Chapter Six: Belief in the Last Day

Belief in the Last Day is one of the pillars of Iman. A person is not a believer without the belief in this pillar.

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And who believe in (the Qur’an and the Sunnah) which has been sent down (revealed) to you and in which were sent down before you and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter. (Resurrection, recompense of their good and bad deeds, Paradise and Hell, etc.). [2:4]

Those who perform AsSalat (IqamatasSalat) and give Zakat and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter [27:3]

Always while describing the believers the concept of believing in Allah SWT and the hereafter comes together. Then so many ahadeeth came with the statement like; “Whoever believe in Allah and the hereafter…..(do such and such…)”.

Hadeeth Jibreel includes this concept. Almost half of the Qur’an is about hereafter. So why is it so much important? Aisha (RA) says this topic came early phase of the revelation.

So this is how Makki and madani surahs are distinguished by looking at their content regarding the hereafter in detail.

The Prophet passed by a number of people and asked, “What are ye?” They said, “We are Muslims.” A woman nearby was making a fire blaze for her kettle and she had with her a child, her son. When the fire rose high, she prevented it from touching the child. The Prophet came (to her). She said “Art thou the Prophet of God?” he said, “Yes.” She said, “I’ll sacrifice my father and mother for thee! Is not God the Most Merciful of those who show mercy?” He said, “Yes.” She said, “Verily the mother would never cast her child into the fire.” Implying why would God Almighty punish his creation by putting them in the fire of Hell. On hearing this, the Prophet cast down his head, and wept; then he lifted up his head to her, and said, “Verily God punishes none of His servants (that is, God is merciful to all) except the arrogant, the refractory, who rise in rebellion against God and refuse to say that there is no God, but God.” [source??]
Narrated Abu Huraira: I heard Allah's Apostle saying, Allah divided Mercy into one-hundred parts and He kept its ninety-nine parts with Him and sent down its one part on the earth, and because of that, its one single part, His creations are Merciful to each other, so that even the mare lifts up its hoofs away from its baby animal, lest it should trample on it." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

So Allah SWT kept the 99 parts of the mercy for the day of judgement.

Narrated Abu Huraira: I heard Allah's Apostle saying, Verily Allah created Mercy. The day He created it, He made it into one hundred parts. He withheld with Him ninety-nine parts, and sent its one part to all His creatures. Had the non-believer known of all the Mercy which is in the Hands of Allah, he would not lose hope of entering Paradise, and had the believer known of all the punishment which is present with Allah, he would not consider himself safe from the Hell-Fire." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

What does belief in the Day of Judgment entail?

- Belief that there will be another life after this one. There will be a Judgment Day with recompense in Al-Jannah or An-Nar.

>> ان تُولِّواْ وَجُعُوهُمْ قِبَالَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَدْكِنْ أَلِيْمٌ مَّنْ عَامِنَ بِلِلَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَكِيَةَ وَالْكَتِبَةِ وَالْبَيْعَةِ وَالْبَيْعَةِ... [2:177]

"It is not Al-Birr (piety, righteousness, and each and every act of obedience to Allâh, etc.) that you turn your faces towards east and (or) west (in prayers); but Al-Birr is (the quality of) the one who believes in Allâh, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, the Prophets ..... [2:177]"

- Belief in the Allah and the Hereafter always comes together in the Quran.

Effect of Belief in the Last Day

- Demonstrates the completeness, greatness, and uniqueness of Allah’s Names and Attributes.
- Increases the love for meeting Allah in the hearts of the believers.
Companion called “Heram ibn Melhan.” This Companion was like an ambassador. The Prophet (SAW) sent him to a king in Yemen to teach the king about Islam. Actually, the king asked for a messenger from the Prophet (SAW) to teach him about Islam. The Prophet (SAW) sent “Heram” for that job. So, it was a much secured situation. The king asked for a messenger, and the Prophet (SAW) sent a messenger to the king. When “Heram” reached Yemen and met the king he started reading the message and the king started asking “Heram” about Islam. Unfortunately, the king had an intention to become disloyal and kill the messenger. So, the king, with his eyes, looked at one of his men standing behind him named “Jabaar.” So, while “Heram” was talking, “Jabaar” threw a spear, and it went inside “Heram’s” back and came out from his stomach. Heram screamed and said “I swear by the Lord of the (Kaaba), I won.” After killing “Heram,” “Jabaar” could not sleep because as he heard “Heram” saying “I swear by the Lord of the (Kaaba), I won.” He wanted to understand and know: what did “Heram” win? So, “Jabaar” went to “Madinah” to visit the Prophet (SAW). There, “Jabaar” became Muslim and told the Prophet (SAW) that he became Muslim because of the word “Heram ibn Melhan” said while dying.

- Establishes fear from Allah.

Allah SWT will be so angry (Ghadabah) that

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The Day when they will (all) come out, nothing of them will be hidden from Allah. Whose is the kingdom this Day? (Allah Himself will reply to His Question): It is Allah’s the One, the Irresistible! [40:16]

- Aids a Muslim in hastening towards good deeds.

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O man! Verily, you are returning towards your Lord with your deeds and actions (good or bad), a sure returning, so you will meet (i.e. the results of your deeds which you did). [84:6]
And they give food, inspite of their love for it (or for the love of Him), to Miskin (poor), the orphan, and the captive, [76:8]

Meaning of the verse:
- They love to feed people.
- They give from the best (loving) food.
- They love to give from (loved) food.

The next verse talks about their goal:

(Saying): "We feed you seeking Allah’s Countenance only. We wish for no reward, nor thanks from you. [76:9]

Example of Ar-Rabee’ ibn Khutai:
He was a student of ibn Masood (RA). ……Gave food to a poor man who was blind and deaf. He was decorating his dessert. Some one said, “Ya Rabee’ Ya Abdur Rahman! He doesn’t see. Why you are decorating?” His answer: “But Allah SWT sees”.

Then they say:

"Verily, We fear from our Lord a Day, hard and distressful, that will make the faces look horrible (from extreme dislikeness to it)."[76:10]

So Allah SWT replied to them:

So Allah saved them from the evil of that Day, and gave them Nadratan (a light of beauty) and joy.[76:11]
The belief of the Akhirah made the sahabah prepared for the compliance with the Shari’a:

Narrated Yusuf bin Mahk: While I was with Aisha, the mother of the Believers, a person from Iraq came and asked, "What type of shroud is the best?" Aisha said, "May Allah be merciful to you! What does it matter?" He said, "O mother of the Believers! Show me the copy of your Qur’an," She said, "Why?" He said, "In order to compile and arrange the Qur’an according to it, for people recite it with its Suras not in proper order." Aisha said, "What does it matter which part of it you read first? (Beinformed) that the first thing that was revealed thereof was a Sura from Al-Mufassal, and in it was mentioned Paradise and the Fire. When the people embraced Islam, the Verses regarding legal and illegal things were revealed. If the first thing to be revealed was: 'Do not drink alcoholic drinks,' people would have said, 'We will never leave alcoholic drinks,' and if there had been revealed, 'Do not commit illegal sexual intercourse,' they would have said, 'We will never give up illegal sexual intercourse.' While I was a young girl of playing age, the following Verse was revealed in Mecca to Muhammad: 'Nay! But the Hour is their appointed time (for their full recompense), and the Hour will be more grievous and more bitter.' (54.46) Sura Al-Baqara (The Cow) and Surat An-Nisa (The Women) were revealed while I was with him." Then Aisha took out the copy of the Qur’an for the man and dictated to him the Verses of the Suras (in their proper order). [Bukhari, Book #61, Hadith #515]

Story of tabeyeen: He is tired, hit his thigh saying, “stand up Muhammad! I will not allow this to happen that only the companions are with the prophet. I will work hard and hard. I will be in the companion of the prophet (SAW)”.

Hadeeth: “The one who has best akhlaq will be close to an-Nabiyy (SAW) during yawmul Qiyamah”

- Aids in patience and perseverance in doing good.
- Aids in patience in abstaining from wrong.

Story of a convert sister:
When she was not a muslimah yet, she saw this muslim man working out at the gym. She found him quite different than other non-muslim men and tried to make an eye contact with him. But he moved his glance. Then he saw him praying. When she asked what he was doing he explained it to her. She asked if he would like to go for dinner with her. But he refused. She asked, “Am I not your type?” But he told her that the issue here is different. And he took out a lighter and lit it up. She started saying,
“Oh you smoke? No problem”. But he told her that in the after-life, he will end up in fire for this type of behavior. He keeps the lighter to remind himself about this. So she thought it was over the top of her head. And she started to learn about islam and later accepted islam. But she never saw that young man again. SubhanAllah, sheikh mentions in the class, whatever good deeds she will do this young will get a share of the reward and he doesn’t even know about it.

**Story**: One of Sheikh Waleed's teacher: “ujkurul maut” (remember death) kept in his wallet

**Comment of Aisha (RA)**: Saw some non-muslim women wearing much revealing clothes. “Tamattah biha fid dunya”. “No more hijab in Jannah”

- **Aids in patience during times of hardship.**
  It’s just few days. You are going back to jannah.

- **Establishes asceticism (Zuhd) towards matters of this life.**
  - Having no interest in doing haram or leading in doing something haram, not living a poor life.
  - People always have an interest in knowing the unseen.
  - Will help in understanding some rules.
    Don’t mess up with the Turk: *Khwarazmian* Shah
    How to pray when six month is night: dajjal..

