

*WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD <sup>AS</sup> AS*

# **THE PROMISED MESSIAH AND THE MAHDI**



# INTRODUCTION

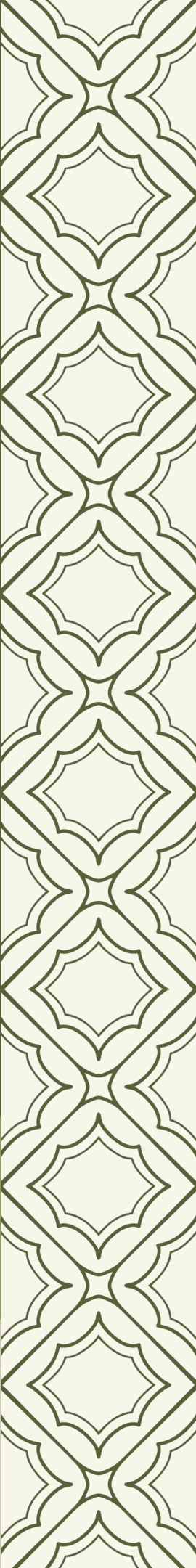
- We need to know and understand why we believe in the Promised Messiah (as)
- See some of the many Prophecies foretelling the advent of the Promised Messiah (as)



# INTRODUCTION

*This Presentation will be in 3 parts:*

- 1** Those prophecies foretold in the Holy Quran
- 2** Those prophecies foretold in the Hadith for how to recognise and identify the true Promised Messiah (as) from the false ones.
- 3** Those prophecies that were made by the Promised Messiah (as) that came true during his lifetime. We will be able to cover only a few as there are thousands of signs which support his truthfulness.





# 1. EVIDENCE FROM THE HOLY QURAN

- ❖ *Second coming of a Messenger to teach the Holy Quran and wisdom*
- ❖ *The 10 signs of the Latter Days as foretold in the Holy Quran*
- ❖ *A non-Arab will bring back faith*
- ❖ *Messiah will be from the Ummah of the Holy Prophet (saw)*
- ❖ *A false Prophet will be destroyed by Allah*



## 2. EVIDENCE FROM HADITH

- ❖ *Messiah will come to the East of Damascus*
- ❖ *73 Sects in Islam*
- ❖ *Solar and Lunar eclipses in the same month of Ramadhan*
- ❖ *The Messiah and Mahdi are the same*
- ❖ *A Mujadid [Reformer] to appear at head of every century after Prophet Mohammad (saw)*
- ❖ *The importance of following the Promised Messiah (as)*





# 3. FULFILMENT OF PROPHECIES MADE BY THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

- ❖ *Afghan martyrs*
- ❖ *Abdullah Atham, an Indian Christian priest*
- ❖ *John Alexander Dowie, an American imposter*
- ❖ *Lekh Ram of Arya Samaj Hindu Sect*
- ❖ *The Plague*

# WHY DO AHMADIS BELIEVE IN THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)?

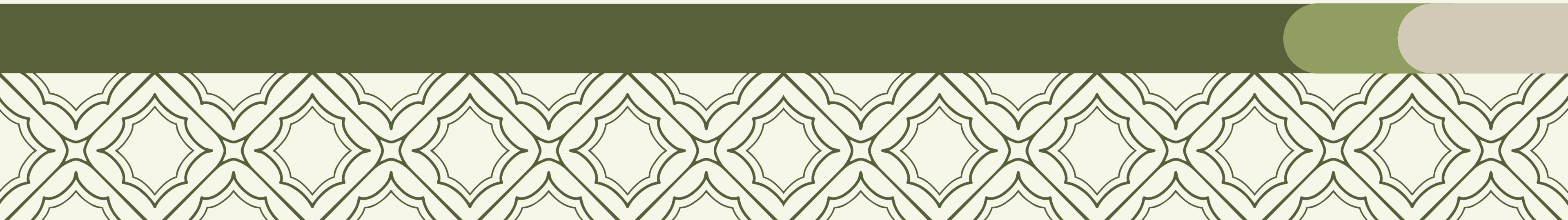
*It is important to understand that the concept of the advent of the Promised Messiah and the Mahdi is not new to Islamic faith and only the belief of the Ahmadiyya community.*

*The Promised Messiah (as) writes in “Shahadatul Quran” that :  
Let it be clear that no one denies that the Ahadith contain an explicit prophecy about the Promised Messiah. Rather, there is a consensus among almost all the Muslims that, as per Ahadith, a person is sure to come who will be named ‘Isa ibn Maryam [Jesus Son of Mary]. And this prophecy finds such repeated mention in the books of Hadith—Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi, etc*



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*Additionally, hundreds of books of the sufis also testify to this fact and when we consult the literature of the People of the Book, that is, the Christians, we find this prophecy in their books as well.*





# WHY DO AHMADIS BELIEVE IN THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)?

*Let it also be clear that the prophecy regarding the advent of the Promised Messiah is not such as was recorded by the Imams of Hadith on the basis of only a few riwayat [reports]. Rather, it has been established that the Muslims adopted this prophecy as part and parcel of their faith since the early days. In other words, there were as many testimonies to the validity of this prophecy as were the number of Muslims at that time, as right from the beginning they regarded the prophecy as part of their faith.*



*PART ONE:*

# EVIDENCE FROM THE HOLY QURAN





# SO LET US NOW SEE WHAT THE HOLY QURAN SAYS REGARDING THE ADVENT OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)?

