

Study Guide

END OF DAYS

PART 1



AL HIDAAYAH
The Guidance for Humanity

Based on the Glorious Qur'an and Authentic Hadith

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COURSE OUTLINE



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1. To be able to speak about the major and minor signs of the Hour
2. To warn people to keep away from such tribulations
3. To keep the company of the righteous people

QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

COURSE OUTLINE



ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video - 2 hours 20 min

Study Guide - 45 min

Assessment - 10 min

Total Duration - 3 hours 15 min



LESSON 1

THE END IS NEAR



1. Knowing the Signs of the Hour

Ashraatus Saa'ah are the Signs of the Hour (Day of Judgment).

The aim of knowing the signs of the final Hour:

- i To develop a methodology and a blueprint for surviving the Fitan (trials or tribulations).
- ii To prepare our children for what they may experience in their lifetime and indeed what we may experience in our lifetime.





2. The Nearness of the Hour



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"I and the Hour were sent like these two, and he raised his index finger along with the finger next to the index finger."



What should be noted from this is:

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The difference between the commission of the Prophet (pbuh) and the final Hour is like the difference between the index finger and the middle finger.

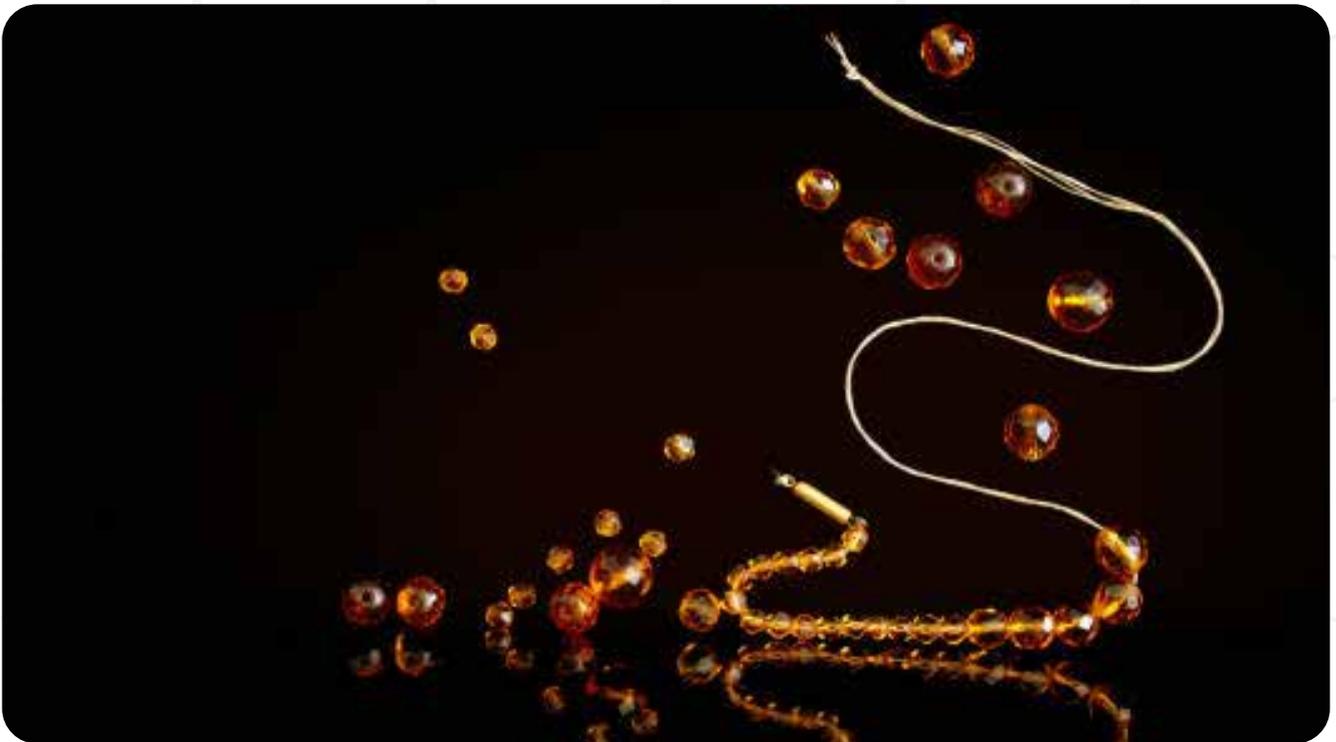


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The difference is relative. It is a comparison between the life of the universe and the time since his commission until the Day of Judgment.

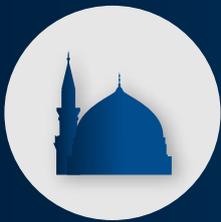
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This could happen in a matter of a few short years, especially when we know that the major signs of the Day of Judgment will follow each other in extremely close succession.





