

Jafar As Sadiq, whose father was Mohammad Al Baqir and whose grandfather was Zain Al Abidin Ali son of Hussain son of Ali son of Abi Talib (Allah be pleased with them) (called this narration a Golden Chain) reported God's Messenger SAS as saying, "Rejoice and rejoice again. My people are just like the rain, it not being known whether the last or the first of it is better {1}; or it is like a garden from which a troop can be fed for a year, then another troop can be fed for a year, and perhaps the last troop which comes may be the broadest, deepest and finest {2}. **How can my Ummah die (expire, perish) {3} of which I am the first {4}, the Mahdi {5} the middle {6} and the Messiah the last? {7}** But in the course of that there will be a crooked party which does not belong to me and to which I do not belong. {8}" (Razin Transmitted it.) (Mishkaat Al Masabih, Kanzul Aamaal)

{1} Rejoice and rejoice again. My people are just like the rain, it not being known whether the last or the first of it is better:

1. Al-Tirmidhi Hadith. Hadith 6277. Narrated by Anas ibn Malik Rz: Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) said, "My people are like the rain, it not being known whether the first or the last of it is better."

{2} it is like a garden from which a troop can be fed for a year, then another troop can be fed for a year, and perhaps the last troop which comes may be the broadest, deepest and finest.

1. Sahih Muslim, Book 2: The Book Of Purification (Kitab Al-Taharah): Chapter 9: It Is Commendable To Include Forehead In Washing The Face And Elbow And Ankle In Washing The Hands And Feet, While Performing Ablution: Number 0482: Abu Huraira Rz reported: The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) came to the graveyard and said: Peace be upon you! The abode of the believing people and we, if God so wills, are about to join you. I love to see my brothers. They (the hearers) said: Aren't we your brothers-Messenger of Allah? He said: You are my companions, and our brothers are those who have, so far, not come into the world. They said: Messenger of Allah, how would you recognise those persons of your Ummah who have not yet been born? He said: Supposing a man had horses with white blazes on fore-heads and legs among horses which were all black, tell me, would he not recognise his own horses? They said: Certainly. Messenger of Allah. He said: **They would come with white faces and arms and legs** owing to ablution, and I would arrive at the Cistern (Hous-e-Kuthar) before them. Some people would be driven away from my Cistern (Hous-e-Kuthar) as the stray camel is driven away. I would call out. Come. come. Then it would be said (to me): These people changed themselves after you, and I would say: Be off, be off.

2. Sahih Muslim, Book 1: The Book of Faith (Kitab Al-Iman) Chapter 91: THE ADMITTANCE INTO PARADISE OF A GROUP OF MUSLIMS WITHOUT RENDERING ANY ACCOUNT AND SUFFERING PUNISHMENT (TORMENT) Book 001, Number 0421: Abu Huraira Rz reported: The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) said: Seventy thousand (persons) would enter Paradise as one group and among them (there would be people) **whom faces would be bright like the moon.**

3. Sahih Muslim, Book 40: The Book Pertaining To Paradise, Its Description, Its Bounties And Its Intimates (Kitab Al-Jannat Wa Sifat Na'imiha Wa Ahliha) Chapter 4: HE WHO WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A GLIMPSE OF THE SACRED FACE OF THE HOLY PROPHET (BLESSINGS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM) EVEN AT THE Cost OF HIS WHOLE PROPERTY AND HIS FAMILY Book 040, Number 6791: Abu Huraira Rz reported Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) as saying: The people most loved by me from amongst my Ummah would be those who would come after me but everyone amongst them would have the keenest desire to catch a glimpse of me even at the cost of his family and wealth.

4. Sahih Bukhari, Book 76: To make the Heart Tender (Ar-Riqaq) Volume 8, Book 76, Number 479: Narrated Ibn Abbas Rz: Allah's Apostle said, "Seventy thousand people of my followers will enter Paradise without accounts, and they are those who do not practice Ar-Ruqya and do not see an evil omen in things, and put their trust in their Lord {Tark-e-Dunya}.

