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39: The Arabian Peninsula becomes Green with Rivers Again

Again is the keyword.

Imam Muslim narrates that the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The Day of judgement will not occur until the land of the Arabs becomes gardens and rivers again.”

A day will come when the Arabian Peninsula will become green, with rivers flowing. These areas include the lands of ‘Aad and other parts of Arabia. The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that it will return to that state. This is a scientific miracle. At the end of the Ice Age, the north and south were capped with ice. Now, scientists are finding out that in some areas – such as the eastern parts of Yemen – there were basins and rivers.

How can this happen – that the Arabian Peninsula will once again become green? Wallahu ‘Alam if it’s through climate change or not. It has not happened yet.

Some people say that it has happened because of the development going on in certain Arab cities, such as Dubai. They say that because of the agricultural development, these lands are going back to being green. Wallahu ‘Alam, it has not happened yet.

40: Lots of Rain, but Nothing Grows

The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The day of judgement will not occur until a widespread rain will fall over the people, but nothing will grow.”

It is not a lack of rain, but a lack of plants. Why would this be? Maybe because the people will have corrupted the earth so much and there is no blessing in the land. Wallahu ‘Alam.

41: Euphrates Uncovers a Mountain of Gold

[I use the MSA database of USC to search for ahaadith.]

The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “Soon the river Euphrates will disclose the treasure (the mountain) of gold, so whoever will be present at that time should not take anything of it.” [Bukhaari, V.9/B.88/#235].

Abu Hurayrah narrated that the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The Last Hour would not come before the Euphrates uncovers a mountain of gold, for which people would fight. Ninety-nine out of each one hundred would die but every man amongst them would say that perhaps he would be the one who would be saved (and thus possess this gold.)” [Muslim B.41/#6918]

42: Animals and Objects Speaking

[I searched for the hadith online, but this was the closest I found.]

There was a shepherd with his sheep. A wolf attacked and took one of the sheep. The shepherd followed it and took his sheep back. The wolf sat back, with his legs in the air – like a person – and said, “Itiqillah (fear Allah). You are taking away food from me that was sent to me by Allah.” The shepherd said, “What an amazing thing! A wolf sitting like a man and speaking to me!” The wolf said, “I will tell you something more amazing. The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam is in Yathrib [what Madinah was called at the time], and he is teaching the people about the nations before.” The shepherd, who was not Muslim at the time, went to Madinah and went to RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam and told him what happened. RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam gathered all of the Sahabah and told the shepherd, “Tell them what you heard.” The shepherd told them and then the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The day of judgement will not occur until the beasts will speak to you.....and your legs would speak to you.”

Allahu Alam, we usually take the literal meaning unless there is evidence otherwise. For the animals speaking, we take the literal meaning.

43: Desire of Dying

[In a hadith narrated by Bukhaari, that I found here, the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that the Hour will not be established “till a man when passing by a grave of someone will say, ‘Would that I were in his place.’”]

The said Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam, “The Hour will not be established till a man passes by a grave of somebody and says, ‘Would that I were in his place.’” [Bukhaari, 9/88/231]

In a hadith narrated by Muslim, the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “A time will come when a man will pass next to a grave and put his face in it and say, ‘I wish I were in his place.’” The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that this is not because of debt. People want to kill themselves if they are in serious debt.

Ibn Mas’ud said, “A time will come, when if death were sold, people would buy it.”

Al-Haafidh al-Iraqi has an interesting commentary on this. He says that it is not unusual to find people desiring death in any time, but when people see death, and cemeteries and a grave, they don’t feel like dying anymore. When you see death in your face, we naturally hate death. Al-Iraqi says that if they see death in front of their eyes and still desire death. That really tells you that they are going through miserable time. We ask Allah for security from this.

These trials and tribulations are either a test or a punishment for the people.

