

The Dajjāl's False Claim of Lordship

Ibn al-‘Uthaymīn says, “The Dajjāl is a deceitful man who will emerge toward the end of time claiming Lordship.”¹ We know Allah is the only Lord and as such, this lie of the Dajjāl’s is a false claim for many reasons, among them:

1. The Dajjāl is One-Eyed: The prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

« إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَيْسَ بِأَعْوَرَ، أَلَا وَإِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ الدَّجَالَ أَعْوَرَ الْعَيْنِ الْيُمْنَى، كَأَنَّ عَيْنَهُ
عِنَبَةٌ طَافِيَةٌ »

Allah is certainly not one-eyed, but the Dajjāl Messiah is one-eyed – his right eye
– as if his eye is a floating grape.²

He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said:

« وَإِنَّ الدَّجَالَ مَمْسُوحُ الْعَيْنِ عَلَيْهَا ظَفْرَةٌ غَلِيظَةٌ »

And the Dajjāl has one eye partially covered by a thick eyelid.³

These are descriptions of deficiency, and the true Lord, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), is only described with the highest, most perfect and complete descriptions as he (سبحانه وتعالى) says:

¹ *Sharḥ Lum’ah al-‘Itiqād*, pg. 105

² Collected by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

³ Collected by Muslim, Aḥmad, and Abū Dāwūd.

﴿ وَلَهُ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ﴾

And to him belongs the highest description in the heavens and earth.⁴

And he says:

﴿ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ مَثَلُ السَّوْءِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ ۗ وَهُوَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴾

For those who do not believe in the hereafter is the description of evil, but for
Allah is the highest description. And he is the Mighty, the Wise.⁵

If the Dajjāl were truly the Lord, he could easily remove his defective features and his disgusting attributes.

2. **Written Between the Dajjāl's Eyes is:** كافر (*kāfir* – “Disbeliever”): The prophet (صلى الله (عليه وسلم said:

« مَكْتُوبٌ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ كَافِرٌ ، يَقْرَأُهُ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ كَاتِبٍ وَغَيْرِ كَاتِبٍ »

Written between his two eyes is: كافر (*kāfir* – “disbeliever”). Every believer will
be able to read it, literate or illiterate.⁶

If the Dajjāl were truly the Lord, he could remove this distinctive sign of his deceit and lies.

⁴ The Quran, Sūrah al-Rūm, 30:27

⁵ Sūrah al-Naḥl, 16:60

⁶ Collected by Muslim, Aḥmad, and Abū Dāwūd.

3. People Will See the Dajjāl in This Life: Allah’s messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) clearly informed us that no one will see his Lord until he dies. So when people see the Dajjāl in this life, this is a clear sign he is not their Lord. In a ḥadīth in *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, the prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) makes this point when he said about the Dajjal:

« إِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ : كَافِرٌ ، يَقْرَأُهُ مَنْ كَرِهَ عَمَلَهُ ، أَوْ يَقْرَأُهُ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ ،
 وَقَالَ : تَعَلَّمُوا أَنَّهُ لَنْ يَرَى أَحَدًا مِنْكُمْ رَبَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَتَّى يَمُوتَ »

Written between his two eyes is: كافر (kāfir – “disbeliever”). Whoever hates his actions will be able to read it, or every believer will be able to read it. Know that not a single one among you will ever see his Lord (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) until he dies.⁷

4. The Dajjāl’s Weakness and Inability: The Dajjal will be unable to do many things. For example, it has come in the ḥadīth that he will only overpower and kill a single person. Furthermore, when he tries to kill him a second time, he will be unable to do so. The prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

« فَيَقُولُ الدَّجَالُ : أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ قَتَلْتُ هَذَا ، ثُمَّ أَحْيَيْتَهُ هَلْ تَشْكُونَ فِي الْأَمْرِ ؟
 فَيَقُولُونَ : لَا ، فَيَقْتُلُهُ ، ثُمَّ يُحْيِيهِ ، فَيَقُولُ : وَاللَّهِ مَا كُنْتُ فِيكَ أَشَدَّ بَصِيرَةً
 مِنِّي الْيَوْمَ ، فَيُرِيدُ الدَّجَالُ أَنْ يَقْتُلَهُ فَلَا يُسَلِّطُ عَلَيْهِ »

The Dajjāl will say (to the people), “If I kill this (man) and thereafter bring him back to life, will you have any doubt about the matter?” They will respond, “No.”

⁷ Collected by Muslim

He will then kill the man and bring him back to life. The man will then tell him, “By Allah, I have never been more convinced about you than I am today.” The Dajjāl will again try to kill him but he will be unable to do so.⁸

If the Dajjāl were truly our Lord and god, there would be nothing he is unable to do. Allah says about himself:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴾

Certainly, Allah has power over all things.⁹

The Dajjāl will have other weakness as well, such as his inability to resurrect the dead when he claims he is giving life to a Bedouin’s deceased parents. Instead, as the prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

« ...فَيَتَمَثَّلُ لَهُ شَيْطَانَانِ فِي صُورَةِ أَبِيهِ وَأُمِّهِ ، فَيَقُولَانِ : يَا بُنَيَّ اتَّبِعْهُ ، فَإِنَّهُ رَبُّكَ »

...Two devils will then take the appearance of his father and mother and say to him, “My son, follow him for he is surely your Lord.”¹⁰

In contrast, it is well-known from the Quran that:

﴿ وَاللَّهُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ﴾

⁸ Collected by al-Bukhārī

⁹ Sūrah al-Baqarah, 2:20

¹⁰ Collected by Ibn Mājah, al-Ḥākim, and Ibn Khuzaymah, and it is no. 7875 in al-Albānī’s *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi’*.