{3} How can my Ummah die (expire, perish) 500+500=1,000 years

1. Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 37: Battles (Kitab Al-Malahim) Book 37, Number 4335: Narrated AbuTha'labah al-Khushani Rz: The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) said: Allah will not fail to detain this community for less than half a day. (500 years) {Rasool Allah SAS expectation}

2. Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 37: Battles (Kitab Al-Malahim) Book 37, Number 4336: Narrated Sa'd ibn AbuWaqqaas Rz: The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) said: I hope {Dua} my community will not fail to maintain their position in the sight of their Lord if He delays them half a day. Sa'd was asked: How long is half a day? He said: It is five hundred years. (500 years) {Rasool Allah SAS Dua}

3. Narrated Zahaak bin Zamal Rz: The Life of the World is Seven Thousand Years, I am in the last Thousand. (Kanzul Ummal, Kitab Al Qiyamah, Bab Awwal Fi Umoor.)(Tibraani, Hakim, Baihaqi, Tafseer Ibn Kaseer, Roohul Maani, Tafseer Tabari, Jamia Imam Suyuti)

4. Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 36: The Promised Deliverer (Kitab Al-Mahdi) Book 36, Number 4269: Narrated Abdullah ibn Mas'ud Rz: The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) said: If only one day of this world remained. Allah would lengthen that day, till He raised up in it a man (Al Mehdi) who belongs to me...

5. And We have sent you (O Muhammad) not but as a mercy for the worlds {Whoever accepts Rasool Allah SAS}. (Al Anbiya 21:107)

6. Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 36: The Promised Deliverer (Kitab Al-Mahdi) Book 36, Number 4270: Narrated Ali ibn AbuTalib Rz: The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) said: If only one day of this time (world) remained, Allah would raise up a man (Al Mahdi) from my family who would fill this earth with justice as it has been filled with oppression. {Whoever accepts Mahdi AS}

7. Narrated Jafar As Sadiq Rz: How can my Ummah die (expire, perish) of which I {1} am the first {0H}, the Mahdi {2} the middle {1,000H} and the Messiah {3} the last {1500H Allah knows}? (Razin, Hakim, Kanzul Aamal, Jamia Al Suyuti, Mishkaat) {Ummah saviors Hz. Rasool Allah SAS, Hz Mehdi AS and Hz.Isa AS}

8. Suban Rz narrates that Hazrat Rasool Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) said "Two branches of my Ummah are such that Allah has saved them from the fire of Hell. One of them is that who will fight in Hind (India) {group of Hz. Mahdi AS}, the other will accompany Isa ibn-e-Maryam AS. (Sunan Nasai, Vol 03, Book: Battle, Chapter: Battle of Hind. Hadith: 4384)

9. "It is narrated by Hz. Abu Hurairah Rz that Hazrath Rasool Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) made a promise to us of the battle of Hind (Ghazwa-e-Hind). If I get this battle I will sacrifice my life and belongings. If I am killed in this battle, I shall be counted among high-ranked martyrs (Afzal Shuhada). If I return as a "Ghazi" (Conqueror), I will be that Abu Hurairah who has been freed from the fire of hell." (Sunan Nasai, Vol 03, Book: Battles, Chapter: Battle of Hind. Hadith: 4382, 4383) (Battle related to Khalifatullah will be called Gazwa in the religious terminology)

10. Sahih Bukhari, Book 48: Witnesses Volume 3, Book 48, Number 820: Narrated Abdullah Rz: The Prophet said, "The people of my generation {1} are the best, then those who follow them {2} {Mahdi AS}, and then those who follow the latter {3} {Isa AS}. After that there will come some people whose witness will go ahead of their oaths, and their oaths will go ahead of their witness."

11. "The best of mankind is my generation {1}, then those that follow them {2} {Mahdi AS} and then those that follow them {3} {Isa AS}. Then there shall come a people after them who will become avaricious (materialistic), who will love gluttony (greediness), and who will give witness before they are asked for it." (Tirmidhi)

{4} I am the first

1. O Believers! Do not step ahead of Allah and His Messenger ([blessings and peace be upon him] in any matter and keep fearing Allah (lest some discourtesy should occur displeasing the Messenger [blessings and peace be upon him]). Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. (Al Hujrat - 49:1)

2. O Believers! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) and (also) do not speak to him so loud as you are loud when you speak to one another (lest) all your actions should come to nothing (including your faith), and you are not even aware (that your faith and all pious works have been wrecked). (Al Hujrat - 49:2)

3. Hadith-e-Qudsi: O beloved! If I had not created you, I would never have disclosed Myself {Deedar-e-Khuda}

4. Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 36: The Promised Deliverer (Kitab Al-Mahdi) Book 36, Number 4269: Narrated Abdullah ibn Mas'ud Rz: The Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) said: If only one day of this world remained. Allah would lengthen that day, till He raised up in it a man (Al Mehdi) who belongs to me...