*The Holy Quran categorically proclaims the advent of a Reformer whose name would be the Promised Messiah.*

*The following verses of the Holy Quran support this glad tiding:  
Surah al-Anbiya', 21:92–94 and 97–98*



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*Also the verses:*

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- ❖ *Surah As Saff 61:10*
- ❖ *Surah Al Kahf 18:99-100*
- ❖ *Surah Al Qadr 97: 2-6*
- ❖ *Surah Al-Jumu'ah 62:3-4*

*Besides these there are many verses of the Holy Quran which indicate the advent of the Promised Messiah (as).*

# THE SIGNS OF THE LATTER DAYS AS FORETOLD IN THE HOLY QURAN

- ❖ *The first sign of the Latter Days will be the dominance of Gog and Magog, i.e. the influence of Rūssia and the British.*
- ❖ *The second sign will be the emergence of many sects.*
- ❖ *The third sign is that these sects will feud with one another and would fall upon one another like waves.*
- ❖ *The fourth sign will be the development of railways.*

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- ❖ *The fifth sign will be the means for publishing books and newspapers, such as the press and the telegraph.*
- ❖ *The sixth sign will be the digging of canals.*
- ❖ *The seventh will be the increase in population and cultivation of the earth.*
- ❖ *The eighth sign will be the blowing away of the mountains.*



# THE SIGNS OF THE LATTER DAYS AS FORETOLD IN THE HOLY QURAN

- ❖ *The ninth sign will be the progress of all modern sciences and arts.*
- ❖ *The tenth sign will be the spread of sinfulness and darkness and the disappearance of righteousness, purity, and the light of faith from the world.*

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- ❖ *The eleventh sign will be the emergence of dabbatul-ard, that is, a surge in preachers who would be totally devoid of heavenly light and who will be like earthly worms. Their works will side with Dajjal [the Antichrist] whereas their words will side with Islam. That is, their deeds would be in service of Dajjal— ugly and animal-like—yet their speech will be like that of humans.*

# THE SIGNS OF THE LATTER DAYS AS FORETOLD IN THE HOLY QURAN

- ❖ *The twelfth sign will be the advent of the Promised Messiah, which is described metaphorically as nafkh-e-sur, [blowing of the trumpet] in the Holy Quran. In reality, this nafkh [blowing] is of two kinds: one is the inspiration that leads one astray and the other is the inspiration that guides one aright.*



# SECOND COMING OF A MESSENGER TO TEACH THE HOLY QURAN AND ITS WISDOM

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ  
\* وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ (٣)

وَأَخْرَيْنَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ (٤)

*“He it is Who raised among the unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves who recites unto them His Signs, and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, although they had been, before, in manifest misguidance; And among others from among them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise”. Al-Jumu’ah:3-4*

**The above verse is speaking of the second coming of the Holy Prophet(saw) towards some people of a future time; a prophecy fulfilled in the Promised Messiah (as).**

# A NON-ARAB, PERSIAN, WILL BRING BACK THE FAITH

It is related by Hazrat Abu Hurairah (peace be on him) that we were sitting with the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) when Surah Jumah was revealed to him. When he recited the verse And among others from among them who have not yet joined them, a man asked, O Messenger of Allah, who are these people (who will hold the rank of the companions of the Prophet and have not yet joined them). But Huzur did not answer him. The man repeated his question three times.

The narrator says that **Hazrat Salman Farsi was sitting amongst us. The Holy Prophet put his hand on his shoulder and said, "Even if the Eeman will ascend to the Pleiades, men from among his people will bring it back to earth.**

Promised Messiah [as] was a non-Arab, and of Persian descent.

*Sahih Bukhari, Tafseer ul Quran, v 3, p1560*

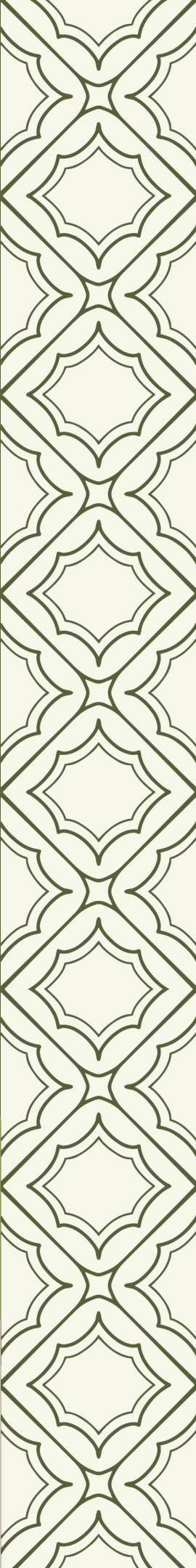
# THE MESSIAH OF THE LATTER DAYS HAS TO BE FROM THE UMMAH OF PROPHET MOHAMMAD <sup>[saw]</sup>

**57:20**  
**AL-HADID**

“And those who believe in Allah and His Messengers *and* they are the Truthful and the witnesses in the sight of their Lord, and they will have their full reward and their light...”

**3:32**  
**AL-E IMRAN**

“Say, ‘If you love Allah, follow me: *then* will Allah love you and forgive you your faults. And Allah is Most Forgiving, Merciful.”





# A FALSE PROPHET WOULD BE DESTROYED BY ALLAH

**69:45-48**  
**AL-HAQQAH**

“And if he had forged and attributed any sayings to Us, We would surely have seized him by the right hand, And then surely We would have severed his life-artery., And not one of you could have held Us off from him”.

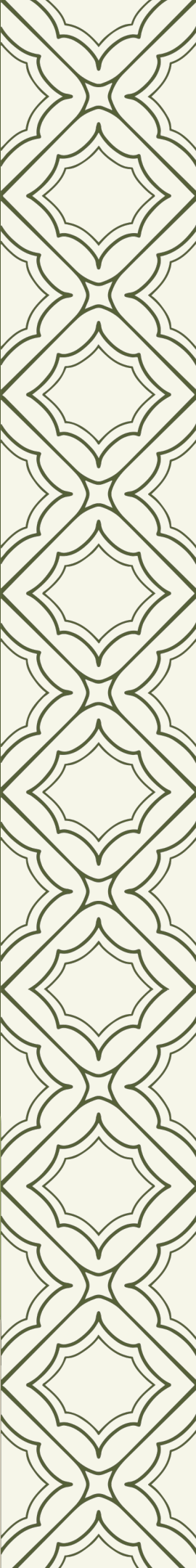
# IS BEING MOCKED AT A SIGN OF FALSEHOOD?