44: Population of the Romans Increases

In a hadith narrated by Muslim, the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The day of judgement will occur and the Romans are the largest nation, in terms of number.” Who are the Romans? They are the Europeans, which extends to Latin America, Canada, the US, etc – the Caucasians.

What does this hadith mean? Is it a negative or a positive sign? Allahu ‘Alam. Are they Muslim or non-Muslim? Allahu ‘Alam.

Now we find that there is a great decline in the population of Europe. The growth in some countries of Europe that is negative.

SubhanAllah, this is a change that has not happened yet.

Ar-Room does not mean that they are non-Muslim. Allahu ‘Alam, they can be Muslims.

46: Opening of the Constantinople

Abu Huraira reported Allah’s Apostle (may peace be upon him) saying, “You have heard about a city the one side of which is in the land and the other is in the sea (Constantinople).” They said: “Allah’s Messenger, yes.” Thereupon he said: “The Last Hour would not come unless seventy thousand persons from Bani Isra’eel [descendants of Ishaq] would attack it. When they would land there, they will neither fight with weapons nor would shower arrows but would only say: “There is no god but Allah and Allah is the Greatest,” (La ilaaha illallah wallaahu Akbar) that one side of it would fall. Thaur (one of the narrators) said: I think that he said: “The part by the side of the ocean.” Then they would say for the second time: “There is no god but Allah and Allah is the Greatest” that the second side would also fall. And they would say: “There is no god but Allah and Allah is the Greatest” then the gates would be opened for them and they would enter therein and, they would be collecting spoils of war and distributing them amongst themselves that a noise would be heard and It would be said: “Verily, Dajjal has come.” And thus they would leave everything there and would turn to him. [Muslim, B.41, #6979]

Who are these 70,000 descendants of Ishaq? The Jews are descendants of Ishaq. The scholars of hadith, like Ibn Katheer and Nawawi and others, say that this is talking about Romans that are Muslims. The early Muslim historians say that the Romans are the descendants of Al ‘Ees ibn Ishaq. They could be Romans part of the general Muslim army. They could also be Jews who became Muslim. They are going to open Constantinople with dhikr, so they are Muslim. They could also be Muslims who are living in that area. As we said, the land of Turkey (Asia Minor) used to be part of the Byzantine Empire; maybe they will open Istanbul again. Wallahu ‘Alam.

When we are talking about signs of the DOJ, we are talking about ghayb – the unknown. The scholars’ interpretation could be right or wrong. The purpose of these ahaadith are not to draw a map and show exactly what’s going to happen. The purpose of these ahaadith is:

1. To show the miracle of Islam; the miracle of the hadeeth of the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam.

2. They serve as bishaaraat for the believers. They are good news for us. They give us confidence and strength. Things will get tough and difficult; therefore these ahaadith will serve as guidance for us during that time. We can never know exactly what they mean until they happen – for example, the fire that would come out of Madinah. We didn’t know what it meant, but when it happened, we found out for sure that it was talking about a volcano.

47: Reign of Qahtaan

Abu Hurayrah reported that the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “The Hour will not be established until a man from Qahtaan appears, driving the people with his stick.” [Bukhaari V.9, B.88, #233] The hadith may sound as if the man is evil because he is described as “driving the people with his stick”, but another hadith explains that he is righteous and one of the khulafaa’. So he is righteous, but strict and tough. Ibn Abbaas commented and said, “....all of them are righteous.”

Qahtaan is the ancestor of the Arabs of Yemen. He will be a khaalifa. He is very righteous, but he’s strict and tough. That means he will be very severe in his punishment as evil. That is why he is described as “pushing the people with a stick.” Allahu ‘Alam, this could be before Mehdi, but most likely it will be after.

