atfs) successive and relentless killings will take place.”²⁰

The Commander of the Faithful (‘a) said: “Before the advent of the Qa’im (‘atfs), the world will face two types of death: the “red death” and the “white death”. The red death is through the sword (weapon) while the white death is through plague.”²¹

¹⁷ Al-Fa’iq, vol. 1, p. 141.

¹⁸ Nu‘mani, Ghaybah, p. 277; Tusi, Ghaybah, p. 267; I‘lam al-Wara, p. 427; Khara’ij, vol. 30, p. 1152; ‘Aqd ad-Darar, p. 65; Al-Fusul al-Muhimmah, p. 301; Sirat al-Mustaqim, vol. 2, p. 249; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 211.

¹⁹ Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 348

²⁰ Qurb al-Asnad, p. 170; Nu‘mani, Ghaybah, p. 271.

²¹ Nu‘mani, Ghaybah, p. 277; Shaykh Mufid, Irshad, p. 359; Shaykh at-Tusi, Ghaybah, p. 267; Sirat al-Mustaqim, vol. 2, p. 249; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 211.

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Imam al-Baqir ('a) said: "There are two stages of occultation (ghaybah) for the Qa'im of Muhammad's Progeny, the second of which is longer than the first. At that time, death and killing will engulf the people."²²

Imam as-Sadiq ('a) said: "Before the advent of the Qa'im ('atfs), two types of death will surface: the "red death" and the "white death". The number of people to be killed will be such that in every group of seven, five will die."²³

The Commander of the Faithful ('a) said: "Hadrat Mahdi ('atfs) will not appear unless one-third of the people are killed; another one-third die; and the remaining one-third survive."²⁴

Muhammad ibn Muslim said: Imam as-Sadiq ('a) said: "The Imam of the Time will not appear unless two-thirds of the people in the world would die." It was asked: "If two-thirds of the people would be killed, how many will remain?" He answered: "Are you not satisfied (and would you not like) to be among the remaining one-third?"²⁵

Imam as-Sadiq ('a) has said: "The affair (advent of Imam al-Mahdi ('atfs)) shall not be realized until nine-tenth (9/10) of the people are eliminated."²⁶

Imam 'Ali ('a) said: "...At that time none of the people will remain except one-third (1/3) of them."²⁷

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: "Among the signs of the approach of the Day of Resurrection is that a man will die without pain or ailments."²⁸

²² Nu'mani, Ghaybah, p. 173; Dala'il al-Imamah, p. 293; Taqrib al-Ma'arif, p. 187; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 156.

²³ Kamaluddin, vol. 2, p. 665; Al-'Adad al-Qawiyah, p. 66; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 207.

²⁴ Ibn Tawus, Malahim, vol. 58; Ihqaq al-Haqq, vol. 13, p. 29.

²⁵ Shaykh at-Tusi, Ghaybah (new edition), p. 339; Kamaluddin, vol. 2, p. 655; Ithbat al-Hudah, vol. 3, p. 510; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 207; Ilzam an-Nasib, vol. 2, p. 136; Ibn Hammad, Fitān, p. 91; Kanz al-'Ummal, vol. 14, p. 587; Muttaqi Hindi, Burhan, p. 111.

²⁶ Ilzam an-Nasib, vol. 2, pp. 136, 187; 'Aqd ad-Darar, pp. 54, 59, 63-65, 237; Nu'mani, Ghaybah, p. 274; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 242.

²⁷ Husayni, Hidayah, p. 31; Irshad al-Qulub, p. 286.

²⁸ Firdaws al-Akhbar, vol. 4, p. 298.

