

The Greatest Martyr is Murdered by the Dajjāl

al-Bukhārī and Muslim collected a ḥadīth in which Abū Saʿīd al-Khudrī (رضي الله عنه) narrated that Allah’s messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) spoke to them at length about the Dajjāl. Among the things he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said was:

« يَأْتِي الدَّجَالُ وَهُوَ مُحَرَّمٌ عَلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ نِقَابَ الْمَدِينَةِ ، فَيَنْزِلُ بَعْضَ السَّبَاخِ الَّتِي تَلِي الْمَدِينَةَ ، فَيَخْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ يَوْمَئِذٍ رَجُلٌ ، وَهُوَ خَيْرُ النَّاسِ ، أَوْ مِنْ خِيَارِ النَّاسِ ، فَيَقُولُ : أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الدَّجَالُ الَّذِي حَدَّثَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ حَدِيثَهُ ، فَيَقُولُ الدَّجَالُ : أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ قَتَلْتُ هَذَا ثُمَّ أَحْيَيْتُهُ ، هَلْ تَشْكُونَنَ 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 appear but he will be forbidden to enter any path leading to Medina. He will then settle at some marshes near Medina. On that day, a man will come out to him and he will be the best of people (or he said) one of the best people. He will say, “I testify that you are the Dajjāl the messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) told us about in his ḥadīth.” The Dajjāl will then 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.” 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 want to kill him but he will be unable to do so.¹

Imām Muslim collected a similar, yet longer, ḥadīth from Abū Sa’īd (رضي الله عنه) in which the messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« يَخْرُجُ الدَّجَالُ ، فَيَتَوَجَّهُ قَبْلَهُ رَجُلٌ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ، فَتَلْقَاهُ الْمَسَالِحُ مَسَالِحُ الدَّجَالِ ، فَيَقُولُونَ لَهُ : أَيْنَ تَعْمِدُ ؟ فَيَقُولُ : أَعْمِدُ إِلَى هَذَا الَّذِي خَرَجَ ، قَالَ : فَيَقُولُونَ لَهُ : أَوْ مَا تُؤْمِنُ بِرَبِّنَا ؟ فَيَقُولُ : مَا بِرَبِّنَا خَفَاءٌ ، فَيَقُولُونَ : اقْتُلُوهُ ، فَيَقُولُ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ : أَلَيْسَ قَدْ نَهَاكُم رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ تَقْتُلُوا أَحَدًا دُونَهُ ؟ قَالَ : فَيَنْطَلِقُونَ بِهِ إِلَى الدَّجَالِ ، فَإِذَا رَأَهُ الْمُؤْمِنُ ، قَالَ : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ! هَذَا الدَّجَالُ الَّذِي ذَكَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ، قَالَ : فَيَأْمُرُ الدَّجَالُ بِهِ ، فَيَشَبِّحُ ، فَيَقُولُ : خَذُوهُ ، وَشَجُوهُ ، فَيُوسِعُ ظَهْرَهُ وَبَطْنَهُ ضَرْبًا ، قَالَ : فَيَقُولُ : أَوْ مَا تُؤْمِنُ بِي ؟ قَالَ : فَيَقُولُ : أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحُ الْكَذَّابُ ، قَالَ : فَيُؤْمَرُ بِهِ ، فَيُؤَشِّرُ بِالْمِئْشَارِ مِنْ مَفْرَقِهِ حَتَّى يُفَرِّقَ بَيْنَ رِجْلَيْهِ ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ يَمْشِي الدَّجَالُ بَيْنَ الْقِطْعَتَيْنِ ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لَهُ : قُمْ ، فَيَسْتَوِي قَائِمًا ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لَهُ : أَتُؤْمِنُ بِي ؟ فَيَقُولُ : مَا أَزِدُّتُ فِيكَ إِلَّا بَصِيرَةً ، قَالَ : ثُمَّ يَقُولُ : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ! إِنَّهُ لَا يَفْعَلُ بَعْدِي بِأَحَدٍ مِنَ النَّاسِ ، قَالَ فَيَأْخُذُهُ الدَّجَالُ لِيَذْبَحَهُ ، فَيَجْعَلُ مَا بَيْنَ رَقَبَتِهِ إِلَى تَرْقُوتِهِ نُحَاسًا ، فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا ، قَالَ : فَيَأْخُذُ بِيَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ فَيَقْذِفُ بِهِ ، فَيَحْسِبُ النَّاسُ أَنَّهَا قَذَفَتْهُ إِلَى النَّارِ ، وَإِنَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ »

