

Where the Dajjāl Will Appear

al-Timidhī collected a ḥadīth from Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq (رضي الله عنه) who said: Allah’s messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) told us that:

« الدَّجَالُ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَرْضِ الْمَشْرِقِ ، يُقَالُ لَهَا : خُرَاسَانُ ، يَتَّبِعُهُ أَقْوَامٌ كَأَنَّ
وُجُوهُهُمْ الْمَجَانُّ الْمُطْرَقَةُ »

The Dajjāl will appear from a land in the East said to be called: Khorasan.¹ There will follow him people with faces like hammered shields.²

Also, in the ḥadīth of Fāṭimah Bint Qays (رضي الله عنها), the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

« أَلَا إِنَّهُ فِي بَحْرِ الشَّامِ أَوْ بَحْرِ الْيَمَنِ ، لَا بَلْ مِنْ قِبَلِ الْمَشْرِقِ مَا هُوَ ، مِنْ قِبَلِ الْمَشْرِقِ مَا هُوَ ، مِنْ قِبَلِ الْمَشْرِقِ مَا هُوَ »

He is in the Sea of *Sham* or the Sea of Yemen. No, rather he is in the East, he is in the East, he is in the East.

Fāṭimah Bint Qays then said, “And he gestured with his hand toward the East.”³

¹ Khorasan is “a historical region and realm comprising a vast territory now lying in northeastern Iran, southern Turkmenistan, and northern Afghanistan.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

² Collected by al-Tirmidhī, Aḥmad, al-Ḥākim, and Ibn Mājah, and al-Albānī said it is authentic in *Ṣaḥīḥ Sunan al-Tirmidhī* (no. 1824).

³ Collected by Muslim

Perhaps the first place news of him will become known, however, may be between *al-Shām*⁴ and Iraq, and Allah knows best. Imām Muslim collected a long ḥadīth from al-Nawwās Ibn Samʿān (رضي الله عنه) in which the prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

«...إِنَّهُ خَارِجٌ خَلَّةً بَيْنَ الشَّامِ وَالْعِرَاقِ فَعَاثَ يَمِينًا وَعَاثَ شِمَالًا»

...He comes from a path between *al-Shām* and Iraq, wreaking havoc right and left.⁵



⁴ *al-Sham* includes parts of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Jordan.

⁵ Collected by Muslim