## **15: 11-13** **AL-HIJR**

“And We sent Messengers before thee among parties of ancient peoples. And there never came to them any Messenger but they mocked at him. Thus do We cause this habit of mocking to enter into the hearts of the sinful people”.

## **36: 31-32** **YA SIN**

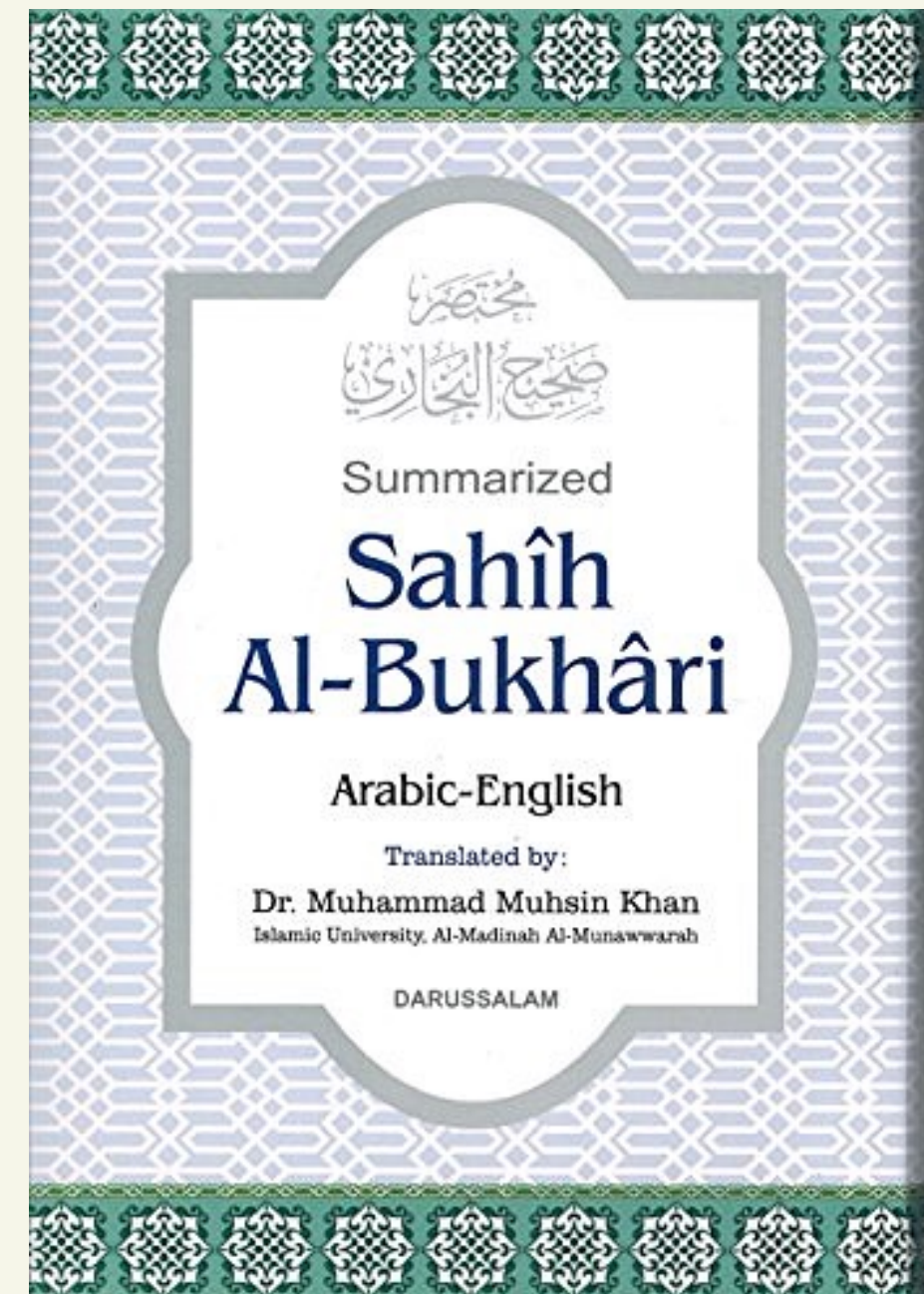
“Alas for My servants! There comes not a messenger to them but they mock at him. Have they not seen how many generations We have destroyed before them, and that they never return to them?”





PART TWO:

# EVIDENCE FROM HADITH





# ISLAMIC 'SCHOLARS' OF THE LATTER DAYS WILL OPPOSE THE MAHDI

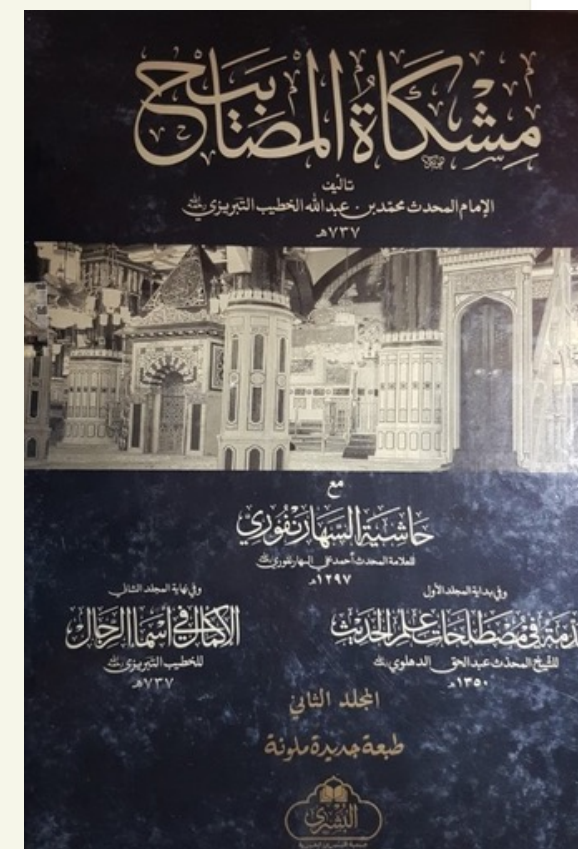
The Holy Prophet (saw) has said:

“There will be a decline in religious faith and nothing would be left of Islam except its name and nothing would be left of the Holy Quran except its text. Mosques though full of worshippers will be empty of guidance. The religious scholars will be the worst creation under the canopy of Heaven.”