3. An opening in the wall of Ya'juj and Ma'juj



Zainab Binte Jahsh (ra) narrates about the Prophet (pbuh):

“He once woke up from his sleep, scared and terrified from the severity of what he saw. He (pbuh) said: ‘(Waylun) Woe to the Arabs for an evil that is approaching...’”





“Wayl” in Arabic has several meanings:

- i Great punishment
- ii A valley in Jahannam
- iii Other meanings



However, what is meant here is that there is an evil which is approaching the Arabs. Why the Arabs? The scholars mentioned two potential reasons for this:

- i The Arabs were the majority of the Muslims who had accepted Islam at that time. And so, the Prophet (pbuh) was addressing them in general.
- ii Some of the scholars say that the destruction that will happen will affect the Arabs more than any other nation or ethnic group.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:
“...Today the barrier of Ya’juj and Ma’juj has been opened this much.”

The Prophet (pbuh) demonstrates the gap made through the barrier by gesturing the number ten, according to how the Arabs gestured it, suggesting that the gap is already there, although it is small.

Ya’juj and Ma’juj are people like us not a government or a system, as some fools try to postulate.





LESSON 2

THE ARMY SWALLOWED UP BY THE EARTH

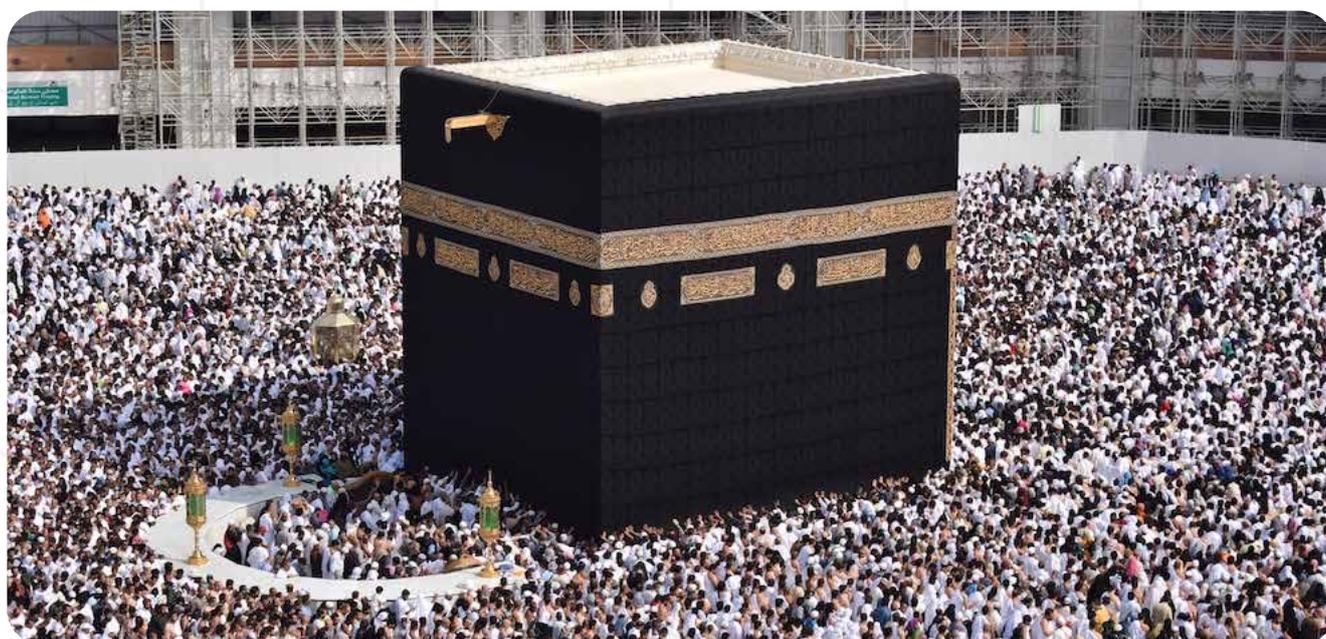


4. The Army Swallowed up by the Earth



'Aa'ishah (ra) reported the Prophet (pbuh) said:

"An army will invade the Ka'bah and when it reaches a desert, all of them will be swallowed up by the earth." She asked: "O Messenger of Allah, how will they be swallowed up by the earth while amongst them will be their marketeers and people not belonging to them?" He replied: "All of them will be swallowed up by the earth, then they will be resurrected for judgment according to their intentions."





In another narration:



"This army will attack the Ka'bah in pursuit of a man from Quraysh who will take sanctuary there."