49: Madinah Expelling the Evil

RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, in a hadith by Bukhaari, that a time would come when a man would call his cousin and his relative, telling him, “Come to the luxurious life. Come to the luxurious life.” This is talking about people from Madinah, who would go to other lands where life is more luxurious and they would call their relatives to leave Madinah and come and enjoy life where there is a ‘better standard.’ Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “Madinah is better for them, if they know.” Then the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “In the name of the One in Whose Hand is my soul Allah], anyone who leaves Madinah and gives it up, Allah subhaana wa ta’ala will replace in Madinah someone better than him.” Then the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “AlMadinah is like a furnace that separates the impurities and Madinah will expel all of the impurities out.”

Imagine it like the people who come from other countries in the world and come to America. Then they call their family because of the better standard of living. Similarly, these people will leave Madinah and call their relatives to a more luxurious life. The Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that Madinah is better for them.

[Also, if you would like, see Bukhari, chapter 30: Virtues of Madinah]

Is this hadith talking about all times or a specific time? There are two opinions, and each of them has their evidence:

1. AlQaadi Iyaad says that this hadith is specific to the time of the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam.
2. Al Imaam AnNawawi says that this hadith is specific for the time of ad-Dajjaal.

AlQaadi’s evidence is this hadith in Bukhari [3/30/107]: Jaabir ibn ‘Abdillah narrates that a bedouin came to the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam and gave a pledge of allegiance for embracing Islam. The next day he came with fever and said (to the Prophet), “Please cancel my pledge (of embracing Islam and of immigrating to Medina).” The Prophet refused (that request) three times and said, “Medina is like a furnace, it expels out the impurities (bad persons) and selects the good ones and makes them perfect.”

Madinah has a rough environment, even with the standard of the area. It's very hot and dry. When the Sahabah went from Makkah to Madinah, they couldn't handle it. The muhajireen [the ones who migrated] had a lot of fever and different types of diseases. The Ansaar handled it; they were used to it. The news got back to the Quraysh that the Muslims had lost their health and become weak. The Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam wanted the sahabah to show the Quraysh that they were strong and that the fever didn't harm them, so he told them to run the first 3 times when they made Umrah and did the tawaaf. That's why it is sunnah to do the first three rounds of tawaaf running. The Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam made du'aa` to push the fever out of Madinah. So the fever was pushed out of Madinah by the barakah/blessing of the du'aa` of RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam.

What is the evidence of AnNawawi? His evidence is the hadith in Bukhaari [3/30/105]: narrated by Anas ibn Maalik that the Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "There will be no town which Ad-Dajjal will not enter except Mecca and Medina, and there will be no entrance (road) (of both Mecca and Medina) but the angels will be standing in rows guarding it against him, and then Medina will shake with its inhabitants thrice (i.e. three earth-quakes will take place) and Allah will expel all the nonbelievers and the hypocrites from it."

3. Ibn Hajar al-Askalaani says that this hadith is talking about the time of RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam and Ad-Dajjal both.

4. Some of the scholars of hadith say that it is general and applies to all times. But then one would ask the question: Why did many of the great Sahabah leave Madinah? We know many great Sahabah left Madinah, such as Mu'aadh ibn Jabl, Abu 'Ubaydah ibn AlJarrah and 'Ali ibn Abi Taalib left Madinah. 'Ali made his capital outside of Madinah, in Iraaq. If it applies to all time, how did these great Sahabah leave Madinah to go other places?

During these times, the evil people would leave Madinah, but there would come a time when Madinah will be deserted. This is towards the end of time – after Mehdi, after the blessed time of 'Isa [Jesus]. RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, in a hadith by Bukhaari [3/30/98]: narrated by Abu Hurayrah: I heard Allah's Apostle saying, "The people will leave Medina in spite of the best state it will have, and none except the wild birds and the beasts of prey will live in it, and the last persons who will die will be two shepherds from the tribe of Muzaina, who will be driving their sheep towards Medina, but will find nobody in it, and when they reach the valley of Thaniyat-al-Wadaa`, they will fall down on their faces dead."