*(Al-Tabrizi, Mishkat-ul Masabih, p.88 & Kanaz-ul Ummal, vol.6 p.43).*

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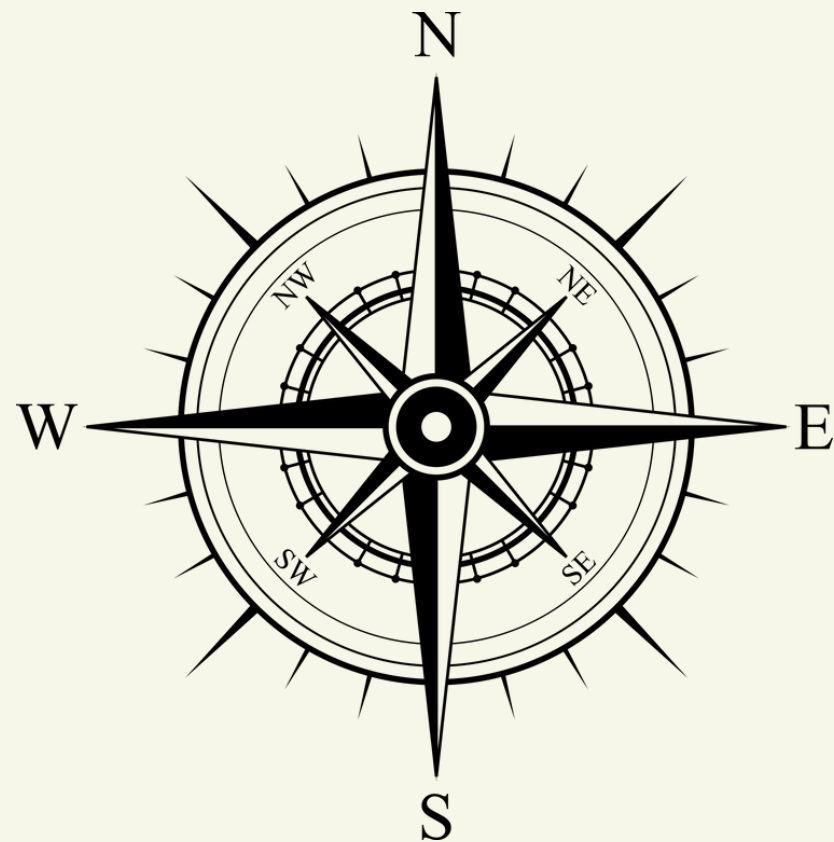
# MESSIAH WILL COME IN THE EAST

The Holy Prophet (saw) has said that the Messiah will be raised in the East.

*(Ibn Majah).*

Another Hadith says:

The Mahdi will descend near a white minaret in the east of Damascus. *(Muslim).*



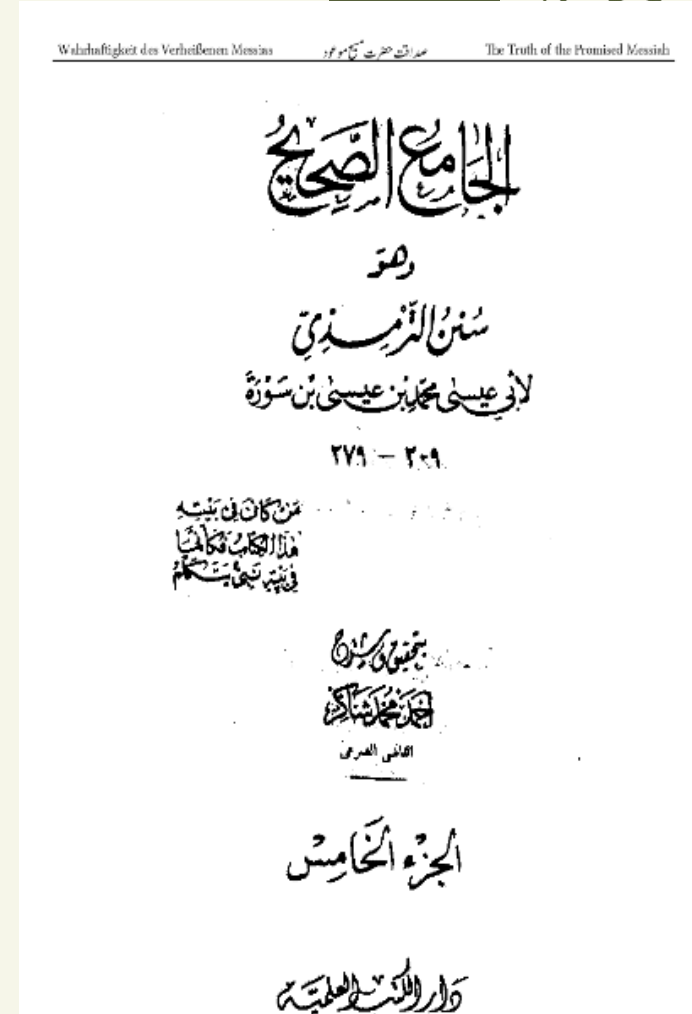
# 73 SECTS IN ISLAM

Abdullah bin Amar(ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

“Surely things will happen to my people as happened earlier to Israelites, they will resemble each other like one shoe in a pair resembles the other to the extent that if anyone among the Israelites has openly committed adultery to his mother there will be some who will do this in my Ummah as well, verily the Israelites were divided into 72 sections but my people will be divided into 73 sections, all of them will be in the fire except one.”