In this Hadith, the Prophet (pbuh) is said to have classified the people who will be swallowed into:

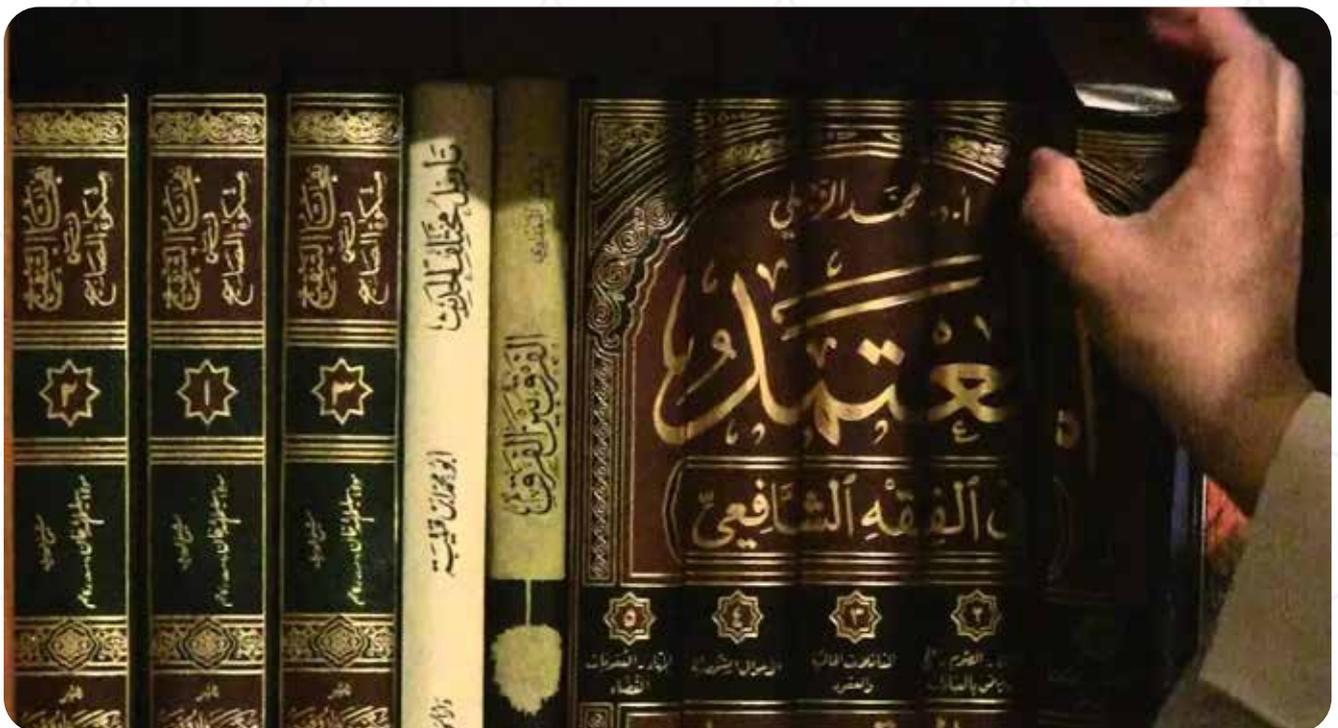
- i Mubtabsir, the one who knows exactly what the army is doing.
- ii Majboor, the one who is forced to accompany such army.
- iii Musafir, there will be among them the wayfarer, the one who is simply trying to reach his destination.





5. The lessons we learn from this Hadith

- i You must avoid the people of oppression, you must avoid the people who are doing wrong, because it may be that they are afflicted by something, and you are afflicted because you are in the same place as they are.
- ii Avoiding the places where oppression is carried out, avoiding the areas of oppression and avoiding the areas of evil, especially during the times of trials and tribulations.
- iii Even when the people are destroyed in one destruction, Allah (swt) will not treat them all the same.



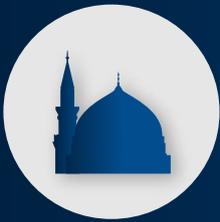


LESSON 3

TRIALS LIKE RAINDROPS



6. The Lessons we learn from the Hadith - 'Trials like Raindrops'



"The Prophet (pbuh) climbed on top of one of the battlements of Madinah, and asked his companions: 'Do you see what I see?' Indeed, I see the places of trials and tribulations falling between your houses like the places where the raindrops fall."



We learn the following lessons from this Hadith -

- i It indicates to us the severity and the significance and the large number of trials that will befall this Ummah. And the reason for this is so that we can stay away from them.



- ii To keep away from trials and tribulations.
- iii If this is the case with the Sahaabah (ra) and Madinah, which is the best of the places on this earth to live in, then how about our cases living in non-Muslim countries, where the Fitnah is even greater, and there is so much corruption and so much evil already going on.
- iv This Hadith answers the misconception that people have, namely, that this Ummah will not be inflicted with trials and tribulations.





7. A Muslim should not be involved in Trials



The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:

"There will be trials, in which the one who is sitting is better than the one who is standing. And the one who is standing is better than the one who is walking. And the one who is walking is better than the one who is running. And whoever seeks involvement therein will be overcome by them, and whoever finds a sanctuary, then let him seek refuge in it."