**Some names of the Last Day:**

- Yawm Al-Ba’th
- Yawm Al-Qiyamah
- Yawm Ad-Deen
- Yawm Al-Hisab
- Yawm An-Nushoor
- Yawm As-Sakhah
- Yawm At-Tamah Al-Kubra
- Yawm Al-Hasrah
- Yawm At-Tanad
- Yawm Al-Qar’iah
- Yawm Waqi’ah
- Yawm Haqah
- Yawm Al-Fasl
- Yawm Al-Jam’
- Yawm Al-Khulood
- Yawm Al-Wa’eed
- Yawm Al-Khuurooj
- Yawm Al-Azifah
- Yawm Dar Al-Qarar
- Yawm As-Sa’ah
Scholars of Aqeedah include the following sub-topics under the subject:

- The End of Time (Apocalypse) and its signs.
- Death, Soul, and Life in the grave.
- Resurrection
- The Day of Judgement
- Paradise and Hellfire

The Hour

- No one knows when the Hour will come.
  - A person’s Hour starts when they die.
  - There is an Hour for all humanity when everyone is Resurrected.
  - There is an Hour for each generation, when everyone in the generation dies.
    - The first generation ended with the beginning of the Khilafah of Ali ibn Talib died. Most people were tabeyeen during his Khilafah.
    - The second generation ended with the ruling period of Abdul-Malik ibn Marwan.
  - They ask you about the Hour (Day of Resurrection): “When will be its appointed time?” Say: “The knowledge thereof is with my Lord (Alone). None can reveal its time but He. Heavy is its burden through the heavens and the earth. It shall not come upon you except all of a sudden.” They ask you as if you have a good knowledge of it. Say: “The knowledge thereof is with Allâh (Alone) but most of mankind know not.” [7:187]
  - They ask you (O Muhammad) about the Hour, - when will be its appointed time? You have no knowledge to say anything about it. To your Lord belongs (the knowledge of) the term thereof? [79:42-44]
  - When Jibreel asked the Prophet (PBUH) about the Day of Judgment, the Proph er (PBUH) said he doesn’t know any more about it than Jibreel.
  - The Hour is near.

Draws near for mankind their reckoning, while they turn away in heedlessness. [21:1]

The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder (the people of Makkah requested Prophet Muhammad to show them a miracle, so he showed them the splitting of the moon). [54:1]
Hadeeth: **Narrated Sahl bin Sad**: I saw Allah's Apostle pointing with his index and middle fingers, saying, "The time of my Advent and the Hour are like these two fingers." The Great Catastrophe will overwhelm everything. [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

- Some people try to predict when the hour will be exactly. An author became famous on this topic
  - Amin Muhammad Jameeluddin
    - Brought a book called “The Lifespan of the Muslim Nation”
    - 1400 years only
    - He wrote this book in 1418 AH
    - We’re now in 1427 AH
    - By his quotations, he may appear to be knowledgeable
      - Used quotes from scholars like Ibn Taymiyah
    - Uses fabricated hadith
  - Hisab aljummal
  - Arabs generally didn’t know how to do math, but they did use letters for numbers
    - e.g., “Ibrahim” would be translated to a number
    - Used the letters at the beginning of some surahs to come up with 1400
    - Inauthentic hadith (but not fabricated)
      - Mentioned the Prophet, salallahu `alayhi wa sallam, arriving at the beginning of the last 1000 years of mankind

- The Hour falls on a Friday.
  - The only thing we know when the Day of Judgment is a friday. Which Friday we do not know.

- During Israa wal Meeraj: Discussion among Ibraheem, Musa, Isa

- Knowing when the Day of Judgment occurs is not important, but in how we are preparing for it.

**Narrated Anas**: A man asked the Prophet about the Hour (i.e. Day of Judgment) saying, "When will the Hour be?" The Prophet said, "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "Nothing, except that I love Allah and His Apostle." The Prophet said, "You will be with those whom you love." We had never been so glad as we were on hearing that saying of the Prophet (i.e., "You will be with those whom you love.") Therefore, I love the Prophet, Abu Bakr and 'Umar, and I hope that I will be with them because of my love for them though my deeds are not similar to theirs. [Saheeh al_Bukhari]

**Sufies**: Believe that their great saints know about the hour of the Day of Judgment. In the history they even sometimes spread rumors.
Suyuti: One of the first person to come up with a specific time range. ... 

A list of minor Signs before the Hour comes:

1. The disappearance of knowledge and the appearance of ignorance (Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah, & Ahmad).
2. Books/writing will be widespread and (religious) knowledge will be low (Ahmad).
3. Adultery and fornication will be prevalent (The Prophet, peace be upon him, said that this has never happened without new diseases befalling the people, which their ancestors had not known.) (Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah, & Al-Haythami).
4. When fornication becomes widespread among your leaders (The Prophet, peace be upon him, said that this will happen when the people stop forbidding evil) (Ibn Majah).
5. Adultery and fornication will be performed in the open.
6. The consumption of intoxicants will be widespread (Bukhari & Muslim).
7. Women will outnumber men......eventually 50:1 (Bukhari, Muslim, & Ahmad).
8. Killing, killing, killing (Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah, & Ahmad).
9. The nations of the earth will gather against the Muslims like hungry people going to sit down to a table full of food. This will occur when the Muslims are large in number, but "like the foam of the sea.”
10. People will beat others with whips like the tails of oxen (Muslim) ?The Slave Trade.
11. The children will be filled with rage (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
12. Children will be foul (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
13. Women will conspire (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
14. Rain will be acidic or burning (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
15. Children of fornication will become widespread or prevalent (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
16. When a trust becomes a means of making a profit (at-Tirmidhi, Al-Haythami).
17. Gains will be shared out only among the rich, with no benefit to the poor (at-Tirmidhi).
18. Paying zakat becomes a burden and miserliness becomes widespread; charity is given reluctantly (at-Tirmidhi & Al-Haythami).
19. Miserliness will be thrown into the hearts of people (Bukhari).
20. Episodes of sudden death will become widespread (Ahmad).
21. There will be people who will be brethren in public but enemies in secret (He was asked how that would come about and replied, "Because they will have ulterior motives in their mutual dealings and at the same time will fear one another.”) (at-Tirmidhi).
22. When a man obeys his wife and disobeys his mother; and treats his friend kindly while shunning his father (at-Tirmidhi).
23. When voices are raised in the mosques (at-Tirmidhi).
24. People will walk in the marketplace with their thighs exposed.
25. Great distances will be traversed in short spans of time.
26. The people of Iraq will receive no food and no money due to oppression by the Romans (Europeans) (Muslim).
27. People will hop between the clouds and the earth.
28. A tribulation will enter everyone’s home (Ahmad).
29. The leader of a people will be the worst of them (at-Tirmidhi).
30. Leaders of people will be oppressors (Al-Haythami).
31. People will treat a man with respect out of fear for some evil he might do (at-Tirmidhi).
32. Men will begin to wear silk (at-Tirmidhi).
33. Female singers and musical instruments will become popular (at-Tirmidhi).
34. When singers become common (Al-Haythami).
35. People will dance late into the night.
36. When the last ones of the Ummah begin to curse the first ones (at-Tirmidhi).
37. People will claim to follow the Qur’an but will reject hadith & sunnah (Abu Dawood).
38. People will believe in the stars (Al-Haythami).
40. Time will pass rapidly (Bukhari, Muslim, & Ahmad).
41. Good deeds will decrease (Bukhari).
42. Smog will appear over cities because of the evil that they are doing.
43. People will be carrying on with their trade, but their will only be a few trustworthy persons.
44. Wealth will increase so much so that if a man were given 10,000, he would not be content with it (Ahmad & Bukhari).
45. A man will pass by a grave and wish that he was in their place (Bukhari).
46. Earthquakes will increase (Bukhari & Muslim).
47. There will be attempts to make the deserts green.
48. The appearance of false messengers (30 dajjals) (Bukhari).
49. Women will be naked in spite of being dressed, these women will be led astray & will lead others astray (Muslim).
50. The conquest of Constantinople by the Muslims (Ahmad).
51. The conquest of India by the Muslims, just prior to the return of Jesus, son of Mary (peace be upon both of them) (Ahmad, an-Nisa'i, at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
52. When people begin to compete with others in the construction of taller buildings (Bukhari). There will be a special greeting for the people of distinction (Ahmad).
53. The Euphrates will disclose a treasure (The Prophet, peace be upon him, said that whoever is present should not take anything from it) (Bukhari & Muslim).
54. Two large groups, adhering to the same religious teaching will fight each other with large numbers of casualties (Bukhari & Muslim).
55. Wild animals will be able to talk to humans (Ahmad).
56. A man will leave his home and his thigh or hip will tell him what is happening back at his home (Ahmad).
57. Years of deceit in which the truthful person will not be believed and the liar will be believed (Ahmad).
58. Bearing false witness will become widespread (Al-Haythami & Ahmad).
59. When men lie with men and women lie with women (Al-Haythami).
60. Trade will become so widespread that a woman will be forced to help her husband in business (Ahmad).
61. A woman will enter the workforce out of love for this world (Ahmad).
62. Arrogance will increase in the earth (at-Tabarani, al-Hakim).
63. Family ties will be cut (Ahmad).
64. There will be many women of child-bearing age who will no longer give birth.
65. There will be an abundance of food, much of which has no blessing in it.
66. People will refuse when offered food.
67. Men will begin to look like women and women will begin to look like men.

A book by sheikh……: “Ithaful Zanaha” 3 vol. over 2000 pages discusses this topic on the minor signs.

The above list can be divided into three categories:

- Signs that have already happened
- Those are happening
- Haven't happened yet

Difference between minor and major signs?

Minor:
- Not experienced by everyone without noticing that it is a sign.

Major:
- Experienced by everyone and will be well know that it is a sign.

What are the major signs? (The first three listed in order of appearance)

1. The emergence of Ad-Dajjal (The False Messiah)
   a. Has over 50 meanings.
   b. Ad-Dajjl is a kind of paint or mud that is used to cover a camel. In Arabic use it means to cover something with something. So he is called ad-Dajjal as he will cover the truth with lies.
   c. Narrated Hudayfah bin Usayd (RA): "The Prophwt(SAW) looked at us whilst we were discussing something. He said, 'What are you talking about?' They said, 'We are talking about the Hour.' He said, 'It will not come until you see ten signs ahead of it.' He mentioned the smoke, the Dajjaal, the Beast, the rising sun from the west, the descent of 'Eesa ibn Maryam, Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj, and three landslides, one in the east, one in the west and one in the Arabian Peninsula, and the last sign is a fire which will emerge from Yemen and drive the people to their place of gathering." [Saheeh al-Muslim]
   d. It is the worst fitnah or trial for human being. As it is reported that Prophet (SAW) said: " Ther will not be any matter more serious than the Dajjal" [Saheeh Muslim]
e. So much fitnah that all the ambiya (the prophets) have taught and cautioned their followers about this. It is because they did not know when the Day of Judgment will happen.

Narrated Abu Umaamah: The prophet (SAW) said: "O' People there has never been any tribulation on the face of the earth, since Allah created mankind, greater than the tribulation of the Dajjal. Allah has never sent any Prophet but he warned his nation about the Dajjal. I am the last of the Prophets, and you are the last of the nations. He will undoubtedly emerge amongst you"

Narrated Anas (RA): The prophet (SAW) said: "No prophet was ever sent but he warned his nation about the one-eyed liar; he is one-eyed but your Lord is not one-eyed, and between his eyes it is written 'kaafir'." [Agreed Upon]

f. Prophet (SAW) told us when he is coming:

- When people will no longer talk about ad-Dajjal in the masajeeds.