The companions asked, ‘Who are they O Messenger of Allah,’ Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “They are those who will be like me and my companions.”

*Al-Tirmazi, Al-Jamia-ul-Sahih, Kitab-ul Iman – ch18, v5, p26*

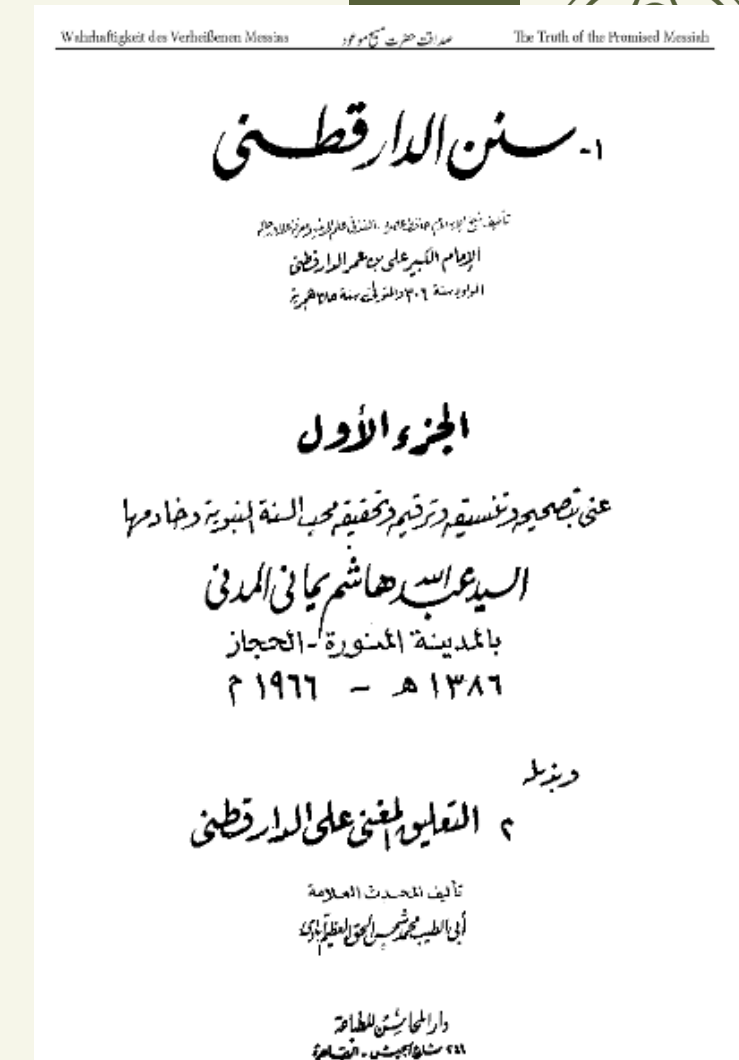




# SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSE IN THE SAME MONTH OF RAMADHAN

‘For Our Mahdi there are two Signs which have never appeared before [in proof of someone with a divine claim] since the creation of the heavens and the earth, namely, the moon will be eclipsed on the first night in Ramazan (i.e. on the first of the nights on which a lunar eclipse can occur) and the sun will be eclipsed on the middle day (i.e. on the middle one of the days on which a solar eclipse can occur), and these Signs have not appeared since God created the heavens and the earth.’ Sunan Darqutni, vol 1, kitabul eidain, chapter: salat-ul-kasoof-ul-khasoof, p65

These Signs are mentioned in the collections of Hadith of both Sunni and Shia sects.



# WHEN WAS IT FULFILLED?

These grand heavenly signs were fulfilled in the year 1894 in the Eastern hemisphere of the earth and in 1895 the same divine sign was fulfilled in the Western hemisphere of the earth. In this way, God displayed his remarkable sign in favour of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) throughout the world.



# MESSIAH AND MAHDI ARE THE SAME

Some hadith referring to the reformer of the latter days:

- Mahdi is none other than Jesus son of Mary. *(Sunan Ibn Maja, Kitab ul Fitan, vol 2 page 1341)*
- It is just possible that he who lives of you might meet Jesus the son of Mary who is the Mahdi and a just judge. He will break the cross and kill the swine... *(Masnad Ahmad Bin Hanbal, Vol. 2, p. 411)*
- The Ummah can never die which has me at one end and the Messiah, son of Mary, at the other. *(Ibn Maja, Bab Al-l'atisam Bis-Sunnah)*



# MESSIAH AND MAHDI ARE THE SAME

- **There is no Mahdi but Isa.** *(Ibn Maja, Bab Shiddatuz Zaman)*
- **When 1,240 years will pass, God will raise Mahdi.** *(An-Najmus Saqib, Vol. 2, p. 209)*
- **What will be your condition when the son of Mary will descend among you and he will be your Imam from among yourselves.**  
*(Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya, Bab Nazool Isa)*

# A MUJADID [REFORMER] TO APPEAR AT HEAD OF EVERY CENTURY AFTER PROPHET MOHAMMAD [SAW]

Hazrat Abu Huraiah [ra] narrates that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said:

**Allah will raise for this ummah someone at the head of each century, who will revive the religion for this umma.**

*(Sunan Abi Daud, BdIV, Kitab al Malahim vol 4 page 109)*

First 13 Mujadid are recognized by other Muslims, but none for the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad [as] is the appointed Mujadid as well as the Promised Messiah.