This Hadith speaks about the trials, and people's classes according to their involvement in it:

- i Al Qaa'id, the one who is sitting down
- ii Al Qaa'im, the one who is standing up
- iii Al Maashi, the one who is walking, and
- iv As Saa'ee, the one who is running.

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They are ordered according to their level of involvement. The least one is involved, the better it is. Not getting involved at all is the best.

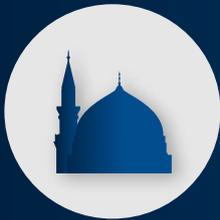


LESSON 4

THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS UMMAH

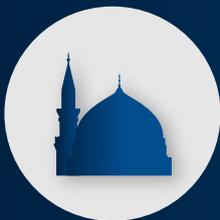


8. The Destruction of this Ummah



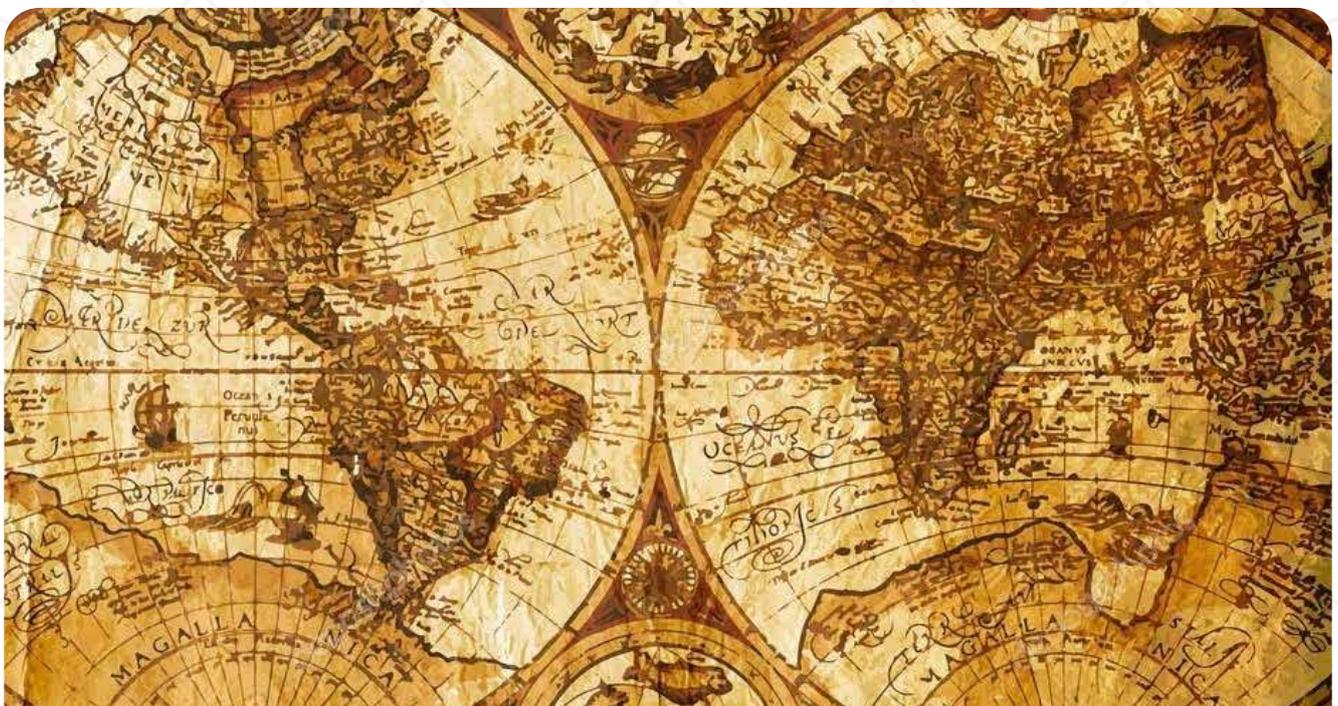
The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:

"Allah (swt) folded up the earth for me, and so, I saw the eastern parts of it and the western parts. And indeed, the dominion of my Ummah will be completely covering everything that was shown to me."



The Prophet (pbuh) also said:

"I was given the two treasures the red and the white."

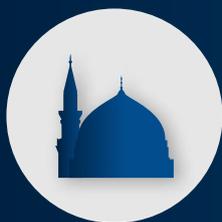




Some of the scholars say the red treasure is gold, because this word '**Ahmar**' covers also the colour of gold, and '**Abyad**', white means silver, so it was said gold and silver.