- Will come up after the Muslims loses and reconquers Constantinople. When they hang up their swords on the olive trees, there will be an announcement saying that the Dajjal has come to your hometown, so go back to your families and protect them.

g. In another hadeeth as narrated by 'Abdallah Ibn 'Amr (RA), he heard the Messenger (SAW) say,

"The first sign will be the rising of the sun from the west and the emergence of the Beast to the people in the morning. Whichever of them comes first, the other will immediately follow." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

So in this hadeeth, the rising of the sun is mentioned as the first sign. How to reconcile this hadeeth with the previous one?

- The only sequence we know for sure is: Mahdi > Jesus > Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj.

- Ibn Hajar reconciled as "What is the most apparent from the reports is that the emergence of the Dajjal will be the first of the major signs, which indicates that the regular state of affairs in most of the earth will be changed. That will end the death of 'Eesa ibn Maryam. The rising of the sun from the west will be the first of the signs which
indicate that the state of affairs in the heavens will be changed. That will end with the onset of the Hour. Perhaps the emergence of the beast will occur on that day on which the sun rises from the west."

h. There was a Jewish boy named Ibn Sayyad during the Prophet’s (PBUH) time, who was a weird infant with one eye. Prophet (SAW) went to investigate to get an idea if this boy was the Dajjal or not. One time, the boy was sleeping and the Prophet (PBUH) was watching him. The boy’s mother saw this and told her son to wake up because the Prophet (PBUH) was watching. Then the Messenger (SAW) said: 'If only she had left him alone, the matter would have become clear'. [source: from a hadith in Sahih al-Muslim]

Another time, Umar (RA) went out with the prophet (SAW) and a group of Ibn Sayyad to investigate him. He (SAW) was holding a piece of paper and said asked the boy what was it? So the boy replied that it was 'a Dukh' which was correct as the piece of paper had verses from surah ad-Dukhan. The messenger of Allah (SAW) said, 'Be off with you! You cannot be more than you are.' Umar (RA) said, 'O’ Messenger of Allah, let me strike his neck’. Prophet (SAW) told him, "If he is really the Dajjal, you will not be able to kill him, and if he is not there is nothing to gained by killing him." [from a hadith in Sahih al-Muslim]

Another incident with Abu Sa'eed Khudri (RA) who said: "We went out for Hajj or 'Umrah and ibn Sayyad was with us. We stopped to camp and people scattered. He and I were left, and I felt very nervous of him because of what was being said about him. He brought his luggage and put it with mine. I said …..page 291]

i. He cannot enter four places:
   i. Mecca
   ii. Medina
   iii. Al-Aqsa mesjid

Hadeeth: "There is no city that the Dajjal will not enter, except Makkah and Madeenah. There is no mountain pass of these cities which does not have angels surrounding it and guarding it. He will camp in one of the barren tracts, and Madeenah and its inhabitants will shaken by three earthquakes, then every kaafir and hypocrite in the city will go out to join him." [Agreed Upon]

j. He will approach Medina and he will be sitting on a mountain looking at the white palace. This is the Prophet’s (PBUH) masjid.
k. Most of the followers will be the Jews of Espahan, Karman, Turk Nations, flat nose people and women. There will be about 70,000 of them.

Hadeeth: Narrated Anas (RA) Prophet (SAW) said: "The dajjal will be followed by seventy thousand Jews of Ispahaan, wearing cloaks." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

Some explanations:

- The Jews claim that al-Maseeh ibn Dawood will emerge at the end of time and he is one of the sign of God, who will restore dominion to them. So they will give ad-Dajjal widespread support.

- the because of the extent of Fitnah men will tie up their mothers or wives to the pillars of the houses to prevent them joining ad-Dajjal.

l. They will be years with no rain and no food.

Narrated Abu Umaamah: The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "Before the Dajjal emerges there will be three difficult years in which the people will suffer intense hunger. .....So no plants will grow and no cloven-footed animals will remain; they will all die except those whom Allah wills." It was said, "What will keep the people alive at that time? He said, "Tahleel (saying Laa ilaaha illallah), Takbeer (saying, Allahu Akbar) and Tahmeed (saying Al-Hamdu Lillah). They will take the place for food for them."

The Dajjal will come to the people and will ask them if they want their life back. He will point to the sky and there will be rain. He will point to the land, dry land will immediately become green.

m. He will also bring up a lot of gold and silver.

n. He will move with paradise in one hand and hellfire in the other, and offer either one to the people. The Prophet (PBUH) said: "With him (i.e. ad-Dajjal) will be a paradise and a hell, but his hell (fire) will be paradise and his paradise will be hell (fire)" [Saheeh al-Muslim]

o. He will claim himself as the lord of mankind. He will ask [people to believe in him and disbelieve in Allah. So prophet (SAW) said, "Know that no one among you will see his Lord until he dies."

p. There will be a boy who will call him a liar. In Bukharee it is narrated that Abu Sa'eed said: "The Messenger of Allah (SAW) spoke to us at length about the Dajjal. One of the things that he told us was, 'The Dajjal will come, and it will be forbidden for him to enter the gates of Madeenah. So he will camp at one of the barren tracts near Madeenah. On that day a man will go out to meet him who is the best of mankind or one of the best of
mankind, and will say. "I bear witness that you are the Dajjal of Whom the Messenger of Allah (SAW) told us." The Dajjal will say, "Do you think that if I kill this man then bring him back to life, will you have any doubts concerning the matter?". They will say, "No." So he will kill him, then bring him back to life. He (the man) will say, "By Allah, I have never been more sure about you than I am today." The Dajjal will want to kill him but he will not be able to.'

q. The clear sign of the Dajjal is that he has one eye and the other eye is like a raisin. He will also have the three letter كف ر that say kafir.

Anas (RA) narrated: The prophet (SAW) said: "No prophet has ever been sent but he warned his nation bout the one-eyed liar. Verily he is one-eyed, and your Lord is not one-eyed, and between his eyes is written 'kaafir.'" [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

Abdalla Ibn Umar (RA) narrates: The Prophet (SAW) said about the Dajjal: "He is blind in his right eye, as if it is a floating grape." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

r. Protection from the Dajjal:
   i. First 10 verses of surat tul-Kahf. Some report mentions the last 10 verses.

      The prophet (SAW) said: "Whoever among you encounters him, let him recite over him the opening verses of Surah al-Kahf." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

   ii. Another way is to turn to Allah SWT and seek His protection from the Dajjal and from his fitnah.

      Aisha (RA) narrated: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (SAW) seeking refuge in his prayer from the fitnah of the Dajjal." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

      The prophet (SAW) always used to seek refuge with Allah from the fitnah of the Dajjal after reciting the Tashahhud in the prayer. He would say: "O' Allah, we seek refuge in You from the torment of Hell, the torment of the grave, the trials of life and death and the tribulation of the Dajjal". [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

   iii. If some one hear about him, should run into the mountains.

      Imran Ibn Husayn narrates: The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "Whoever hears of the Dajjal, let him keep away from him. For by Allah, a man may come to him thinking that he is a believer, hen
he will follow him because of the specious arguments that he produces for him." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

In another haddeth the prophet (SAW) said, "The people will flee from Dajjal into the mountains." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

s. **Reason why he isn’t mentioned in the Quran:**
   i. He is the worst ‘taghoot’ as ad-Dajjal is the only human being claimed ruboobiyah. Other ‘taghoot' like ‘Firwaoon’ claiming he is the son of god and made the statement "Ana Rabbukumul A’laa" which has the meaning that people should worship him. But did not claim that he is the creator of things. Even Iblees did not claim that.

2. The descent of Isa.

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\text{وَإِنَّهُ لَعَلَّمُ لَكُمُ الْيَوْمَ} \\
\text{فَلا تَمْتَرَنَّ بِهِ وَأَتْبَعُوْنَ هَـذَا} \\
\text{صِرَاطَ مُسْتَقِيمَ} 
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ii. *And he ['Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)] shall be a known sign for (the coming of) the Hour (Day of Resurrection) [i.e. 'Iesa’s (Jesus) descent on the earth]. Therefore have no doubt concerning it (i.e. the Day of Resurrection). And follow Me (Allâh) (i.e. be obedient to Allâh and do what He orders you to do, O mankind)! This is the Straight Path (of Islâmic Monotheism, leading to Allâh and to His Paradise). [43:61]*

a. Surat Tin

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\text{وَأَنَّكُمْ وَأَلَّلِيَّ حَبِيبِي} 
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iii. *By the fig, and the olive, by Mount Sinai, and by this city of security (Makkah). Verily, We created man of the best stature (mould), then We reduced him to the lowest of the low, save those who believe (in Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds, then they shall have a reward without end (Paradise). Then what (or who) causes you (O disbelievers) to deny the Recompense (i.e. Day of Resurrection)? Is not Allah the Best of judges?*
   1. The fig represents Damascus where 'Eesa (AWS) will decent.
   2. The olive represents Palestine where 'Eesa was born.
   3. Sinai is where Musa given the messege.
4. City of Security here is Makkah.

Abu Hurayrah narrated that the prophet (SAW) spoke about the decent of ‘Eesa (AWS) and his praying with the believers. Then he said: "When the enemy of Allah sees him, he will melt like salt in water. If ‘Eesa were to leave him alone he would melt away completely, but Allah will kill him at his hands, and he will show them the blood on his spear." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

This is so that people will not have any more doubt about ad-Dajjal and his abilities.