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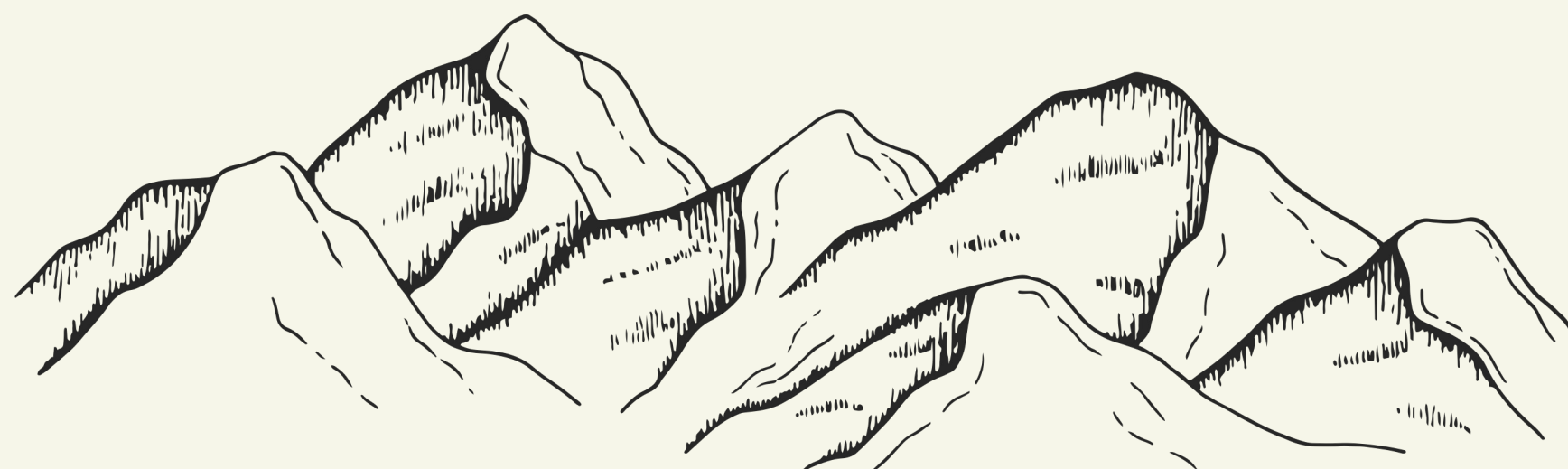
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# IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THE PROMISED MESSIAH [AS]

Hazrat Aubaan, Allah be pleased with him, relates that the Holy Prophet, pbuh, said, **When you find the Mahdi, perform Bai'at at his hands. You must go to him, even if you have to reach him across icebound mountains on your knees. He is the Mahdi and the Caliph of Allah.**

*(Sunan Ibn Maja, Kitab ul Fitan vol 2 page 1367)*





# IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THE PROMISED MESSIAH [AS]

Hazrat Anas, Allah be pleased with him, states that the Holy Prophet pbuh said: Whoever from among you meets Jesus, son of Mary, should convey my greetings to him.

*(Durr e Mansoor, vol 2 page 433)*

Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, The one who dies without (recognising and accepting) the Imam of the time, dies in ignorance.

*(Musnad Ahmad ibn Hanbal, vol. 4, page 96)*

# IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THE PROMISED MESSIAH [AS]

The Promised Messiah (as) writes in his book, “Need for the Imam”, that the above Hadith is enough to make a righteous person seek the Imam of the age for who would like to die under such misfortune! Therefore it becomes incumbent upon seekers after truth to persist in their quest to seek the true Imam appointed by God the Almighty.

*PART THREE:*

**FULFILMENT OF  
PROPHECIES MADE  
BY THE PROMISED  
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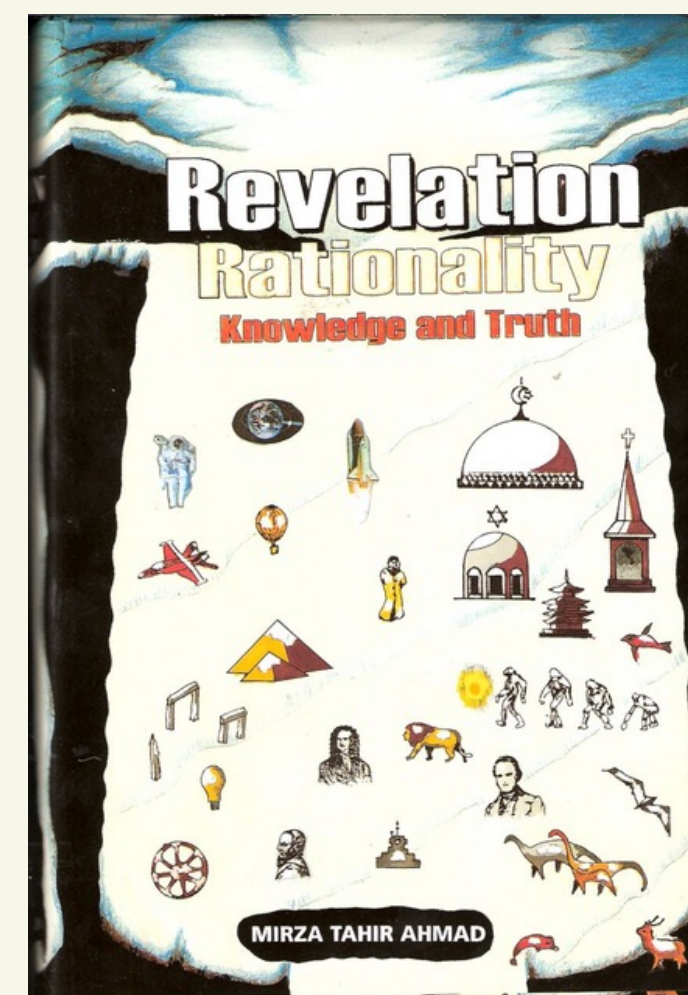


# MESSENGERS RECEIVE ABUNDANCE OF REVELATION FROM GOD

**27:8** 'And He [Allah] reveals not His secrets to any except the one whom He chooses, namely, His Messenger.'  
**AL-NAML**

The Holy Quran teaches that God's revelation is granted in abundance to God's Messengers who then make prophecies as appropriate. This is a sign by which true Divine Messengers can be recognised. To deny this is to deny God and all His messengers.