The Prophet (pbuh) added:

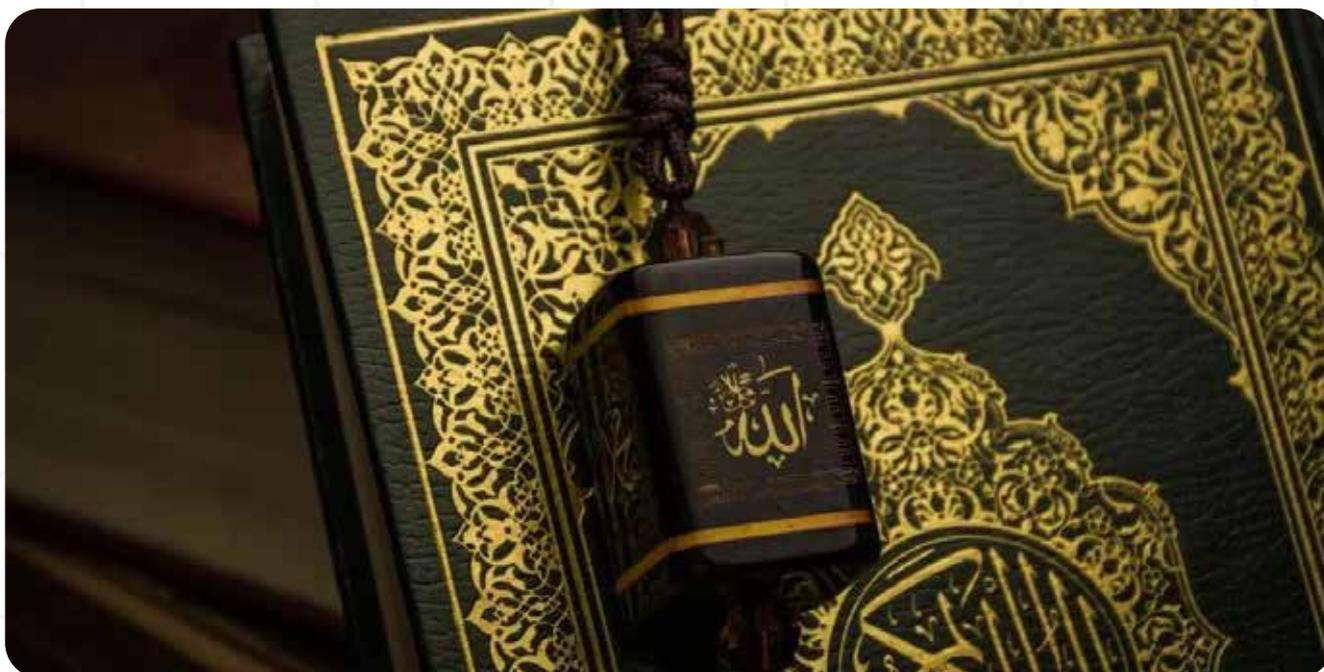


"And indeed, I have asked my Lord for my Ummah that: He does not destroy them by a general drought that will kill them all. No enemy be given control over this Ummah completely, such that they destroy them root and branch."

This does not mean that the enemies will not attack the Muslim countries. But it means the Muslims will not be annihilated by the enemies.



This is what the Prophet (pbuh) made Du'a for. And Allah (swt) responded to these two supplications.



Prophecies the Prophet (pbuh) foretold in the above Ahadith:

- i This Ummah will not be destroyed by a general drought.
- ii They will not be destroyed by a plague, or a disease that will kill off all of them.
- iii If their enemies attack them, they will attack some parts of the Ummah and not others, and they will never wipe out the Ummah in every single place and in every single way.
- iv The Ummah will be made to suffer the killing of one another and looting one another.



9. Unity upon the truth

- i Allah and His messenger call upon us to unite and to base our unity upon the teachings of the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
- ii Uniting with the opponents of the Qur'an and Sunnah is not allowed even if they pretend to follow them.
- iii The Qur'an and the Sunnah are to be taken together as one not to be taken as individual texts, where one is looked upon as though it is a completely unique religion.
- iv Scriptural texts should not be taken out of context.





LESSON 5

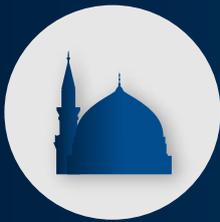
TRIALS LIKE THE WAVES OF THE SEA



10. Addressing the people about the Signs of the Hour

Hudhaifah (ra) narrated:

"The Prophet (pbuh) stood and spoke among us. He addressed us in a gathering, and he did not leave anything in that gathering that would happen until the Day of Judgment, except that he informed us of it. The one who memorised, memorised and the one who forgot, forgot. There was some of what the Prophet (pbuh) said that I forgot, but I remember it, when I see it. Just like a man who sees the face of another man."





We learn the following from this Hadith:

- i Prophet (pbuh) prepared his companions for trials and tribulations.
- ii If you prepare people for the signs of the end of days and the coming of the Hour, although you may not remember every detail, when you see any of such signs, you will recognise them and take the necessary action.
- iii This also shows us the great importance of a Muslim knowing how to avoid trials and tribulations.