{5} the Mahdi the middle

1. "Whoever denies belief in the Dajjal, has certainly committed disbelief and whoever denies belief in the Mahdi, has certainly committed disbelief"

The above hadith of Prophet SLM has been reported in the following works of Islamic Scholars:

*Abu Bakr al-Askafi (263-352 H) narrated it in Fawa'id al-Akhbar

*The hadith Master Abu al-Qasim al-Suhayli (d.624 H) in his book Sharh al-Sirah

*The hadith Master Ibn Nasir al-Din al-Dimashqi (777-842 H) in his book 'Uqud al-Durar fi 'Ulum al-Athar ("The Pearl Necklaces in the Science of Reports")

*The hadith Master Jalal al-Din al-Suyuti (849-911 H) in his treatise al-'Arf al-Wardi fi Akhbar al-Mahdi ("The Rose Fragrance Concerning the Reports on al-Mahdi")

*Ibn Hajar al-Haytami (909-974 H) in his fatwa titled al-Qawl al-Mukhtasar fi 'Alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar ("The Brief Discourse on the Portents of the Awaited Mahdi") said that denial of the Mahdi entails kufr.

2. Thouban Rz narrated that the Prophet SLM said that for your treasure (khilafat) three persons would fight. Every one of them would be the son of a khalifa. But none of them would get it. Then black flags would appear from the east. They shall massacre you, but no community would be able to kill them. Then, my master said something after this, which I have forgotten. He said when you see him make covenant (ba'it) with him even if you have to go crawling upon snow, because he is khalifa of Allah, Mahdi. (Musnad Ahmad, Mishkat al-Masabih, Sunan Ibn Majah) This hadith has also been reported by al Hakim (321-405 H) in Mustadrak, Abu Nu'aim Asfahani (334-430 H) in Huliyyat ul Awliya and Ibn Katheer (700-774 H) in Kitab ul Fitan wal Malaahim.

3. Sahih Bukhari, Book 60: Prophetic Commentary on the Qur'an (Tafseer of the Prophet (pbuh)) Volume 6, Book 60, Number 420: Abu Huraira Rz said: When we were sitting with the Prophet SAS Sura Al Jumu'ah came down. Then when the words "and others of them who have not yet joined them (Al-Jumu'ah 62:3)" came down, the people asked God's Messenger SAS who they were. Salman Al-Farsi Rz was among us, and placing his hand on Salman Rz {Non-Arab, Ajami} the Prophet SAS said "If faith were in the Pleiades (Ath-Thuraiya, the highest star) some of these men {Non-Arabs, Ajami} would attain it."

4. Al-Tirmidhi Hadith, Hadith 6244. Narrated by AbuHurayrah Rz: Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) recited this verse, "If you turn back He will substitute other people for you and they will not be like you. The people asked, "Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him), who are these people whom Allah has mentioned will be substituted for us if we turn back and will not be like us?" He struck Salman al-Farisi {Non-Arab, Ajami} on the thigh and said, "This man {Non-Arab, Ajami} and his people {Non-Arabs, Ajami}. If the religion were in the Pleiades (Ath-Thuraiya, the highest star) men from among the Persians would attain it."

5. Al-Tirmidhi Hadith, Hadith 6245. Narrated by AbuHurayrah Rz: When the foreigners were mentioned in the presence of Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) He said, 'I have more trust in them (or in some of them) {Non-Arabs, Ajami} than I have in you (or, in some of you).'

{6} Middle

1. Guard strictly (five obligatory) the prayers, especially the middle prayer ('Asr). And stand before Allah with obedience. (Al Baqarah – 2:238)

{Day Start: [Fajr, Zohr, Asr (Middle), Magrib, Isha]
Date Start: [Magrib, Isha, Fajr (Middle), Zohr, Asr]}

2. Sahih Bukhari, Book 10: Times of the Prayers Volume 1, Book 10, Number 529: Narrated Qais Rz: Jarir Rz said, "We were with the Prophet and he looked at the moon--full-moon--and said, 'Certainly you will see your Lord as you see this moon and you will have no trouble in seeing Him. So if you can avoid missing (through sleep or business, etc.) a prayer before the sun-rise (Fajr) and a prayer before sunset ('Asr), you must do so.' He then recited Allah's Statement: And celebrate the praises of your Lord before The rising of the sun And before (its) setting." (50:39) Isma'il said, "Offer those prayers and do not miss them."