3. Ya’jooj and Ma’jooj

Ya’jooj and Ma’jooj (Gog and Magog) are two nations which are great in number. They are from among the descendents of Adam (AWS). Allah (SWT) has told us that a barrier built by Dhul-Qarnayn id preventing them from emerging:

"So they [Ya’jooj and Ma’jooj] could not scale it or dig through it." [18:97]

He (SWT) said that this will continue until the end of time, when the promise of Allah will come and they will be granted permission to emerge. The barrier will be destroyed and they will emerge to mankind:

"….but when the promise of my Lord comes, He shall level it down ro the ground. And the promise of my Lord is ever true." [18:98]

When that happens they will emerge in hordes, like the waves of the sea:

"And on that Day, We shall leave them to surge like waves on one another…."[18:99]

We do not know where they are right now. This will be close to the onset of the Hour and blowing of the Trumpet:

"And the Trumpet will be blown and We shall collect them (the creatures) all together." [18:99]

In Surah al-Anbiya Allah (SWT) tells us:
iv. Until, when Ya’jūj and Ma’jūj (Gog and Magog) are let loose (from their barrier), and they swiftly swarm from every mound. And the true promise (Day of Resurrection) shall draw near (of fulfillment). Then (when mankind is resurrected from their graves), you shall see the eyes of the disbelievers fixedly stare in horror. (They will say): “Woe to us! We were indeed heedless of this; nay, but we were Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.).” [21:96-97]

This will indeed come to pass at the end of time. The first of them will pass by the lae of Tabariyyah and will drink it all up. They will destroy every army, land, or vegetation. People from Madeenah will run away. Even animals will roam around and urinate in the prophet's masjid and urinate.

‘Eesa (AWS) and his companions will be besieged in at-Toor in Sinai and will be so hard pressed. They will pray to Allah and Allah will send upon them [Ya’jooj and Ma’jooj] a worm in their necks and in the morning they will all perish as one. The muslims will say, “Is there not a man who will sacrifice himself, and see what the enemy is doing?”. So one of them will volunteer. So when they come down they will not find a hands span of earth that is not filled with their putrefaction and stench. They will make dua’ to Allah SWT again and He (SWT) will send birds which will carry the dead and throw them where ever Allah wants. Then Allah will send rain which will wash the earth. [from a hadeeth from saheeh Muslim]

Then the best days will in the face of the earth.

4. The three great landslides
   4. In the east
   5. In the west
   6. in the Arabian peninsula

7. Ad-Dukhan

Among the major sign that will happen just before the Hour is the smoke. Allah (SWT) says:

"Then wait you for the Day when the sky will bring forth a visible somke, covering the people, this is a painful tormnt."
It would remain on the earth for forty days. It will take the souls of the 'kuffar' whilst it will merely make the believers sneeze.

8. The rising of the sun from the west

In Bukharee Abu Hurayrah (RA) narrated that the messenger of Allah (SAW) said: “The hour will not come until the sun rises from the west. When it rises and people see it they will all believe, but that will be the time when faith will not benefit a person if he did not believe before, or did not derive any good from his faith.”

9. The appearance of the beast

“And when the word is fulfilled against them, We shall bring out afrodm the earth a beast for them to speak to them because mankind believed not with certainty in Our Aayaat.” [27:82]

10. The great fire

The last sign which will appear before the Hour begins will be a fire which will emerge from the bottom of 'Aden and will drive the people towards their place of gathering.

Some scholars add the appearance of al_Mahdee:

Abu Sa’eed al-Khudree narrated that the prophet (SAW) said: “And the mahdee will come out at the end of my Ummah's time. Allah will send a lot of rain with him, and the earth will bring out its plants and wealth will passed out in abundance, and cattle will increase and the Ummah will be great. He will live seven or eight years. [Al-Haakim].

‘Alee (RA) narrates the prophet (SAW) said, “The Mahdee is one of us, Ahl Al-Bayt.” [Ahmad]

Key Points in Understanding the Signs of the Hour

- The Signs of the Day of Judgment rely completely on authentic sources.
- We must differentiate between direct textual evidence and the understanding of scholars. Understanding (e.g. governments will be shorter) should not have the same status as the text (e.g. time will be shorter).
- Do these major signs have a specific order?
  - They do have an order.
- Abu Hurairah reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “The signs will come after the other, like beads falling from a string.” [At-Tabaranee]
- The signs occur; we should not try to MAKE them occur. The Sheikh mentions about the story that happened in1979 as some people under the leadership of someone named Juahiman tried to declare that al-Mahdee has arrived by arranging the sequence of events as described in the hadeeth.
- The Prophet (PBUH) taught us the signs to inform us about them. They were not mentioned to establish rulings.
  - Unless it has rulings in itself.
  - Nobody can say that tall buildings are haram.
Nobody can say that a woman can travel without a mahram because of the hadith saying that a woman can travel between two cities without a mahram because of it being safe.

Nobody can say that the masjid cannot be decorated because the hadith saying that the masjid will be decorated at the end of times.

- Not all the signs are condemnable actions.
- We must understand these signs by their apparent meaning.
  - Cannot say the signs are metaphorical things.
    - Like the Dajjal is the television or the USA.
    - The Ya’jooj and Ma’jooj are the Chinese and their products.
- No one can restrict the meaning of a prediction (sign) to a specific incident.
- Many of these signs are unseen matters and we may not understand them fully. We believe in what has been narrated, even if we don’t know HOW they will happen.
- No rules in Share’ah are conditional to the appearance of any sign of the Day of Judgment.

Stages

1. This life
   a. The body enjoys and suffers more than the soul.
2. The grave
   a. The soul enjoys and suffers more than the body.
3. The hereafter
   a. Both the body and the soul either gets punished or enjoys.

What does belief in the Day of Judgment entail?

Death & Life in Al-Barzakh

Body and soul is what makes a human being. We go through three different stages in our total life:

1. Worldly life (with every enjoyment and suffering, more on the body)
2. Life in Barzakh (soul enjoy and suffer more than the body)
3. Hereafter (enjoyment and suffering equally for soul and body)

Allah SWT says:

فَوَقَّلَهُمْ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَأَفْتَنَهُمْ نَصْرَةً وَشَرَرَوْاً

So Allah saved them from the evil of that Day, and gave them Nadratan (a light of beauty) and joy. [76:11]

- Death is a truth in which there is no doubt.
  - The Prophet (PBUH) said that every disease has a cure except death.
- Globally almost 1,500,000 people die every day.
- **Worst things feared in USA:**
  - Public speaking
  - Death
- Death is the first station of the Hereafter.

And the prophet (SAW) said, *“Often remember the destroyer of pleasure (death).”* [At-Tirmidhee]

**Story from Kufa:** Some one said: “If you pray ‘isha with the hope that you will live until fajr, then you will not taste the ‘isha”.

Allah SWT says

> كَلَّ نَفْسٍ ذُائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ

*Everyone shall taste the death. Then unto Us you shall be returned.* [29:57]

Here the word *‘dzaeeeqa’* means a slow experience with all of the feelings.

The reality of death is, “Yesterday we were further from death.” Days are carrying us closer to our death.

> أَيَتَّمَا نَكُونُوا يُدْرِكُ كَمْ أَلْمَأْتُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُمْ فِى بُرْجٍ مُشْيَدٍ وَإِنْ نَصِبْهُمْ حَسَنَةً يَقُولُوا هَذِهِ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ وَإِنْ نَصِبْهُمْ سَيِّئَةً يَقُولُوا هَذِهِ مِنْ عِبَادٍ كَفَّٰلُ كَلِّ مَنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ فَمَا رَأَيْتُمْ أَفْقَهَمْ لا يَكَادُونَ يَقُولُونَ حَدِيثًا

"Wheresoever you may be, death will overtake you even if you are in fortresses built up strong and high!”...[4:78]

Point here is not to develop paranoia; rather our actions should be like the one who remembers death.

- In Islam, death is viewed as an occurrence that happens to the soul. The philosophers consider death as an annihilation of the soul and life.
Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving; [67:2]

So the life-cycle is: Life → Death → Life, where death is an existence in another world.

- Knowledge of the time of death is specific to Allah alone. He SWT decreed the life span of His slaves. It is written with the pen in Al-Lawh al-Mahfooz.
  - The Prophet (PBUH) said that majority of my ummah will live only till there 60’s or 70’s. Very few people will live longer than that.
  - Imam Malik saw the death of angel in his dream. So asked Ibn Seereen when would die. Ibn serene replied back saying, there are 5 things that are known by Allah SWT: In Surah Luqman, the time of death is one of five things that are only known to Allah.
  - Narrated Ibn Umar (RA): The messenger of Allah (SWT) said: “The keys to unseen are five, and no one knows them except Allah.

Verily, Allah! With Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allah is All-Knower, All-Aware (of things). [31:34]”

- Allah SWT also says:

وَمَا كَانَ لِنَفْسٍ أَنْ تَمْحَى إِلَّا بِذَٰلِكَ اللَّهُ كَانَ بِهَا مُؤَدِّيًا مُوَحِّدًا وَمِنْ يَوْمٍ نَٰتِئِيَّةٍ

الْيَسِيرِينَ
And no person can ever die except by Allah’s Leave and at an appointed term. And whoever desires a reward in (this) world, We shall give him of it; and whoever desires a reward in the Hereafter, We shall give him thereof. And We shall reward the grateful. [3:145]

- Story during the time of Sulaiman (AWS): It is in a hadith on the authority of Kuthaima (RA) that once the angel of death appeared in the form of a human being in the court of Hazrat Sulaiman alaihis salaam and gazed continuously at a person present there for some time. That person asked Hazrat Sulaiman alaihis salaam, "Who was that person?" He told him that, that was the angel of death. He remarked: The angel of death had gazed at me in such a manner as if he had determined to take my life." Hazrat Sulaiman alaihis salaam asked him, "What do you want?" He requested him to take him to India. He commanded the cloud to pick him up and drop him in India. Consequently the cloud carried him to India. The angel of death came to Hazrat Sulaiman alaihis salaam. He asked him, "Why did you fix your gaze at that person?" He said, "I wondered that the Almighty Allah had commanded me to take the life of this person in India whereas he was sitting hear in your presence." [source??]

Ahmad, Tirmidhi and others narrated that a group of the Sahabah reported: The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: “When Allah wants to take the soul of a person in a certain land, He causes him to have a need there.”

- So the question is, “How will we die?”
  - Sheikh Waleed showed a video from YouTube where a sheikh from Egypt dies while he is giving a lecture in the masjid. Somehow the cameraman closes up to the incident right when it happens.
  - Another Story: The father of one of sheikh Waleed’s friend who went to hospital and did not like to be there as he missed the salat in the Haram. So he came back and on the way home asked his son to stop by the Masjid Haram so he could pray there. During the salah he recited surah ad-Duha as if
themeaning that surah directly applies to him. And he died during the salah.

- It is common that some people when dying like to listen to the Quran. On the other hand, from the experience in ER in hospitals people behave opposite. Someone while dying said, “I miss singing”. So the point is, when we live upon something, it dominates our death-time.