11. Trials like the Waves of the Sea

Hudhaifah (ra) narrated:



"We were one day in the company of 'Umar (ra) that he said: Who amongst you has preserved in his mind most perfectly the Hadith of Allah's Messenger (pbuh) in regard to the turmoil as he told about it?"





I said: It is I.

Thereupon he said: You are bold (enough to make this claim). And he further said: How?

I said: I heard Allah's Messenger (pbuh) as saying: There would (first) be turmoil for a person in regard to his family, his property, his own self, his children, his neighbours (and the sins committed in their connection) would be expiated by fasting, prayer, charity, enjoining good and prohibiting evil.



Thereupon 'Umar (ra) said: I do not mean (that turmoil on a small scale) but that one which would emerge like the mounting waves of the ocean.

I said: Commander of the Faithful, you have nothing to do with it, for the door is closed between you and that.

He said: Would that door be broken or opened?

I said: No, it would be broken.

Thereupon he said: Then it would not be closed despite best efforts.



We said to Hudhaifa [ra] : Did Umar [ra] know the door?



Thereupon he said: Yes, he knew it (for certain) just as one knows that night precede the next day. And I narrated to him something in which there was nothing fabricated.

Shaqiq (one of the narrators) said: We dared not ask Hudhaifa [ra] about that door. So we requested Masrooq to ask him. So he asked him and he said: (By that door, he meant) 'Umar [ra]."





LESSON 6

FOOLS GOLD



12. Fools Gold

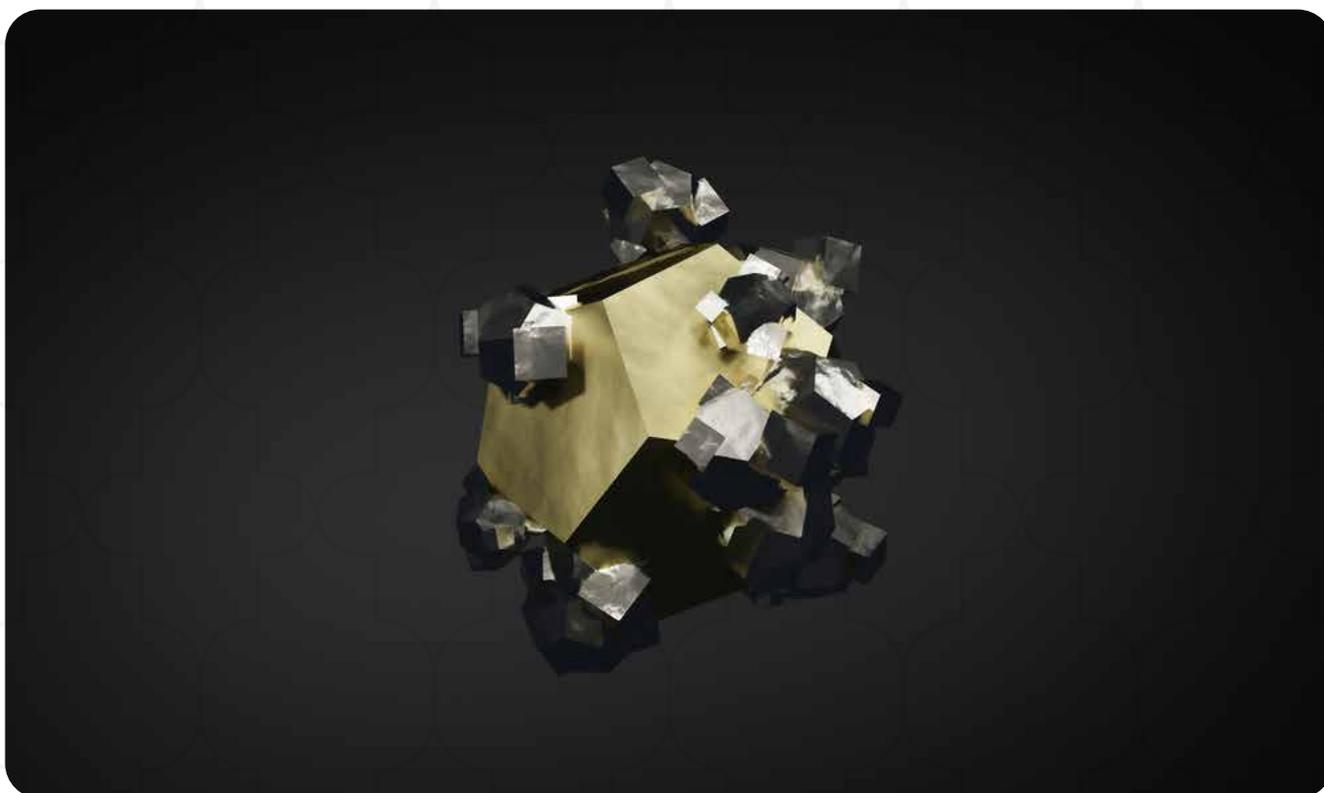


The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said:

"The Euphrates River is almost about to uncover a mountain of gold. When the people hear about this gold that will be uncovered by the Euphrates River, they will travel towards it to take it. Those people who are living besides the gold or who are already countered the gold, will say,

If we leave the people to take whatever they want from this gold, they're going to take everything and not leave any for us. So, they will fight one another over the gold. And so, for every 100, 99 of them will be killed."