The Bible teaches that the sign of a false prophet is that he should say something in the name of God and this does not come true.



# AFGHAN MARTYRS

- The martyrdom of Sahibzada Syed Abdul Latif and Maulvi Abdur Rahman of Afghanistan and the following events.
- Promised Messiah<sup>[as]</sup> received a revelation: ‘Two goats will be slaughtered; everyone who lives here will meet this end’





# ABDULLAH ATHAM, AN INDIAN CHRISTIAN PRIEST

- In the time of Promised Messiah [as] Christian missionaries used to make vile attacks on the Holy Prophet (sa).
- In 1893, a public debate was arranged between Promised Messiah [as] and Abdullah Atham, a famous Christian missionary. The debate was held at Amritsar, and continued for 15 days.
- The Christians asked Promised Messiah [as] to cure the disabled blind and lame, as they claimed did Jesus [as]. Promised Messiah [as] responded that Quran does not mention such miracles of Jesus [as] and therefore this is not according to our beliefs, however, as the Bible says that any follower of Jesus [as] even with a tiny grain of faith should be able to follow on these miracles, and therefore it is they who need to demonstrate they have faith as taught by the Bible. Of course, the Christians could not follow on the claims and were thus disgraced in the debate. **Many listeners joined Ahmadiyya Islam as a result.**



# ABDULLAH ATHAM, AN INDIAN CHRISTIAN PRIEST

Promised Messiah [as] had the revelation:

**‘In this debate the party which follows falsehood deliberately, which has abandoned the True God, and which seeks to make God of a mere man will drop in Hell, within fifteen months, i.e. within a period counted at the rate of one month to every day of this debate, the only condition being that the party should not retreat from its position’.**

Atham went quiet, stopped publishing against Prophet [sa], and moved away to another town.

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When he did not die within 15 months, opponents of Promised Messiah [as] suggested that the prophecy has not come true. With full confidence that God had made him make the prophecy, Promised Messiah [as] announced if Atham would take an oath that he is still not inclined towards the truth as explained by Promised Messiah [as] re Holy Prophet [sa], and lived for another year, Promised Messiah [as] will pay him a reward. Promised Messiah [as] also said that if Atham did not take such an oath, God will not leave him unpunished.

**Atham died on 27 June 1986.**

**The result was that finally the Christians found themselves unable to stand against the arguments presented by Promised Messiah [as] and their attacks on Prophet Mohammad [sa] reduced significantly.**

# JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE - AN AMERICAN IMPOSTER

- John Alexander Dowie was an American claimant of being 'God-resent, Elijah', the fore-runner of second coming of Jesus in the latter days. Dowie became well known as he claimed powers of healing. He turned this into a business and would ask for money to 'heal' the people. He founded the town, Zion, near Chicago, USA and began to virtually rule Zion.
- He openly expressed hatred for Islam and Islamic teachings, and prophesied about destruction of Muslims.





# JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE - AN AMERICAN IMPOSTER

Promised Messiah [as], heard of this and wrote a reply, listing the beauties of Islam and said “The best way to determine whether Dowie’s God is true or ours, is that Mr. Dowie should stop making prophecies about the destruction of Muslims. **Instead he should keep me alone in his mind and pray that if one of us is fabricating a lie [to be the true God-sent], he should die before the other.**”

Review of Religions, Sept. 1902, Vol I, No 9. This reply was published widely in USA and Europe.

Dowie initially did not respond, but renewed his attacks on Islam. On February 14, 1903, he wrote: ‘I pray to God that Islam will soon disappear from the world. O God, accept this prayer of mine. O God, destroy Islam.’ Promised Messiah [as] again wrote: “If Dowie runs away from this challenge, be sure that a great catastrophe is about to befall on Zion”.

(Haqiqat al-Wahee, page 71).

# JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE - AN AMERICAN IMPOSTER

On being asked to respond, Dowie boasted: “Can you imagine me answering to these gnats, and flies. If I were to put my foot on them, I could crush them to death.”

(Leaves of Healing, Dec 27, 1903)

**In 1905, Dowie suffered from stroke while making a speech and could not carry on speaking. He died in 1907.** His wife and family refused to be associated with him. His followers became aware of his corruption with the funds and left him.

**By the grace of Allah, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission is now growing in Zion.**

# LEKH RAM, OF ARYA SAMAJ HINDU SECT

A Hindu sect, Arya Samaj, planned to convert Muslims to Hinduism. Their writers, including Lekh Ram, began to publish insulting attacks on Islam.

In several exchanges Promised Messiah [as] explained the truth of Islam with references, but Lekh Ram continued writing most distorted and foul things about Holy Prophet [sa] and Holy Quran.

**Promised Messiah [as] waited for him to repent, and continued to pray to Allah for guidance. He received a revelation; 'A miserable half-dead calf; nothing awaits it but disgrace and destruction'.**





# LEKH RAM, OF ARYA SAMAJ HINDU SECT

Lekh Ram said he did not think much of this and insisted that there should be a time specified in the prophecy if it is truly from God.