- Abu Hurairah narrated that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “No one should desire death. If he is a good-doer, he can increase in his good; and if he is a wrong-doer then he may repent.” [Al-Bukharee and Muslim]
  
  **Only can wish for death in these incidents:**
  - If you face a fitnah which you cannot handle.
  - In the middle of a battle and wanting to die as a shaheed.

- Why shouldn’t we wish for death?
  - We don’t know if Allah forgave our sins or not.

- An prophet (SAW) mentions, the best of us are the ones who live longer and do more good deeds. [Source??]

- Two people died in the time of the Prophet, salallāhu `alayhi wa sallam
  - One died as a shahīd
  - Another died a year later
  - The second one entered jannah sooner and raised to a higher level
    - He had a chance to do more `ibādah in that following year

- The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Whoever dies upon something, he will be resurrected upon it.” [Al-Hakim]

**Al-Khatimah (A person’s end)**

“By the One, other than Whom there is no deity worthy of worship, verily one of you performs the actions of the people of Paradise until there is but an arm’s length between him and it, and that which has been written overtakes him, and so he acts with the actions of the people of the Hellfire and thus enters it; and verily one of you performs the actions of the people of the Hellfire, until there is but an arm’s length between him and it, and that which had been written overtakes him and so he acts with the actions of the people of Paradise and thus he enter it.” [Al-Bukharee and Muslim]

So some one might be very righteous on the appearance, but he or she is not convinced and the real truth will come out at the end.

**Husn Al-Khatimah (The Good End)**

- Causes:
1. **Alisiqmah (Steadfastness)**

   ظَهَرَ الْفَسَاطُ فِي الْبَرِ وَالْبَحَرِ بِمَا كَبَسَتْ أَيْدِي آلِ التَّانِمِينِ لِيُذِيقُهُمْ بَعْضٍ

   ﴿وَلِيُجَعَونَ﴾ 

   - Evil (sins and disobedience of Allah, etc.) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds, etc.), that Allah may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon). [30:41]

   Allah SWT is asking us to be steadfast in Islam and not to die except on Islam.

   ﴿وَلَبِدِينَ أَنْ يَمُتُّوا أَنْتُمْ أَنْتَقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ نَقَاطِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾

   - O ye who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam. [3:102]

2. **At-Taqwa**: At-Taqwa Means, to

   - Worship Allah SWT alone
   - Do the obligatory and avoid major sins
   - Do what is recommended and stay away from what is disliked.

   ﴿وَلَبِدِينَ أَنْ يَمُتُّوا أَنْتُمْ أَنْتَقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ نَقَاطِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾

   - O ye who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed). [9:119]

3. **Husn Adh-dhann billah**

   - Having good expectations of Allah
   - “However you want to view Me, you will find Me. If you view Me as
something good, you will find good. If you expect bad, you will find bad."

مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَجُالٌ صَدَقُواْ مَا عَنْهُمْ أَلَّهَةٌ عَلَيْهِ فِي نَفْسِهِمْ مِنْ فَضْلِ ائْتِيَاهُ

Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah i.e. they have gone out for Jihad (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers, of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allah] in the least. [33:23]

4. As-Sideeq (Truthfulness)

Again from the verse above:

يُكَبِّرُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفَقُوا أَلَّهَةَ وَكُونُوا مِمَّا أَلَّهَاءِ الصَّدِيقِينَ

- **O ye who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed).** [9:119]

Narrated Abu Said Al-Khudri, te Prophet said, "Amongst the men of Bani Israel there was a man who had murdered ninety-nine persons. Then he set out asking (whether his repentance could be accepted or not). He came upon a monk and asked him if his repentance could be accepted. The monk replied in the negative and so the man killed him. He kept on asking till a man advised to go to such and such village. (So he left for it) but death overtook him on the way. While dying, he turned his chest towards that village (where he had hoped his repentance would be accepted), and so the angels of mercy and the angels of punishment quarrelled amongst themselves regarding him. Allah ordered the village (towards which he was going) to come closer to him, and ordered the village (whence he had come), to go far away, and then He ordered the angels to measure the distances between his body and the two villages. So he was found to be one span closer to the village (he was going to). So he was forgiven." (saheeh al-Bukhari)

Here the person had truthfulness in his heart for seeking repentance.
5. At-Tawbah (Repentance)
6. Remembering death and visiting cemeteries.
7. Avoiding the reasons which lead to Soo’ Al-Khatimah (Bad End)

- Signs of the good end:
  1. Saying the Shahadah
  2. Dying as a shaheed. There are over 30 different ways to die as a shaheed. Some of these are:
     - In battle or defending
     - Drowning
     - While delivering a child
     - As a prey of a wild beast
     - While guarding Muslims
     - Due to bleeding after a woman gave birth.
     - Death by a tyrant
     - Death in Madina
     - On the day of ju’mah
     - By fire
     - Abdominal disease.
     - By fighting while fighting to protect your wealth or your land
     - While doing sunnah
     - While doing a good deed

Are all Shaheed achieve the same rank and reward? No. The one who dies as shaheed in the battle field is of the highest rank. Other types of shaheed will get janajah where as the martyred does not.

3. A lot of people pray ‘Janajah’. Sheikh gave an example of sheikh Bin Baz as millions prayed for him.
4. Their might very good smell from the body.
5. Fingers go up as if saying shahadah.

A story of a famous Hadeeth Scholar:
- Abu Zur'a ar-Raji was very serious and no one could joke with him, even his students.
- He was dying, and his students were shy to encourage him to say lā ilāha ilallāh
- They came up with a plan to make him say it indirectly.
- They started to narrate the hadīth about saying the shahādah, but they intentionally made a mistake in the chain of narrators.
  - The shaykh, “No, this is wrong.” And he started to narrate the hadīth properly. He got to the words, “lā ilāha ilallāh”, and he died before finishing the hadīth.

Soo’ Al-Khatimah (The Bad End)
• Causes:

1. Corrupt belief and practicing (bida’) innovations. Examples of some of those innovators:
   - *Alhallâj*
     - “Tell those who love me & follow me...I died on the cross believing in the cross and I don’t care about Madînah or Makkah”
   - *Ibn Farud*
     - He said he felt all of his faith is gone and he doesn’t believe in anything anymore.

   "Say (O’ Muhammad); ‘Shall We tell you the greatest losers in respect of (their) deeds? Those whose efforts have been wasted in this life while they thought that they were acquiring good by their deeds.’” [18:103-104]

2. Hypocrisy (privately behaving contrary to one’s public behavior)

3. Practicing sins and love of sins.

   Sheikh gave an example of a young Arab man who is in love with a Thai girl from Bangkok. He was about to die and he goes to Bangkok to visit his girl friend. When he sees her he makes a sujood to her and he dies in that status.

   The prophet (SAW) said: "Sin is the harbinger of kufr."

4. Love of this dunya & expecting to live for a long time.

   An example: A (muslim) man in Canada died in a village area little far from Toronto. The describer of the story got a message to process the dead and arrange funereal prayer. He did not even know about that remote area. When he found out the house they told him about the will of this dead person who originally was from again an Arab land. One of his last wills are to be barried while wearing a coat that he wore once when he took a photo with a famous French female singer. When alive he was such a fan of that lady singer and always boosted about the picture. He owned quite a few stores or businesses. So a second thing in his will was that his body should be taken with a procession around his business places.

5. Unlawful love and attachments.

6. Procrastination (Tesweef)

• Signs of Soo’ Al-Khatimah:

1. Upon death the person cannot say shahada.
2. Cursing on the decree.
3. Dying while committing a sin.
4. The dead body even sometimes flips in the Qabar to be away from Qiblah.
Prophet (SAW) said: "Whoever oloved to meet Allah, Allah loves to meet him; and whoever dislikes to meet Allah, Allah dislikes to meet him." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

Al-Qabr (The Grave)

- What some one sees while he or she is dying?
  People will see their destination paradise or hellfire.

- Pressing in the grave:

  When the deceased is placed in the grave, he is squeezed in a manner from which no one, great or small, pious or wrong doer, can escape. It is narrated that that Sa'd ibn Mu'aadh was squeezed in his grave.

  The Prophet (PBUH) said, 'Verily there is a pressing that occurs in the grave, if anyone could be saved from it, then Sa’d ibn Mu’adh would have been.' [Musnad al-Imam Ahmad, authentic]

  Ibn Umar (RA) narrates: The messenger (SAW) said: "This one at whose death the ‘Arsh (Throne) shook, for whom the gates of heaven were opened, whose funeral was attended by seventy thousand angels, has been squeezed once, then relieved him.” [An-Nasaa'I, authentic]

- No one will be saved from this pressing in the grave:

  Prophet (SAW) buried his daughter. Tears came out of his eyes. Even children are not save from it. Anas (RA) narrates: prophet (SAW) said: "If any one were to have been saved from the squeezing of the grave, it would have been this child." [Musnad at-Tabaraani al-Kabeer]

- The disbeliever’s squeeze will much harder than the believers. The grave will be very narrow for the disbelievers and very wide for the believers.

  - Fitnat Al-Qabr (The Trial of the Grave): The Questioning of the Angels

    o This fitnah will so close to the fitnah of the Dajjal. So many people will not pass this test.

    o The three questions that will be asked are:

      ▪ Who is your Lord? (meaning UluHiyyah)
      ▪ Who is your Prophet?
      ▪ What is your religion?

    But at that moment only the believer will be able to answer. According to the hadeeth narrated by al-Baraa’ ibn ‘Aazib, the Messenger (SAW) said: "two (very Harsh) angels come to him (and treat him roughly) and make him sit up. They say to him, ‘Who is your Lord? What is your religion? Who is your prophet?’ This is the last trial the believer is subjected. This is what Allah refers to in the verse:
"Allah will keep firm who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world..."[Qur'an 14:27]. So he says, 'My Lord is Allah, my religion is Islam and my prophet is Muhammad (SAW).' Then a voice cries out from heaven, 'My slave has spoken the truth.'"

And he said concerning the kaafir or evildoer: “Two (very harsh) angels come to him (and treat him roughly) and make him sit. They say to him 'Who is your Lord? He says, 'Oh, oh, I don't know.' They say to him, 'What is your religion?' he says, 'Oh, oh, I don't know.' They say, 'What do you say about this man who was sent among you?' He cannot remember his name, so they tell him, 'Muhammad.' He says, 'Oh, oh, I don't know. (I heard people saying such and such.' They say to him, 'May you never know and may you never say what the people said!') Then a voice calls out. 'My slave is lying.' [Authentic Hadeeth]

- Even the pagan Arabs said that their Lord was Allah. So even the kafirs will say in this life that their Lord is Allah.