It is mentioned in some narrations that every one of them will believe that he will be the one to be saved. Each will believe that he is going to be the one that is going to be saved and he is going to be the one that will take the gold.



It is real gold not oil as some people claim, for the following reasons:

- i This event appears not to have happened yet, because the killing of 99 out of every 100, despite the fighting that has happened over oil, the numbers have not reached 99 out of every 100. And it has not necessarily been uncovered by the Euphrates River.
- ii The majority of scholars maintain that this will happen either during the time of Isa Ibnu Maryam (pbuh) or just before his time.



13. General principle of the methodology to be followed at the time of trials

- i The key thing here that we understand is that if we were to hear of gold that has been uncovered by the Euphrates River, we should not go to it. We should not give up our religion for our Duniya.
- ii We don't rush to the Fitnah. We don't travel there to see if we're going to get a worldly benefit.
- iii The Muslim is the furthest away from trials and tribulations and from these kinds of events when they happen.





14. The revenue of some Muslim countries will no longer go to the Muslims

The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Iraq will withhold its Dirhams and its Qafeez (a measurement of volume, which the people of Iraq used to use to trade in) and Ash Sham (Great Syria) or the Levant will prevent its Mudd, (which is its measurement of crops), and Egypt will prevent it's Irdab (which is a kind of measurement that was known in Egypt) and its Dinar, and you will return to where you have begun; and you will return to where you have begun; and you will return to where you have begun."





The Hadith implies the following:

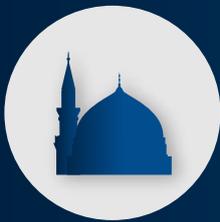
- i Iraq and Syria and Egypt would be conquered by the Muslims. When the Prophet (pbuh) said this Hadith, neither Iraq, nor Syria, nor Egypt had been conquered by the Muslims.
- ii They would stop giving their wealth to the Muslims. The scholars said that this is due to either of these two reasons:
 - a Because their people would leave Islam, or
 - b The non-Muslims would conquer those lands and attack those lands.



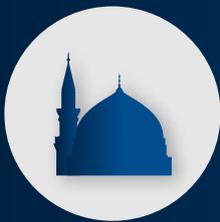


15. Islam will become strange

Now we want to focus on the last part of the Hadith,



"You will return to where you have begun, you will return to where you have begun, you will return to where you have begun".



Some scholars say this is a similar statement of the Prophet (pbuh):

"Islam began as something strange, and it will return to something strange as it began. So, glad tidings to the strangers."





This indicates to us that the problem with the Muslims and the strangeness in the Muslims will not be their lack of number, but it will be due to the small number of those of them who really know and live by the Islamic teachings.

This is relevant to the other Hadiths in that:

- i The people will take ignorant fools as their leaders. And this is something indeed that we see prevalent in our time.
- ii The non-Muslims overcoming the Muslim lands, that we will see the non-Muslims taking the wealth of the Muslims, that we will see them gathering around the Muslims.
- iii We will see the Muslims ignorant of what Islam is.
- iv We will see the numbers of Islam remain large, but the people who are practising it remain quite small. And this is indeed something we have witnessed, and something that we see.



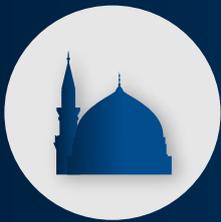


LESSON 7

THE CONQUEST OF CONSTANTINOPLE



16. The Conquest of Constantinople



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

"...Muslims will then fight and a third of the army would run away, whom Allah will never forgive. A third which would be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah's eye, would be killed, and the third who would never be put to trial would win and they would be conquerors of Constantinople."





Constantinople (Istanbul) was conquered in the early times of Islam, and it has remained with the Muslims ever since. However, this Hadith indicates to us that at the end of time, Constantinople will return to the hands of Ar Rum.

The meaning of 'Ar Rum':

- i The general meaning of Ar Rum as it was understood at the time of the Prophet (pbuh) is the Byzantine Empire, which had its base in Greece, and that sort of area, and was known by the term Ar Rum, or the Byzantines.
- ii However, some of the scholars said that Ar Rum can apply to anyone from that area, and even some of them expanded it to Europe in general, saying that Europe or perhaps Southern Europe, all of it is termed Ar Rum.