Bad Situation Of Human Feelings

The Noble Messenger of Islam (S) thus described the state of affairs of those days from the emotional perspective: “In those days the elders will not have mercy upon subordinates and the young, while the powerful will not have pity on the weak. At that time, God will give permission to him (al-Mahdi) to rise up and reappear.”²⁹

The Prophet (S) also said elsewhere: “Among the signs of the Day of Resurrection is bad treatment between neighbors and severance of the bonds of kinship.”³⁰

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: “The Day of Resurrection will not commence unless a woman would be openly taken away from her guardian in broad daylight and be molested in public in the middle of the road and no one would condemn and prevent this. The best among the people is he who will say: ‘I wish you would have gone a bit away from the middle of the road and done your work!’”³¹

²⁹ Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 380; vol. 36, p. 335.

³⁰ Akhbar Isbahan, vol. 1, p. 274; Firdaws al-Akhbar, vol.4, p. 5; Ad-Durr al-Manthur, vol. 6, p. 50; Jam‘ al-Jawami‘, vol. 1, p. 845; Kanz al-‘Ummal, vol. 14, p. 240.

³¹ ‘Iqd ad-Darar, p. 333; Hakim, Mustadrak, vol. 4, p. 495

Spread Of Immodest Acts

Muhammad ibn Muslim said: “I asked Imam al-Baqir (‘a): ‘O son of the Messenger of Allah! When will the Qa’im from among you appear?’” The Imam said: “It will be at the time when men would resemble women and women would act like men; at the time when men would suffice themselves with men (i.e. they would do sodomy), and so would women with other women (i.e. they would engage in lesbianism).”³²

³² Kamaluddin, vol. 1, p. 331.

Desire For Less Children

The Prophet of Islam (S) said: “The Day of Resurrection shall not come to pass until such time when someone who has five children would wish for four while one who had four children will say: “I wish I had three!” The one having three children would wish for two, one with two children would wish for one child, and the one with a single child would thus say: “I wish I had no child!”³³

He (S) also said elsewhere: “The Day of Resurrection shall not come to pass unless offspring would decrease in number.”³⁴

³³ Firdaws al-Akhbar, vol. 5, p. 227.

³⁴ Ash-Shi‘ah wa’r-Raj‘ah, vol. 1, p. 151; Firdaws al-Akhbar, vol. 5, p. 221; Al-Mu‘jam al-Kabir, vol. 10, p. 281; Bihar al-Anwar, 34, p. 241.

The Increase In The Number Of Families Without Guardians

The Messenger of Allah (S) said: “One of the signs of the Day of Resurrection is the decrease in the number of men and the increase in the number of women to such an extent that there will be one guardian for every fifty women.”³⁵

Anas said: Wouldn't you like me to narrate a hadith I heard from the Prophet (S)? The Prophet (S) said: “Men will die while women will remain.”³⁶

³⁵ Tayalisi, Musnad, vol. 8, p. 266; Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Musnad, vol. 3, p. 120; Tirmidhi, Sunan, vol. 4, p. 491; Abu Ya'li, Musnad, vol. 5, p. 283; Hilyah al-Awliya', vol. 6, p. 280; Dala'il an-Nubuwwah, vol. 6, p. 543; Ad-Durr al-Manthur, vol. 6, p. 50.

³⁶ Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Musnad, vol. 3, p. 377.

Situation Of Quran And Believe In God

The Qur'an will be present in society, but nothing of it will remain except the script written on its pages. The Muslims will be Muslims only in name and no semblance of Islam will be found in them. The Noble Prophet of Islam (S) said: "A period will come to pass for my ummah in which nothing will be left of Islam but its name, and there will be no trace of the Qur'an but its form and outline. The Muslims will be called Muslims in name but of all the people they will be the most alien to Islam."³⁷

Imam as-Sadiq ('a) said: "A time will soon come to pass when the people will not recognize God and will not know the meaning of monotheism at such a time the Dajjal (the Antichrist) will appear."³⁸

The Prophet of God (S) said: "During that time the mosques will be beautiful and flourishing but they will be devoid of guidance and enlightenment."³⁹

³⁷ Thawab al-A'mal, p. 301; Jami' al-Akhbar, p. 129; Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 52, p. 190.

³⁸ Tafsir Furat, p. 44.

³⁹ Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 2, p. 190.