¹ Collected by al-Bukhārī and Muslim

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The Dajjāl will appear, and a man from the believers will head out toward him. Some of the soldiers of the Dajjāl carrying weapons will meet the man and ask him, “Where are you headed?” He will reply, “I am headed toward this man who has appeared.” They will further ask him, “Do you not believe in our Lord?” and he will answer, “There is nothing hidden about our Lord.” They will then say, “Kill him,” but some of them will ask, “Did your Lord not forbid you from killing anyone with his permission?” So they will take the man to the Dajjāl. When the man sees him (the Dajjāl), he will proclaim, “Oh people, this is the Dajjāl mentioned by the messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).” The Dajjāl will then order for him to be stretched on his stomach, saying, “Take him and strike him.” He will then be struck through his back and stomach. The Dajjāl will then ask him, “And do you not believe in me?” but the man will reply, “You are the lying messiah.” It will then be commanded to kill him and the man will be sawed in half, from his head to between his legs. The Dajjāl will then walk between the two pieces and say to the man, “Stand,” and the man will get up, standing. The Dajjāl will again ask him, “Do you believe in me?” and the man will answer, “I have only increased in certainty about you.” The man will tell the people, “Oh people, he will not be able to do (similarly) after me with anyone else among the people.” The Dajjāl will then grab him to slaughter him, but the man’s neck will become copper, down to his collar bone, so he (the Dajjāl) will have no way of killing him. Instead, he will take the man by his hands and feet and throw him. The people will assume he has thrown the man into the fire, but he was actually thrown into Paradise.

The messenger of Allah then said:

« هَذَا أَعْظَمُ النَّاسِ شَهَادَةً عِنْدَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ »

This is the greatest person to achieve martyrdom with the Lord of the worlds.²

And in the ḥadīth of Abū Umāmah (رضي الله عنه), the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

«...وَإِنَّ مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِ أَنْ يُسَلِّطَ عَلَى نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ، فَيَقْتُلَهَا، وَيَنْشُرَهَا بِالْمِنْشَارِ حَتَّى تُلْقَى شِقَيْنِ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ: انظُرُوا إِلَى عَبْدِي هَذَا، فَإِنِّي أَبْعَثُهُ، ثُمَّ يَزْعُمُ أَنَّ لَهُ رَبًّا غَيْرِي، فَيَبْعَثُهُ اللَّهُ، وَيَقُولُ لَهُ الْخَبِيثُ: مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: رَبِّي اللَّهُ، وَأَنْتَ عَدُوُّ اللَّهِ أَنْتَ الدَّجَالُ، وَاللَّهِ مَا كُنْتُ قَطُّ أَشَدَّ بَصِيرَةً بِكَ مِنِّي الْيَوْمَ »

...And surely from his tribulations is that he will overpower a single individual so that he kills him. He (the Dajjāl) will saw the man in half with a saw so that he becomes two separate pieces, then say (to people), “Look at this servant of mine. I will resurrect him and he will then still claim he has a lord other than me.” So Allah will resurrect the man and the filthy one (the Dajjāl) will ask him, “Who is your lord?” The man will answer, “My Lord is Allah, and you are the enemy of Allah; you are the Dajjāl. By Allah, I have never been more convinced about you than I am today.”³



² Collected by Muslim

³ Collected by Ibn Mājah and it is in al-Albānī's *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi'* (no. 5051)