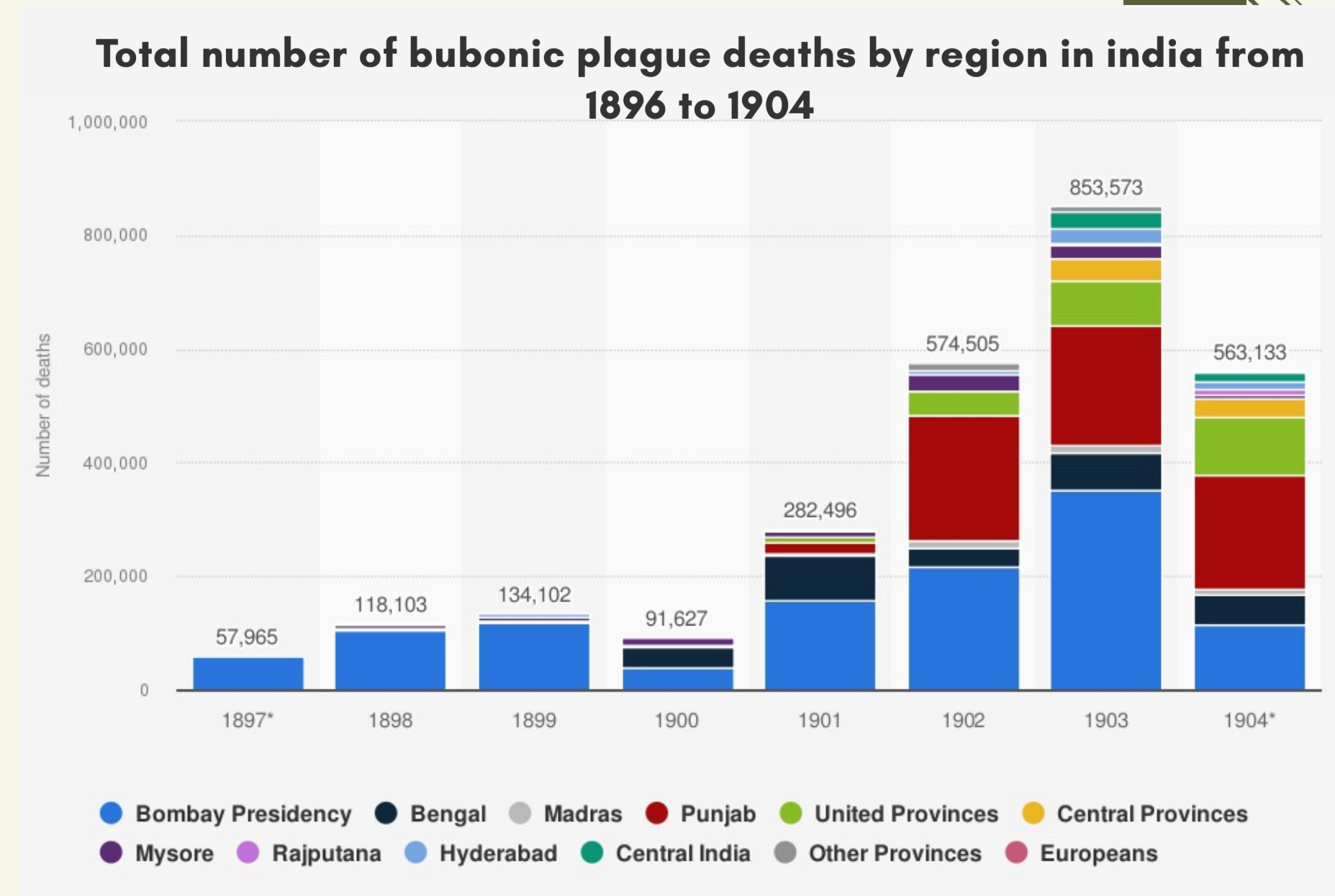
Promised Messiah [as] would not respond until he was further guided by Allah. Ultimately he received further guidance and published the revelation,

‘If within six years from today, February 20, 1893, this man does not meet with punishment from God, which is unusual in its poignancy and tragedy and which impresses all and sundry with the fear of the Lord, then let everybody think that I am not from God. And God gave me the tidings that I will witness a day of Eid, and this day will be close to the Eid’

# THE PLAGUE 1897-1904

An added point of interest in this prophecy is that the Holy Prophet foretold that a plague would appear in the time of the Promised Messiah [as].

**Promised Messiah [as] received a revelation 'O Messiah of people, rid us of our pestilences'; of which he explained that a major epidemic of plague is about to hit the region. He further explained that he saw in a dream that angels were planting some dark and dangerous looking seeds in parts of Punjab, and on asking the angels explained that these were seeds of a plague.**



<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1115019/plague-deaths-india-circa-1900/>

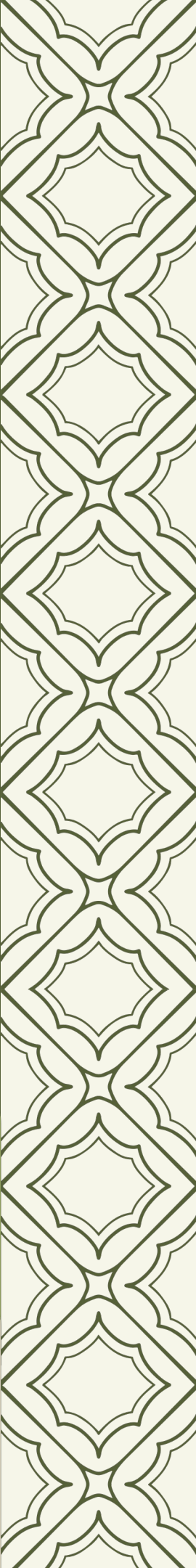
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- The year before, mainly Mumbai had suffered a plague, but it was claimed that the spread was over and that the epidemic was on its way out.
- **Promised Messiah [as] warned that the plague is not finished and that it will spread again with full force, particularly in Punjab.**
- The plague started to respread and Punjab became a major centre of the spread. Several hundred thousand died in a year. Govt employed major efforts like new doctors and different treatments. Despite the efforts, the plague continued to flare.



# THE PLAGUE 1897-1904

- Following widespread publication of the prophecies of Promised Messiah [as], a general public sense developed that this was the consequence of denying the Messiah. Consequently, thousands joined the Ahmadiyya Islam.
- **Later, Promised Messiah was revealed by God that the plague was over, only fever remained. After this declaration the plague began to decline steadily.**



**JAZAK'ALLAH**