This conquest will lead to the first of the major signs of the Hour.





17. The huge battle between the Muslims and the Rum

This will happen before the conquest of Constantinople. It will be a huge battle that will happen between Ar Rum and the Muslims. The Muslim army will be dispatched from Al Madinah.



The Prophet (pbuh) said:

“The Hour will not come until Ar Rum descend militarily in Al A’maq or Daabiq [near to the city of Aleppo].”



So, there will come out to them an army from Al Madinah, and will be one of the best of the people on the earth on that day.

So, when they form ranks against one another, Ar Rum will say to them, 'make way and leave us to fight those people who took prisoners from us', so we may fight against them.

But the Muslims will say back to them as the armies are together, 'No, by Allah, we will not allow you to go freely and attack our brothers'.



The battle begins:

- i A third of the Muslims will run away. Allah will never ever forgive them;
- ii A third of them will be killed. And these are the best of the martyrs in the sight of Allah; and
- iii A third of them will be victorious, and will defeat Ar Rum and they will never suffer any trial. This means that this third will be protected by Allah (swt), and they will not suffer any trial.



So, they will conquer not by fighting but by remembering Allah (swt) then the city will fall they will enter the city in a state of safety.

This is the very end of the minor signs and the beginning of the major signs.



18. The Emergence of the Dajjal

The Muslims will have hung their swords on olive trees, then the Shai-taan would cry out, 'the Maseeh Ad Dajjal has taken your place among your families, the Maseeh Ad Dajjal has taken your place among your families'. And so, they will fear that the Dajjal has come.

When they finally reach Ash Sham, when they finally reach Syria or the Levant, at this point the Dajjal will appear.



The Dajjal will remain on the earth for a period of 40 days: one day will be like a year, one day will be like a month and the rest will be like normal days.



So, while they are preparing to fight against the Dajjal, straightening the lines, the call for prayer will be made, and the time for prayer will come.

So, Isa Ibn Maryam (pbuh) will descend. He will be invited to lead them in Salaah, but he will refuse and allow the leader of the Muslims at that time, who will be Al Imam Mahdi, to lead the Salaah instead of Isa as an honour for the Muslims

When the enemy of Allah i.e., the Dajjal, sees him, He will dissolve as salt dissolves in water.

If they were to leave him, he would dissolve until he died. However, Isa (pbuh) will kill him with his own hand. And he will show the believers his blood on his spear.





QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET



Q1. In what way were the internal conflicts among the companions of the Prophet (pbuh) justified?

Answer

Islam does not justify bloodshed among the Muslims. However, such wars and tribulations were due to the plots of the hypocrites, who tried to keep the war living until the companions killed one another.

Each of the companions was doing his best to back up the truth, and establish peace. But there are times where the truth does not render itself clear. And it is here that each makes his investigation and acts accordingly. So, both parties will be rewarded for their sincere exertion to reach the truth, and those who were on the right side will be rewarded twice, according to the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).



Q2. What are the characteristics of the major signs of the Hour?

Answer

Characteristics of the major signs of the Hour are:

- i They come one after the other in rapid flow.
- ii They are of a huge significance.
- iii They are completely in opposition to the norms of the world; for example, the sun rising from the west instead of the East, the Dajjal, the descending of Isa (pbuh), the coming out of a creature from the belly of the earth, branding people.



Q3. Who are the Ya'juj and Ma'juj that will emerge during the end times?

Answer

Ya'juj and Ma'juj are part of the children of Adam. And we know that they are extremely powerful, such that nobody will be able to hold up against them, not even Isa (pbuh).

We know that they dig through the wall built by Dhul Qarnain, but they don't dig day and night. When the day finishes, they stop, and they say we will come back tomorrow. But they do not say 'In Sha Allah'.

And there will come a day when they will say 'In Sha Allah' and they will be able to break through it.

Once they are let out, they will destroy and corrupt everything on the earth, and no one will be able to stand against them until Isa (pbuh) makes Du'a and Allah (swt) sends against them from Himself something that will destroy them.



Q4. Will Allah (swt) destroy the people even if pious people are in their midst?

Answer

The Sahaabah (ra) asked: “O Messenger of Allah, will we be destroyed while there are pious people among us?”

The Prophet (pbuh) said, ‘yes, if filth increases.’”

This means:

- i When our things that are disgusting, filthy, wrong, evil, become frequent and normal.
- ii Even if there are people of piety in the society, when this filth is rampant, there is a great danger that Allah (swt) will strike the entire society with a calamity.



“And fear a trial that will not strike the people who are oppressive among you alone”.

Al Qur’an 8:25



When this Fitnah or trial comes, it will not strike only those people who are oppressive; rather, it will strike every single person, the pious and the wicked, the moral and the immoral, the honourable and the dishonourable.



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