

The Death of the Dajjāl

A companion by the name of Mujamma' Ibn Jāriyah al-Anṣārī (رضي الله عنه) said in a ḥadīth collected by al-Tirmidhī that he heard the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) say:

« يَقْتُلُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ الدَّجَالَ بَابِ لُدٍّ »

The son of Mary (Jesus) will kill the Dajjāl at the gate of Lod.¹

In the long ḥadīth narrated by Abū Umāmah al-Bāhilī (رضي الله عنه) collected by Ibn Mājah, al-Ḥākim, and others, Jesus, the son of Mary, will come to people praying the morning prayer near Jerusalem and join them. After the prayer:

« قَالَ عِيسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : افْتَحُوا الْبَابَ ، فَيُفْتَحُ وَوَرَاءَهُ الدَّجَالُ مَعَهُ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ يَهُودِيٍّ كُلُّهُمْ ذُو سَيْفٍ مُحَلَّى وَسَاجٍ ، فَإِذَا نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ الدَّجَالُ ذَابَ كَمَا يَذُوبُ الْمِلْحُ فِي الْمَاءِ ، وَيَنْطَلِقُ هَارِبًا ، وَيَقُولُ عِيسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ : إِنَّ لِي فِيكَ ضَرْبَةً لَنْ تَسْبِقَنِي بِهَا ، فَيُدْرِكُهُ عِنْدَ بَابِ اللُّدِّ الشَّرْقِيِّ فَيَقْتُلُهُ »

Jesus (عليه السلام) will say, “Open the gate.” It will be opened and behind it will be the Dajjāl along with seventy thousand Jews, each of them with an embellished sword and (wearing) a shawl. When the Dajjāl sees him, he will begin to dissolve like salt dissolves in water, and will turn and flee. Jesus (عليه السلام) will tell him,

¹ Collected by al-Tirmidhī and al-Albānī says it is authentic in *Ṣaḥīḥ Sunan al-Tirmidhī*, (no. 1829). The city of *Ludd* or *Lod* is in current-day Israel.

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“I have a single strike for you from which you will be unable to escape.” He will meet him (the Dajjāl) at the eastern gate of Lod and kill him.²



² Collected by Ibn Mājah, al-Ḥākim, Ibn Khuzaymah and others, and al-Albānī says it is authentic in *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Jāmi' al-Ṣaḡīr wa Ziyādatuh*, (no. 7875).