It is Allah who gives life and death.¹¹

Similarly, the Dajjāl will be unable to enter Mecca and Medina.¹² The Dajjāl himself admitted this inability, saying, as has come in the ḥadīth of Tamīm al-Dārī:

« وَإِنِّي مُخْبِرُكُمْ عَنِّي ، إِنِّي أَنَا الْمَسِيحُ ، وَإِنِّي أُوشِكُ أَنْ يُؤَدَّنَ لِي فِي الْخُرُوجِ ، فَأَخْرَجَ ، فَأَسِيرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ، فَلَا أَدَعُ قَرْيَةً إِلَّا هَبَطْتُهَا فِي أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً غَيْرَ مَكَّةَ وَطَيْبَةَ ، فَهَمَا مُحَرَّمَتَانِ عَلَيَّ كِلْتَاهُمَا ، كُلَّمَا أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَدْخُلَ وَاحِدَةً أَوْ وَاحِدًا مِنْهُمَا اسْتَقْبَلَنِي مَلَكٌ بِيَدِهِ السَّيْفُ صَلْتًا يَصُدُّنِي عَنْهَا ، وَإِنَّ عَلَى كُلِّ نَقْبٍ مِنْهَا مَلَائِكَةً يَحْرُسُونَهَا »

“I will now tell you about myself. I am the Messiah.¹³ Soon I will be allowed to leave. I will then emerge and travel throughout the earth for forty days, leaving not a single village except that I will enter it with the exceptions of Mecca and *Ṭaybah* (Medina) for they are both forbidden for me. Each time I try to enter either of them, an angel will confront me with an unsheathed sword in his hand, preventing me from entering. And there is upon every path leading to them angels guarding them.”¹⁴

5. The Dajjāl’s Lack of Knowledge: In the long ḥadīth of Tamīm al-Dārī (رضي الله عنه) in which he and his companions actually met the Dajjāl, the False Messiah asked them who they were and about the date trees of *Baysān*, Lake Tiberius, the spring of *Zughar*, and about

¹¹ Sūrah Āli ‘Imrān, 3:156

¹² Ḥadīth proving this are record by al-Bukhārī, Muslim and others. See for example, Topic 6: The Dajjāl’s Travels Throughout the Earth

¹³ In another version of the narration: “I am the Dajjāl.” See al-Albānī’s *Ṣaḥīḥ Sunan al-Tirmidhī* (no. 1837).

¹⁴ Collected by Muslim

the messenger of Allah.¹⁵ Had he truly been the Lord of the worlds, he would not need others to inform him of anything. But Allah, the true Lord, is free of any needs and he knows everything.

﴿ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴾

And know that Allah is the knower of all things.¹⁶

6. The Dajjāl Only Gives to His Supporters: Allah (عزّ وجلّ) is generous and merciful to all people in this life. He provides from this life as he wishes to both believers and disbelievers in him, to those he loves and those he does not love. Yet the Dajjāl only gives to those who accept his claims and believe he is their Lord.

The prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said of the Dajjāl's supporters and believers:

«...وَيَمُرُّ بِالْحَيِّ فَيُصَدِّقُونَهُ ، فَيَأْمُرُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تُمْطِرَ وَالْأَرْضَ أَنْ تُنْبِتَ ، فَتُمْطِرُ وَتُنْبِتُ حَتَّى تَرْوِحَ مَوَاشِيَهُمْ مِنْ يَوْمِهِمْ ذَلِكَ أَسْمَنَ مَا كَانَتْ وَأَعْظَمَ وَأَمَدَهُ خَوَاصِرَ وَأَدْرَهُ ضُرُوعًا »

...He will pass by a village and its people will believe in him, believing him to be true. So he will command the sky to rain and the earth to grow. It will rain and produce vegetation so much that their cattle will return that day fatter than they ever were, their flanks stretched, and their udders full of milk.¹⁷

¹⁵ For the full ḥadīth of Tamīm al-Dārī (رضي الله عنه), see Topic 8: Has Anyone Seen the Dajjāl?

¹⁶ Sūrah al-Baqarah, 2:231

¹⁷ Collected by Ibn Mājah and it is in al-Albānī's *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi'* (no. 5875)

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Yet for those who refuse to believe in the Dajjāl and refuse to follow him:

«...ثُمَّ يَأْتِي الْقَوْمَ ، فَيَدْعُوهُمْ ، فَيَرُدُّونَ عَلَيْهِ قَوْلَهُ ، فَيَنْصَرِفُ عَنْهُمْ ،
فَيُصْبِحُونَ مُمَحِلِينَ ، لَيْسَ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ شَيْءٌ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ »

...He will then come to some people calling them (to believe in him) but they will reject his call. He will leave them in a state of drought, and nothing of their wealth will remain in their hands.¹⁸



¹⁸ Collected by Muslim, Aḥmad, and al-Tirmidhī