{7} the Messiah the last

1. It is reported by Anas Rz that the holy Prophet (SAW) said: Whosoever from amongst you lives to see Jesus, son of Mary, he should convey my greetings to him. (Hakim) {Mehdi AS and Isa AS will not come in the same era}

2. Sahih Muslim, Book 20: The Book on Government (Kitab Al-Imara), Chapter 15: WHEN THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR TWO CALIPHS Book 020, Number 4568: It has been narrated on the authority of Aba Sa'id al-Khudri Rz that the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace be upon him) said: When oath of

allegiance has been taken for two caliphs, kill the one for whom the oath was taken later. {Mehdi AS and Isa AS will not come in the same era}

3. Sahih Muslim, Book 41: The Book Pertaining to the Turmoil and Portents of the Last Hour (Kitab Al-Fitan wa Ashrat As-Sa'ah) Chapter 13: THE SIGNS BEFORE THE APPROACH OF THE LAST HOUR. Book 041, Number 6931: Hudhaifa b. Usaid Ghifari Rz reported: Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) came to us all of a sudden as we were (busy in a discussion). He said: What do you discuss about? They (the Companions) said. We are discussing about the Last Hour. Thereupon he said: It will not come until you see ten signs before and (in this connection) he made a mention of the 1.smoke, 2.Dajjal, the 3.beast, 4.the rising of the sun from the west, 5.the descent of Jesus son of Mary (Allah be pleased with him), the 6.Gog and Magog, and land-slidings in three places, one in the 7.east, one in the 8.west and one in 9.Arabia at the end of which 10.fire would burn forth from the Yemen, and would drive people to the place of their assembly. {Mehdi AS and Isa AS will not come in the same era}

4. Sahih Muslim, Book 41: The Book Pertaining to the Turmoil and Portents of the Last Hour (Kitab Al-Fitan wa Ashrat As-Sa'ah), Chapter 18: ACCOUNT OF THE DAJJAL AND HIS FEATURES AND WHAT WOULD BE ALONG WITH HIM, Book 041, Number 7015: An-Nawwas b. Sam'an Rz reported that Allah's Messenger (blessings and peace be upon him) made a mention of the Dajjal one day in the morning. He sometimes described him to be insignificant and sometimes described (his turmoil) as very significant and we felt as if he were in the cluster of the date-palm trees. When we went to him (to the Holy Prophet) in the evening and he read (the signs of fear) in our faces, he said: What is the matter with you?

We said: Allah's Messenger, you made a mention of the Dajjal in the morning (sometimes describing him) to be insignificant and sometimes very important, until we began to think as if he were present in some (near) part of the cluster of the date palm trees. Thereupon he said: I harbor fear in regard to you in so many other things besides the Dajjal. If he comes forth while I am among you, I shall contend with him on your behalf, but if he comes forth while I am not amongst you, a man must contend on his own behalf and Allah would take care of every Muslim on my behalf (and safeguard him against his evil). He (Dajjal) would be a young man with twisted, contracted hair, and a blind eye. I compare him to 'Abdul-Uzza b. Qatan. He who amongst you would survive to see him should recite over him the opening verses of Sura Kahf (xviii.). He would appear on the way between Syria and Iraq and would spread mischief right and left. O servant of Allah! adhere (to the path of Truth). We said: Allah's Messenger, how long would he stay on the earth? He said. For forty days, one day like a year and one day like a month and one day like a week and the rest of the days would be like your days. We said: Allah's Messenger, would one day's prayer suffice for the prayers of day equal to one year? Thereupon he said: No, but you must make an estimate of time (and then observe prayer). We said: Allah's Messenger, how quickly would he walk upon the earth? Thereupon he said: Like cloud driven by the wind. He would come to the people and invite them (to a wrong religion) and they would affirm their faith in him and respond to him. He would then give command to the sky and there would be rainfall upon the earth and it would grow crops. Then in the evening, their posturing animals would come to them with their humps very high and their udders full of milk and their flanks stretched. He would then come to another people and invite them. But they would reject him and he would go away from them and there would be drought for them and nothing would be left with them in the form of wealth.