Yahya related to me from Malik from Ibn Himas from his paternal uncle from Abu Hurayra that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Madina will be left in the best way that it is until a dog or wolf enters it and urinates on one of the pillars of the mosque or on the mimbar." They asked, "Messenger of Allah! Who will have the fruit at that time?" He replied, "Animals seeking food, birds and wild beasts." [Malik's Muwatta, Book 45, #45.2.8] "Who will harvest the crop?" Madinah was known for its dates and fruits. This shows that Madinah is deserted.

Ibn Katheer says that AlMadinah would be revived and alive and strong during the time of Ad-Dajjal and in the time of 'Isa, until 'Isa dies. He will die and be buried in Madinah. After that, Madinah will be deserted and destroyed. But this is at the end of time, when there are no more righteous people any more.

How long will Madinah be deserted? For 40 years. The reason it will be empty is because there will be no 'ibaadah during that time. What is making Madinah alive today? It is not commerce or business – it is the worship of Allah and the Ummah establishing the rituals of Islam in these two places [Makkah and Madinah].

50: A Blessed Wind Taking the Souls of the Believers

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "Verily Allah would make a wind to blow from the side of the Yemen more delicate than silk and would spare none but cause him to die who has faith equal to the weight of a grain. [Muslim, 1/212]

After that, the only people left will be those who have no imaan. So the holy places will be deserted. That will lead to the destruction of the Ka'bah.

51: Destruction of the Ka'bah

RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, "The ones who will transgress against the sanctity of Al-Ka'bah will be its people (meaning the Ummah)." No enemy can destroy the Ka'bah. The only transgression against it will be when this Ummah transgresses it. RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam says, "When that happens, don't ask about the perishing of the Arabs." Then RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam says, "Abyssinia would come and they would destroy al-Ka'bah and they would take out the treasures of the Ka'bah."

RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam told us exactly who would destroy the Ka'bah in a hadith in Bukhaari. Abu Hurayrah narrated that RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, "DhusSuwaiqatain (the thin legged man) from Ethiopia will demolish the Ka'bah." [2/26/666]

Ibn Abbaas narrated the Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, "As if I were looking at him, a black person with thin legs plucking the stones of the Ka'ba one after another." [Bukhaari, 2/26/665]

52: AlMehdi

Mehdi comes before the destruction of the Ka'bah, but we're listing him after because he relates the major signs of the day of Judgement, like 'Isa and Ad-Dajjal, etc.

The ahadith leave no doubt about the truth of the coming of AlMehdi. We, as the Ummah of Muhammad, believe that there is someone who is called AlMehdi, who will come at the end of time and rule this Ummah with justice, after it was ruled with oppression. And he is from Ahl Al-Bayt, the house of RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam. His name will be Muhammad ibn 'Abdillah, or Ahmad ibn 'Abdillah. He will be a descendant of Hasan ibn Abi Taalib and Faatimah az-Zahra, the daughter of RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam. He will rule over this Ummah for 7 or 8 years.

Some hadith about AlMehdi:

[Muslim] RasulAllah sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said, "There will be a group of this Ummah, fighting on truth, prevailing until the day of judgement."

This Ummah will always have a group that is fighting for truth. Even during the lowest times, RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that there will be people fighting for truth, for the sake of this religion. Therefore, there will always be good in his Ummah. What happened to other nations before will not happen to this Ummah. What happened to the other nations is that they received the message from the messengers and stayed on it for awhile, and then they kept declining and declining until they were absolutely gone and astray from the religion. There is no good in them anymore, and that is why Allah sent another Prophet. But with this Ummah, there isn’t any other Prophet after RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam.

Therefore, the ones who will revive this Ummah are members of this Ummah. They will survive until the end of time because of the Qur’aan that Allah has protected and because of the good in this Ummah.

RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam says, My Ummah is like rain, you don’t know where the benefit is. When the rain falls down, you have sudden bursts of rain where a lot of waterfalls. (In areas where a lot of waterfalls, you don’t have the same amount all of the time. You have different bursts of amount.) Therefore, you don’t know if the blessing is going to be in the beginning or the end. RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said that my Ummah is like this – you think the Ummah is going down, and then you see a big wave of righteousness that shows up again. You think that the Ummah is dead and cannot be arrived, but Allah subhaana wa ta’aala revives it again.

Another hadith: RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam says that there will be one of your khulafaa` that will give out money without counting. And this khalifa will be AlMehdi. He’s not going to count money and give you a specific amount. There will be so much blessing during his time that he will just hand it out.

The next hadith is in Muslim and Imam Ahmad. Abu Sa’eed AlKhudri reported that the Prophet sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “I am giving you the good news of AlMehdi, who will be sent to Ummah during times of disputes. And there will be a lot of earth problems (they could be earthquakes or other catastrophes). He will replace the oppression and injustice of the world with justice.” RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam is saying that the world will be filled with oppression and injustice, and he will come and fill the world with justice. “The dwellers of this earth will be pleased with him and the dwellers of the heaven will be pleased with him.” So not only will the humans be pleased with him, but the angels will be pleased with him as well. “He will divide money sihaahan.” One of the companions asked, “What does sihaahan mean?” RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “He will give out money equally to the people.” One of the biggest injustices that exist today in the Muslim world is the way money is handled – if you have the right connections, you get what you want. If you are someone who is righteous, trustworthy and honest, you get thrown aside. And we find that the wealth of the Ummah is plundered and abused and used for reasons against what Allah subhaana wa ta’aala has willed for the wealth to be spent.

One of the most important roles of a government is to hand over money in the right way. When we’re talking about injustice in money, it’s not a simple thing. When people in high positions take the money and use it as they want and wish, that is one of the greatest abuses of power and one of the greatest injustices. This is not something we can overlook; it is a great sin.

[A continuation of the hadith?] “And he will fill the hearts of the Ummah of Muhammad sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam with satisfaction and content.” It is not only the bodies pleased. SubhanAllah, you will find people who are ‘bought off’ with money, but their hearts and minds are not happy. “And his justice will encompass all of them. And he will announce to the public, ‘Who needs money?’ and no one would respond, except one man would stand up and say, ‘I.’ AlMehdi will tell him, ‘Go to the treasurer and tell him that AlMehdi is telling him to give you money. (The order of AlMehdi was to throw money on him and not count.) The man goes and conveys that to the treasurer, so he fills all of his clothes with money. When that man sees all of that money and leaves, he regrets it. He says, ‘I was the most greedy of the Ummah of Muhammad. Why wasn’t I content as they were?’ So he would go back and try to return the money. The treasurer would say, ‘There are no returns.’” SubhaanAllah, you beg the treasurer to take the money back and he tells you that there is no return policy! “It will be like that for seven or eight or nine years and then there will be no good in living after that.”

In another hadith by Ahmad, ‘Ali ibn Abi Taalib said that RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “AlMehdi belongs to us, the household of RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam, and Allah would guide him in one night.” When something is broken and you fix it, it’s called islaah. When something is bought to its best condition, it’s called islaah. When something is improved, it’s called islaah. What it means by [Arabic of hadith: usliha wallahu fi layla] Allahu ‘Alam. It could mean that Allah would give him the strength and the power in one night. It could mean that Allah would guide him and give him understanding of religion in one night. Whatever the case, it happens in one night.

In the next hadith by Abu Dawood, RasulAllah sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam said, “If there was only one day left in the world, Allah would make it longer until he sends a man from my household, his name is like my name and the name of his father is like the name of my father. He would fill the world with justice like it was filled with injustice and oppression.” Therefore, the name of AlMehdi would be either Muhammad or Ahmad and his father’s name would be ‘Abdullah.

These are the descriptions of AlMehdi, and now we are done with the minor signs of the day of judgement.