"And if you (O' Muhammad) ask them: "Who has created the heavens and the earth," they will certainly say"Allah." Say: "All praises and thanks be to allah!" But most of them know not." [31:25]

When the person dies, then the actual truth will come out that the soul really followed.

- Inb Abdul Barr (sheikh from Al-Andalus, the muslim spain) said the questions are only for the believers. Suyooti and others have also the opinion that the kaafir will not be questioned. The saheeh ahadeeth refute this understanding and indicate that this is not limited to the believers and to this ummah.

- Will the Prophets asked these questions
  - Two Opinions:
    - Imam Ahmad says yes they will be except “Who is your Prophet?"
    - Others say they won’t be asked.

- When the soul is punished in the grave, they give a scream. It is so loud that only the human and jinn cannot hear.
  - Allah SWT gave prophet (SAW) the ability to hear those who are being tormented in their graves. Zayed ibn Thabit (RA) narrated, "Whilst the prophet (SAW) was in the garden of Banu-Najjar, on his mule, and we were with him, his mule took a different rout and nearly threw him. There were graves there, six or five or four. He said, 'Who knows whose graves these are?' A man said, 'I do.' He said, 'When did these people die?' He said, 'They died at the time of shirk.' He said, 'This ummah will be tested in their graves. Were it not that you might become afraid to bury one another, I would pray to Allah to make you hear what I can hear of the torment of the grave.'" [Saheeh al-Muslim]
Sheikh gave an example that someone mentioned to him that this person never noticed any birds going to the cemetery area. To check this out, he put bird food in the cemetery and the food was not touched at all. He moved the food outside the cemetery, and the food was eaten within couple of days.

Allâh will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allâh Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter. And Allâh will cause to go astray those who are Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.), and Allâh does what He wills. [14:27]

- The Angels to come to the person in their grave.
  - Only Ibn Hazm says they won't.
  - On the other hand it is almost a mutawaatir narration that angels will come for the questioning.

Prophet (SAW) used to seek refuge with Allah from the torment of the grave. This du'a is made right before or after the tasleem (saying 'assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullah'). The stronger opinion is that it is before the tasleem since when the companion describe the salah of the prophet, no one reported the du'a after the tasleem.

- "O Allah, I take refuge in You from the punishment of the grave, from the torment of the Fire, from the trial of life and death and from the evil affliction of the Al-Maseeh Ad-Dajjal."

Shaytan will come with full force to deceive the person at their moment of death.

- He will try to make the person die in disbelief by coming to them as one of his or her parents or the loved ones who sincerely cared for him advising him to die as a jew or a Christian or some other religion which goes against Islam. Shaytan in this form swears that news of hereafter is not true as Islam teaches it. So those who are decreed doom deviate from the truth.
- A person should make du'a to have Allah protect him from shaytan during the final moments of death. As prophet (SAW) also made to Allah SWT seeking his refuge from ash-Shaytan.
- 'Ameerul Mu'mineen of hadeeth' Sufian Thawri (RA) said, "I am afraid that at time of my death I might lose my iman."
- Du’a of Ibraheem (AWS) for his decedents. "And remember when Ibraheem said: "O my Lord! Make this city (Makkah) one of peace and security, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols." [14:25]
- Now a days, we take Eeman for granted, which should not be the case.

- **Soul OR Soul and Body?**
  - **Taken Soul:**
    - **Believer’s:**
      - The soul will exit the body smoothly.
      - But the soul was attached to the body for so long it will not be easy. Death is hard on the body or the person.
      - People look up as trying to follow the path of the soul.
      - This soul will smell so nice and the Angels will say that they wish that this soul can go through their door.
    - **Disbeliever’s:**
      - The soul will exit so hard like if you pull a thorny branch out of a ball of wet wool.
      - This soul will stink very badly and the Angels will curse this soul. They want this soul to stay so far away from them.
  - **Are the questions asked to the body or the soul:**
    - Majority opinion: Asked to the soul as it returned to the body after a ascending and descending from the heavens.
    - Ibn Hazm says: only asked to the soul.
    - But we know from the saheeh ahadeeth that the person will be made to sit up and asked.
  - **Will children and the unaccountable (such as insane) people be asked these questions?**
    - Majority say yes. The reason is we need to pray the funeral prayer over them and seek protection for them from the fitnah of the grave.
    - Some say no. The reason is because even if they are asked, they will say “I don’t know.” The reason why we pray funeral prayer over them so we ask Allah to make the grave easy for them, since the grave will squeeze even a child.

- **Burry the dead ASAP:**
  - Prophet (SAW) asked us to bury the dead ASAP. So that the good soul will enjoy the life of Barzakh. If the soul is bad it will be the opposite.
  - A story of a chinese muslimah: One sheikh Waleed's good friend who runs an Islamic center described this story. His center was almost fighting the city council to get a permission to have a separate part for the muslims
in the local cemetery. The day they got the permission, he received a body of a Chinese lady as her daughter want her to be buried in the section assigned for the muslims. So the sheikh was a bit surprised and enquired about the matter.

This chinese woman was in the USA with her husband and children. She was a muslimah. But the husband left islam and she had to leave him. But the man kept the children. When her children grew up they tried to bring their mom and she she agreed after so much effort on their side. As soon as she came to the airport she asked for a yellow book and she tore the page where it mentions about the Islamic center and told her children that if she died they should take her body to the center to be buried by her 'brothers in Islam'.

Sheikh mentioned this incident in the khutbah. And during the burial everyone came to attend her janajah. People said, "We are here to pray for our sister as she called us brothers".

After some more conversation with her children sheikh found out that she always kept a piece of paper and the children noticed that she was praying from it since they were young. It said in Arabic, "O Allah, save my children". When the sheikh made them understand what she asked for two of her three children accepted Islam. The remaining daughter and her husband is cooperating with the Islamic center and participating events even though she did not accept Islam on the moment.

- The issue of women going to the grave:
  - Open to the fitnah (of public place)
  - Their reaction might be negative rather than positive. It might scare them and shariah doesn't want that.

### Reward and Punishment in the Grave

- Reward and punishment in the graves is established through texts in the Quran and Hadeeth.
- The ahadeeth regarding the reward and punishment of the grave are mutawatirah.
  - Hadeeth for this have been narrated by the thousands.
  - Meaning of Mutawatirah:
    - 9 or more narrators.
    - The narrators have to declare "I saw" or "I heard"
- Tawatir Lafzi: With biggest chain and exactly to the text. Example of hadeeth: “The one who lies...”
- Tawatur Ma'aani: Biggest chain and contains the same meaning. The text might be different, almost the same but the meaning is the same.
- Both Lafzi and Ma'aani have the same status.

- The heretics who deny the torment and blessing of the grave:
  - Some of the Mu'tazilah, al-Khawaarij, some of the muslims who followed philosophers' way.
  - These groups were opposed to by ahl al-Sunnah and even by most of the Mu'tazilah.
  - Reward and punishment in the graves is established through texts in the Quran and Hadeeth.

- Some of the verses that describes about the 'Adhab' in the grave:

  ❮40:46❯

- The Fire; they are exposed to it, morning and afternoon, and on the Day when the Hour will be established (it will be said to the angels): “Cause Fir'awn's (Pharaoh) people to enter the severest torment!” [40:46]

- Because of their sins they were drowned, then were made to enter the Fire, and they found none to help them instead of Allâh. [71:25]
And who can be more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allâh, or says: "I have received inspiration," whereas he is not inspired in anything; and who says, "I will reveal the like of what Allâh has revealed." And if you could but see when the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allâh other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!"

And among the bedouins round about you, some are hypocrites, and so are some among the people of Al-Madinah, they exaggerate and persist in hypocrisy, you (O Muhammad) know them not, We know them. We shall punish them twice, and thereafter they shall be brought back to a great (horrible) torment.

And verily, for those who do wrong, there is another punishment (i.e. the torment in this world and in their graves) before this, but most of them know not. [Tafsir At-Tabari, Vol. 27, Page 36].
Examples of reward in the grave.
- Will see their place in hellfire. Then they will be shown the place in Jannah and be said to them that this is where they are going.
- Widening of the grave.
- Illumination of the grave.
- Deep and comfort sleep.
- Souls will be in green birds flying in paradise.
- Their good deeds will come as a good looking person to give company in their grave.
- Praise in grave.
- Given a special dress or covering.
- Will be given a very soft bed in their grave.
- If anything good happened to their family, they will be informed about it.
- Will be given a window to see their place in paradise.

Examples of punishment in the grave.
- Will see their place in Jannah. Then they will be shown the place in hellfire and be said to them that this is where they are going.
- Tightening of their grave.
- A portal to be shown to their hellfire.
- Beaten or hammered till they turn to dust and then return back.
- Bed of fire and full of darkness.
- If someone memorized the Qur'an and then forgot, their head will be smashed by a rock.
- People will be swimming in a river full of blood and when they swim to the shore, a rock will be thrown to their mouth and push them back. These are the people who consumed 'ribaa' (interest).
- An iron hook was inserted into the corner of a person's mouth ripping the mouth apart to the back of his head. Then same thing is done to the other side. These are the people who used to tell lies and spread it far and wide.
- Naked people that are put in a pit of fire where the fire raises them up to the mouth of the pit as if they were almost out of it and then drops them down. These were the fornicators.
- Hanging by ankles with hooks and blood coming out of their mouths. These were people that broke their fast in Ramadhan before time.