He would then walk through the waste, land and say to it: Bring forth your treasures, and the treasures would come out and collect (themselves) before him like the swarm of bees. He would then call a person brimming with youth and strike him with the sword and cut him into two pieces and (make these pieces lie at a distance which is generally) between the archer and his target. He would then call (that young man) and he will come forward laughing with his face gleaming (with happiness) and it would at this very time that Allah would send Christ, son of Mary, and he will descend at the white minaret in the eastern side of Damascus wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he would lower his head, there would fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he would raise it up, beads like pearls would scatter from it. Every non-believer who would smell the odour of his self would die and his breath would reach as far as he would be able to see. He would then search for him (Dajjal) until he would catch hold of him at the gate of Ludd and would kill him. Then a people whom Allah had protected would come to Jesus, son of Mary, and he would wipe their faces and would inform them of their ranks in Paradise and it would be under such conditions that Allah would reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from amongst My servants such people against whom none would be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah would send Gog and Magog and they would swarm down from every slope. The first of them would pass the lake of Tibering and drink out of it. And when the last of them would pass, he would say: There was once water there. Jesus and his companions would then be besieged here (at Tur, and they would be so much hard pressed) that the head of the ox would be dearer to them than

one hundred dinars and Allah's Apostle, Jesus, and his companions would supplicate Allah, Who would send to them insects (which would attack their necks) and in the morning they would perish like one single person. Allah's Apostle, Jesus, and his companions would then come down to the earth and they would not find in the earth as much space as a single span which is not filled with their putrefaction and stench. Allah's Apostle, Jesus, and his companions would then again beseech Allah, Who would send birds whose necks would be like those of bactrin camels and they would carry them and throw them where God would will.

Then Allah would send rain which no house of clay or (the tent of) camels' hairs would keep out and it would wash away the earth until it could appear to be a mirror. Then the earth would be told to bring forth its fruit and restore its blessing and, as a result thereof, there would grow (such a big) pomegranate that a group of persons would be able to eat that, and seek shelter under its skin and milk cow would give so much milk that a whole party would be able to drink it. And the milk camel would give such (a large quantity of) milk that the whole tribe would be able to drink out of that and the milk sheep would give so much milk that the whole family would be able to drink out of that and at that time Allah would send a

pleasant wind which would soothe (people) even under their armpits, and would take the life of every Muslim and only the wicked would survive who would commit adultery like asses and the Last Hour would come to them. {Mehdi AS and Isa AS will not come in the same era}

{8} But in the course of that there will be a crooked party which does not belong to me and to which I do not belong.

1. Sahih Bukhari: Prophets Volume 4, Book 55, Number 558. ALSO: Sahih Muslim, Book 5: The Book of Zakat (Kitab Al-Zakat), Chapter 44: The Khwarij And Their Characteristics. Narrated Ibn 'Abbas Rz: The Prophet said, "I have been made victorious with As-Saba (i.e. an easterly wind) and the people of 'Ad were destroyed by Ad-Dabur (i.e. a westerly wind)." Narrated Abu Said Rz: Ali sent a piece of gold to the Prophet who distributed it among four persons: Al-Aqra' bin Habis Al-Hanzali from the tribe of Mujashi, 'Uyaina bin Badr Al-Fazari, Zaid At-Ta'i who belonged to (the tribe of) Bani Nahban, and 'Alqama bin Ulatha Al-'Amir who belonged to (the tribe of) Bani Kilab. So the Quraish and the Ansar became angry and said, "He (i.e. the Prophet,) gives the chief of Najd and does not give us." The Prophet said, "I give them so as to attract their hearts (to Islam)." Then a man with sunken eyes, prominent checks, a raised forehead, a thick beard and a shaven head, came (in front of the Prophet) and said, "Be afraid of Allah, O Muhammad!" The Prophet ' said "Who would obey Allah if I disobeyed Him? (Is it fair that) Allah has trusted all the people of the earth to me while, you do not trust me?" Somebody who, I think was Khalid bin Al-Walid, requested the Prophet to let him chop that man's head off, but he prevented him. When the man left, the Prophet said, "Among the off-spring of this man will be some who will recite the Qur'an but the Qur'an will not reach beyond their throats (i.e. they will recite like parrots and will not understand it nor act on it), and they will renegade from the religion as an arrow goes through the game's body. They will kill the Muslims but will not disturb the idolaters. If I should live up to their time' I will kill them as the people of 'Ad were killed (i.e. I will kill all of them)."

NOTE: Comments in the {flower brackets} are not from the Hadees book.