

## The Dajjāl's Followers

### *Jews of Aṣbahān*

Imām Muslim collected a ḥadīth from Anas Ibn Mālik ( رضي الله عنه ) in which the messenger of Allah ( صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ) said:

« يَتَّبِعُ الدَّجَالَ مِنْ يَهُودِ أَصْبَهَانَ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفًا عَلَيْهِمُ الطَّيَالِسَةُ »

From the Jews of *Aṣbahān* (Isfahan, Iran), seventy thousand will follow the Dajjāl. They will be wearing shawls.<sup>1</sup>

### *Disbelievers & Hypocrites*

Anas Ibn Mālik ( رضي الله عنه ) also narrated that the prophet ( صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ) said:

« لَيْسَ مِنْ بَلَدٍ إِلَّا سَيَطُوهُ الدَّجَالُ إِلَّا مَكَّةَ وَالْمَدِينَةَ ، لَيْسَ لَهُ مِنْ نِقَابِهَا نَقْبٌ إِلَّا عَلَيْهِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ صَافِّينَ يَحْرُسُونَهَا ، ثُمَّ تَرْجُفُ الْمَدِينَةُ بِأَهْلِهَا ثَلَاثَ رَجَفَاتٍ ، فَيُخْرِجُ اللهُ كُلَّ كَافِرٍ وَمُنَافِقٍ »

There is no land the Dajjāl will not enter except Mecca and Medina. There is not a single path leading to them except that there are angels in rows guarding them.

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<sup>1</sup> Collected by Muslim and Aḥmad

Medina will then be shaken by three earthquakes whereby Allah will remove every disbeliever and hypocrite (from Medina).<sup>2</sup>

And in the narration of Imām Aḥmad:

« يَجِيءُ الدَّجَالُ ، فَيَطُّ الْأَرْضَ إِلَّا مَكَّةَ وَالْمَدِينَةَ ، فَيَأْتِي الْمَدِينَةَ ، فَيَجِدُ بِكُلِّ نَقْبٍ مِنْ نِقَابِهَا صُفُوفًا مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ ، فَيَأْتِي سَبْخَةَ الْجَرْفِ ، فَيَضْرِبُ رِوَاقَهُ ، فَتَرْجُفُ الْمَدِينَةُ ثَلَاثَ رَجَفَاتٍ ، فَيَخْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ كُلُّ مُنَافِقٍ وَمُنَافِقَةٍ »

The Dajjāl will come and enter every place on earth except Mecca and Medina. When he comes to Medina, he will find on every path leading to it rows of angels. He will then come to a marsh and camp there. Medina will be shaken by three earthquakes whereby every hypocrite man and hypocrite woman will leave (Medina) and come out to him.<sup>3</sup>

### *Some of the Deceived Bedouins*

Abū Umāmah al-Bāhilī ( رضي الله عنه ) said that Allah's messenger ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ) said about the Dajjāl:

« ...وَإِنَّ مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِ أَنْ يَقُولَ لِلْأَعْرَابِيِّ : أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ بَعَثْتُ لَكَ أَبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ ، أَتَشْهَدُ أَنِّي رَبُّكَ ؟ فَيَقُولُ : نَعَمْ ، فَيَتَمَثَّلُ لَهُ شَيْطَانَانِ فِي صُورَةِ أَبِيهِ وَأُمِّهِ ، فَيَقُولَانِ : يَا بَنِيَّ اتَّبِعْهُ ، فَإِنَّهُ رَبُّكَ »

<sup>2</sup> Collected by al-Bukhārī, Muslim, and Aḥmad

<sup>3</sup> Collected by al-Bukhārī, Muslim, and Aḥmad, and it is in al-Albānī's *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi'* (no. 8028)

...And surely from his tribulations is that he will ask a Bedouin, “If I resurrect your father and mother, would you then testify that I am your lord?” He will answer, “Yes.” 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.”<sup>4</sup>

### “People with Faces like Hammered Shields”

Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq (رضي الله عنه) narrated, in a ḥadīth collected by al-Timidhī and others, that the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« الدَّجَالُ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَرْضٍ بِالشَّرْقِ ، يُقَالُ لَهَا : خِرَاسَانُ ، يَتَّبِعُهُ أَقْوَامٌ كَأَنَّ  
وُجُوهُهُمْ الْمَجَانُّ الْمَطْرَقَةُ »

The Dajjāl will appear from a land in the East said to be called: Khorasan.<sup>5</sup> There will follow him people with faces like hammered shields.<sup>6</sup>



<sup>4</sup> Collected by Ibn Mājah, al-Ḥākim, and Ibn Khuzaymah, and it is no. 7875 in al-Albānī’s *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi’*.

<sup>5</sup> Khorasan is “a historical region and realm comprising a vast territory now lying in northeastern Iran, southern Turkmenistan, and northern Afghanistan.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

<sup>6</sup> Collected by al-Tirmidhī, Aḥmad, al-Ḥākim, and Ibn Mājah, and al-Albānī said it is authentic in *Ṣaḥīḥ Sunan al-Tirmidhī* (no. 1824).