Cause of the punishment:
- Shirk
- Spreading slander.
- Not taking precautions to prevent oneself from being soiled with urine. Prophet (SAW) said: "Most of the punishment of the grave is because of urine."
  [Authenticated by Sheikh Al-Albanee]
- Not covering properly while urinating.
- Ghalool: Stealing from the war booty.
- Lying
<ul><li>Those who backbite.</li><li>Gossip</li><li>Stealing from the orphans.</li><li>Bribery</li><li>Mulhid: The one who gets paid to marry a woman and divorce her to facilitate for her ex-husband to marry her again.</li><li>Punishing or abusing animals (story of the woman who starved a cat to death)</li><li>Spread falls rumors.</li><li>To sleep and miss the salat.</li><li>Who don't remember Allah much.</li><li>Memorizing Qur’an and forget it.</li><li>Dragging your cloths on the ground out of arrogance.</li><li>Debt</li></ul><p>• Does the punishment of the grave continue until the Day of Judgment?</p><ul><li>Ibn Qayyam says that there are two types:</li></ul><ul><li>Certain types will continue until the day of judgment.</li><li>⇒ For the disbelievers that they will be punished till then. This will continue until they are resurrected.</li><li>⇒ The punishment for dragging clothes.</li><li>Certain types of punish will stop for a while.</li><li>⇒ For example, if a person is in debt, then there will be fire in their grave until the debt is paid off.</li><li>⇒ If someone pays sadaqah on behalf of the deceased.</li></ul><p>• What can save a person from the punishment in the grave?</p><p><strong>يَنْبِئُنَّ اللَّهُ الْذِّينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَاضُوا أَنْ يَتَقَلَّبُنَّ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الْبَيْنَيَةَ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ الْظَّالِمِينَ وَيُفْعَلُ اللَّهُمَا ما يَشَاءُ</strong></p><ul><li>Allāh will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allāh Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter. And Allāh will cause to go astray those who are Zālimūn (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.), and Allāh does what He wills. [14:27]</li><li>At-Tawheed.</li><li>Good Deeds will come in the form of companions and guard the deceased.</li><ul><li>His recitation of the Qur’an will be next to his head in the grave.</li><li>His Taraweeh will wait near the leg.</li><li>His salah will be on the left side.</li><li>His zakah will be on the right side.</li></ul></ul>
- His sadaqat will be from the above.
  - Guarding the Muslim border.
  - Shaheed in the battle field.
  - Other type of shuhada.
  - Dying during the night of Jummah.
  - Reciting surah Mulk every night.

- Does the body feel pain after death?
  - Body doesn't feel pain when it is washed.
  - But the soul will remain restless after it comes from the heavens to join the body until it is lowered to the grave.
  - It is a sin to step over a person's grave.

- The places of the souls after death
  - Rooh or souls are eternal. The real nature of it is not known to us. Some other eternal things are: Jannah, 'arsh, Kursi.

> ويستلطونك عن الروح فلرثوم من أمر ربي واما وقتبت من العلم فلا قليل

*And they ask you (O Muhammad) concerning the Ruh (the Spirit); Say:*
*"The Ruh (the Spirit): it is one of the things, the knowledge of which is only with my Lord. And of knowledge, you (mankind) have been given only a little."* [17:85]

- All human souls were created at the same time. As Allah SWT says:
  > And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this." [7:172]

- Souls have varying levels in the world of Barzakh:
  - The souls of the Prophets are in the highest level of 'Illiyyeen (the Highest places) and are in the presence of Allah. The proof of this is that Aa'ishah (RA) heard the Messenger (SAW), in the last moments of his life, saying, "O Allah, (with) the Highest Companions." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]
  - The souls of the shuhadah:
    
    Ibn Mas'ood (RA) said: We asked about the verse:
Think not of those who are killed in the Way of Allâh as dead. Nay, they are alive, with their Lord, and they have provision. [3:169]

And prophet (SAW) said, 'Their souls are in the crops of green birds which have lamps hanging from the throne. They roam in paradise wherever they wish, then they come back to those lamps.' [Saheeh al-Muslim]

This is the case for some of the myrters, not for all of the myrters, because some of them may be detained from entering paradise by debts that they have left behins.

- The souls of the righteous believers:

  'Abdur Rahman ibn Ka'b ibn Malik narrated, Prophet (SAW) said: "The soul of the Muslim is a bird perching in the trees of paradise, until Allah returns it to his body on the Day of Ressurction." [Ahmad, authenticated by Sheikh al-Albanee]

- The difference the souls of the believers and the shuhadah.
  - The souls of shaheed will be inside green birds and the souls of the believers will take the shape of green birds.
  - The souls of the shaheed will be resting on nest under the shade of Allah and the believers will be resting on fruits trees.
  - The souls of the myrters ram around but the souls of the believers will just sit there.

- The souls of some of the righteous believers:

  These souls cann't enter Jannah and wait at the gate of Jannah. This is because their debts are unpaid. [Hadeeth Abi Dawood]

- The souls of the sinners:

  This has been discussed previously where talking about the punishment in the graves.
  - The souls of the disbelievers will be sent back down to earth and not even brought to the gates of jannah.

The Resurrection
• Muslims must believe that Allah will resurrect all the dead to their judgment.
• Al-Quran and As-Sunnah are full of affirmations of the Resurrection and refutations of those deny it.
  1. Directly stating that people will be resurrected.

> قُالُوا: بَوْلِئِلَّتا مِنْ بَعْثَتٍ مِنْ مَرْقِدَتِيْنَ هَذَنَّ مَا وَعَدَ أَرْجَعَنَ وَصَدِقنَ

> Al-mursulûn

• They will say: "Woe to us! Who has raised us up from our place of sleep." (It will be said to them): "This is what the Most Beneficent (Allâh) had promised, and the Messengers spoke truth!" [36:52]

2. Observation: Life from death

> فَأَنظُرُ إِلَى عَانِثِرِ رَحْمَتِ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ يُحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ

> لَمْ يَحْيَ الْمُوْتُونَ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

• Look then at the effects (results) of Allâh’s Mercy, how He revives the earth after its death. Verily! That (Allâh) Who revived the earth after its death shall indeed raise the dead (on the Day of Resurrection), and He is Able to do all things. [30:50]

3. Affirming the Completeness of Allah’s Power, Knowledge and Wisdom.

> أَفْخَسَبْتُمُ أَنْمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبْنًا وَأَنْقُلْكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَنْ تُرِجِعُونَ

• "Did you think that We had created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?" [23:115]

A disbeliever brought a dried bone to the prophet (SAW), he crushed it and blew the dust. Then asked the prophet (SAW), "O Muhammad, are you claiming that Allah will resurrect this?" Then Allah SWT revealed verses 78-83 of surah Yaseen.
Say: (O Muhammad) “He will give life to them Who created them for the first time! And He is the All-Knower of every creation!” [36:79]

If this kaafir were really intelligent, he would not ask such a question, because the very fact that he exists answers this question.

- Proof through Al-Qiyas (Analogy)

1. Does not man see that We have created him from Nutfah (mixed male and female discharge semen drops). Yet behold! He (stands forth) as an open opponent. [36:77]

2. And man (the disbeliever) says: "When I am dead, shall I then be raised up alive?" [19:66]

- The resurrection includes the resurrection of bodies and souls.
- Positions of people towards the Resurrection:

And they swear by Allâh their strongest oaths, that Allâh will not raise up him who dies. Yes, (He will raise them up), a promise (binding) upon Him in truth, but most of mankind know not. [16:38]

1. Those who deny it completely (Pagan Arabs and some of the Greek philosophers)
• And they swear by Allâh their strongest oaths, that Allâh will not raise up him who dies. Yes, (He will raise them up), a promise (binding) upon Him in truth, but most of mankind know not. [16:38]

2. Those who deny the resurrection of the bodies (the vast majority of the philosophers, the Jews, and Christians).
3. Reincarnation of souls (Buddhists believe that pure souls reach Nirvana. The Nusairees believe that pure souls will merge with the stars. Impure souls must return to another human soul until purified. Durzis believe that if the soul is pure, it will return to the body of another Durzi. Some Jews believe similarly, that if a soul is pure it will be reincarnated in the body of another Jew).

The Blowing of As-Soor

"And the trumpet will be blown, and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth will swoon away, except him whom Allah wills..." [39:68]

• There are two opinions regarding the meaning of As-Soor.
  o The vast majority said it is a trumpet. The messenger (SAW) explained ‘as-soor’ in terms of the words that the ‘arabs know. A Bedouin came to the prophet (SAW) and said, 'What is as-soor?' He said, 'As-soor is a horn which is blown into.'”
  o A few said it refers to the blowing into the bodies of the creation for the souls to return to them. Al-Hassan al-Basri and others read ‘as-soor’ as-suwar, which is the plural of ‘soorah’ (meaning image, form). But this is an incorrect view and was refuted by the Muslim scholars.
• Blowing the Trumpet is the role of the Angel Israfeel.
• There are three different opinions regarding the blowing of the trumpet.
  o Trumpet will be blown three times according to the majority of the scholars.
    • The first is Nafkhat Al-Faza’ (The Blow of Terror). This signals the beginning of the great changes that will occur to the world. Only the worst people will witness this. [27:87]
    • The second is Nafkhat Al-Sa’q (The Blow of Death). This blow causes all creation to die.
    • The third is Nafkhat Al-Qiyam (The Blow of Resurrection). This blow resurrects people from their graves.
There proofs are verse [27:87], and the verses the verses [39:68], [79:6-7] and [36:49-51] with the word 'ukhra' meaning 'again' instead of 'second' and as such.

- The second opinion held by scholars is that there will be two blows. They consider the Blow of Terror and the Blow of Death as one. The use the verses [39:68], [79:6-7] and [36:49-51].
- A third opinion says it is four. Qadhi Iyad, Ibn Hazm and others had this opinion. They say:
  - The first trumpet causing everyone to die.
  - The second one bringing everyone to life.
  - The third one causing everyone to be filled with terror and fall unconscious.
  - And the fourth trumpet will be given when Allah SWT comes for the judgment.

- The duration between two blows. What is between the two blows? Abu Hurairah said that it is 40. When he was asked about what 40 is, he didn’t comment because he either forgot what the Prophet (PBUH) said or the Prophet (PBUH) didn’t say.

The Great Gathering

- The Land of the Gathering:
- Will the actual entity of the earth change? Or will its attributes only change?
  1. **Proofs for a changed entity:**

  This verse 

  \[\text{On the Day when the earth will be changed to another earth and so will be the heavens, and they (all creatures) will appear before Allâh, the One, the Irresistible. [14:48]}\]

  - Ibn Mas’ood and others supported this view. They said the earth will be changed to another earth that is flattened and spread out and on which no sin has ever been committed.
  - Sahl ibn Sa’d narrated: "I heard the messenger of Allah (SAW) said: ‘On the Day of Resurrection, mankind will be gathered on an earth that is reddish white, like a fine loaf of bread (made from pure fine flour).’ Sahl or someone
else said, "That land will have no landmarks for anybody (to make use of it). [Saheeh al-Bukhari]

- So there will be no mountain, no shade etc. and the fire will gather the people.

2. **Proofs for changed features:**
   - This group of scholars says it will be the same earth. Ibn Abbas and others supported this opinion.
   - They said regarding the verse [14:48] above that some things will be added to it and some will be taken away, and its mountains, valleys and trees will disappear and it will be spread out like a 'Ukazi' carpet.
   - They use the verses:

   
   
   وَإِذَا أَلَّفَ اللَّهُ الْأَرْضَ مَدَتْ
   
   وَأَلَّفَ مَا فِيهَا وَتَحْلَّلَتْ

   
   
   - *And when the earth is stretched forth, and has cast out all that was in it and became empty, [84:3-4]*

   Here the word, 'muddat', means
   - Leveled
   - Stretched to accommodate all of them.

   - One hadeeth narrates that Palestine will be the place for great gathering.

   - Description of the Gathering: Mankind will be gathered barefoot, naked and uncircumcised.

   - "...As we began the first creation, We shall repeat it. [it is] a promise binding upon Us. Truly, We shall do it." [21:104]

   - When 'Aaishah (RA) heard the messenger (SAW) saying: "Mankind will be gathered on the Day of Resurrection, barefoot, naked and uncircumcised," she said, "O' messenger of Allah, men and women together, looking at one another?" he said, "O' 'Aa'ishah, it will be too distressing for them to be looking at one another." [Mishkat al-Masaabeeh]

   - The disbelievers
The Day when they will come out of the graves quickly as racing to a goal, with their eyes lowered in fear and humility, ignominy covering them (all over)! That is the Day which they were promised! [70:43-44]

They will lower their heads like the animal lowers its head when it comes to be slaughtered. It gives up knowing their end.

And he whom Allâh guides, he is led aright; but he whom He sends astray for such you will find no Auliyâ’ (helpers and protectors, etc.), besides Him, and We shall gather them together on the Day of Resurrection on their faces, blind, dumb and deaf, their abode will be Hell; whenever it abates, We shall increase for them the fierceness of the Fire. [17:97]

Anas asked the Prophet (PBUH) if they will be hung upside down to be drug. The Prophet (PBUH) said that if Allah can have you walk on your feet, He can also have you walk on your face.

Will animals be resurrected and gathered?
1. Ibn Taymiyah said that they will be resurrected. The proof is that the kafir will say I wish to be an animal so I can be turned to dust so I won’t be sent to hellfire.
2. There is a hadeeth that there justice between two sheep where one with horns beat on the one without horns.
3. Allah SWT says:
And when the wild beasts shall be gathered together; [81:5]

وَإِذَا أَلْوَّحْتُ ٱلسَّحْرَتُ

There is not a moving (living) creature on earth, nor a bird that flies with its two wings, but are communities like you. We have neglected nothing in the Book, then unto their Lord they (all) shall be gathered. [6:38]

- The first to be resurrected?
  1. The Prophet (PBUH)
- The first to be dressed/covered on the Day of Resurrection
  1. People will be gathered naked, barefoot and uncircumcised as stated previously in a saheeh hadeeth.
  2. Ibn Abbas (RA) narrated: Prophet (SAW) said: "The first to be clothed on the day of Resurrection will be Inraheem al-Khaleel." [Saheeh al-Bukhari]
  3. Why Ibraheem (AWS) will be the first one?
    The best explanation is that: When Namrood ordered to throw him in the pit of fire, they removed his clothes in front of those who were present. Thus he will be rewarded by being the first one to be clothed.
  4. Some scholars say that you will be dressed by your good deeds. They say the word 'thaub' refers to deeds. As it is in the verse:

وَنَدْعُو لَكَ ٱلْبَأْسَةَ فَطَلَّبَهُرُ

"And purify your garments" [74:4]

- People will be gathered in groups
- Description of the people in the Gathering
  1. The arrogant
    - The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: The arrogant will be gathered like small ants in the form of men on the Day of Resurrection, overwhelmed by humiliations from all sides." [at-Tirmidhi, hasan hadeeth]
    - Will come on the Day of Judgment in the size of small ants.
  2. The wealthy beggar
Ibn mas'ood (RA) narrated: The prophet (SAW) said: "Whoever bags from people when he has the means of being independent, his begging will appear on the day of Resurrection as scratches on his face."

3. Those who do al-Ghalool (means stealing from the war booty):

وَمَا كَانَ لِنَبِيَّ أَن يُمْلِأَ وَمَن يُمْلِأَ يَأْتِيَ بِمَا عَلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَّمَةِ نَمَّذَةٌ

• It is not for any Prophet to take illegally a part of booty (Ghulul), and whosoever deceives his companions as regards the booty, he shall bring forth on the Day of Resurrection that which he took (illegally). Then every person shall be paid in full what he has earned, - and they shall not be dealt with unjustly. [3:161]

• So the person will carry it on his back and around his neck, tormented by having to bear its weight and terrified by its noise, rebuked in the open for his betrayal in front of all creatures.

• Rulers, governors stealing from public coffers will have the same fate.

4. Those who perform wudoo’

• Abu Darda (RA) narrated: prophet (SAW) said: The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "....A man said, 'O messenger of Allah (SAW), how will you recognize my ummah from among the other nations from Nooh (Noah) to your ummah?' He said, 'Their faces and limbs will be shining with traces of wudoo', and no one but they will be like that. .....'[Ahmad, authentic]

5. Those who call adhan

• Muwawiyah ibn Abi Sufyaan (RA) narrated: I heard messenger of Allah (SAW) say: "The muadh-dhins will have the longest necks of all the people on the Day of Resurrection." [Saheeh al-Muslim]

6. Those who give charity

• Their charity will be their shade on this day. It will be like a thicker and bigger cloud.

• Abu Hurayrah (RA) narrated: prophet (SAW) said: "There are seven whom (Allah) will shade with his shade on the Day when there will be no shade except His: ….; a man who gives in charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives..." [Agreed upon]

• Here 'left hand don't know what right hand gave' has two meanings:

⇒ Done in complete secrecy

⇒ That he gave so much.


• These surahs will come as yellow clouds and big bird wings to be a shade for them on this day.

8. The one who betrays the Muslim leader
• Abu Sa’eed narrated: The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "On the Day of Resurrection, for every betrayer a banner will be raised according to the extent of his betrayal, and no betrayal is greater than that of a ruler.” [Saheeh Muslim]

• Jabir reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “Every slave (of Allah) shall be resurrected upon that which he died upon.” [Muslim]

• People who get the shade of Allah on the Day of Judgement:

  • Abu Hurayrah (RA) narrates: The messenger of Allah (SAW) said: "There are seven whom (Allah) will shade with his shade on the Day when there will be no shade except His: the just ruler; the young man who grows up worshipping his Lord; the man whose heart is attached to the mosque; two men who love one another for the sake of Allah, meeting and parting for that reason; a man who is invited (to sin) by a woman of high status and beauty, but he says, 'I fear Allah'; a man who gives in charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives; and a man who remembers Allah when he is alone, and his eyes fill with tears.” [Agreed upon, this version from al-Bukhari]

  • Whoever helps a Mujahid.
  • Trustworthy muslim businessman.
  • Whoever covers the back of the muslim.
  • The person who shows leniency towards a debtor or writes off his debt.

The Standing: Awaiting Judgment

وَتَرَى كُلَّ ْأُمَّةٍ جَائِثَةً كُلُّ ْأُمَّةٍ نَّذَكَرَتْ إِلَى ْكُنْدِهَا أَليْوَمَ نُجُرِّؤُنَّ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

And you will see each nation humbled to their knees (kneeling), each nation will be called to its Record (of deeds). This Day you shall be recompensed for what you used to do. [45:28]
(From) the Lord of the heavens and the earth, and whatsoever is in between them, the Most Beneficent, none can dare to speak with Him (on the Day of Resurrection except after His Leave). The Day that Ar-Rûh [Jibrail (Gabriel) or another angel] and the angels will stand forth in rows, none shall speak except him whom the Most Beneficent (Allâh) allows, and he will speak what is right. That is without doubt the True Day, so, whosoever wills, let him seek a place with (or a way to) His Lord (by obeying Him in this worldly life)! [78:37-39]

Al-Miqdad ibn Al-Aswad reports that he heard the Prophet (PBUH) say, “The sun will get closer to the creations on the Day of Resurrection until it is only a Meel away. People will perspire according to the level of their deeds. Some of them will have perspiration covering his ankles, some to his knees, others to their shoulders, some will have it choke them,” and he (PBUH) pointed to his mouth. [Saheeh Muslim]

- How long will people stand on that day?
  o 50,000 years.

And they ask you to hasten on the torment! And Allâh fails not His Promise. And verily, a day with your Lord is as a thousand years of what you reckon. [22:47]

The angels and the Rûh [Jibrail (Gabriel)] ascend to Him in a Day the measure whereof is fifty thousand years, [70:4]
Sheikh gave a metaphor: During a rush hour, in the I-10 freeway in Huston people will go 1 mile in 1.5 hours. This situation is so frustrating. Whereas the picture is like: people are in their cars, where ACs are running, friends beside the person or talking on cell phone etc. Even then it feels so horrible. Then let us imagine, 50000 years waiting in a situation about which Allah SWT says:

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\text{يَومَ يَفِر الأَمْرُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ (٣٥) وَأَمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ}
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That Day shall a man flee from his brother. And from his mother and his father. And from his wife and his children. Everyman, that Day, will have enough to make him careless of others. [80:34-37]

In another verse ah Allah SWT says:

"They ask you to hasten on the torment! And Allah fails not in His promise. And verily, a day with your Lord is as a thousand years of what you reckon." [22:47]

Similarly, the verse [32:5] mentions 1,000 years.

How to reconcile the different number of years [i.e. 1,000 or 50,000 years]?

- Ibn ‘Abbas, Ikrimah said: When the angel go from earth to heaven it is 50,000 years.

- More prominent opinion: The length of the Day of Judgment:
  \[\Rightarrow\] For kuffar: 50,000 years
  \[\Rightarrow\] For the believers: 1,000 years.

- A third opinion: It goes through 50 stages. Each 1,000 years

- **What will occur during the Mawfiq?**
  - Allah will come
  - Bringing of Jannah ad Hellfire

Allah SWT says:
And Paradise will be brought near to the Muttaqun, not far off."
[50:31]

Allah SWT says:

"And Hell will be brought near that Day..."[89:23]

Narrated Ibn Mas'ood: The prophet (SAW) said: "Hell will be brought forth that day by means of seventy thousand ropes, each of which will be held by seventy thousand angels." [Saheeh Muslim]

Thus there will be 4.9 billion angels dragging the hellfire to the land of gathering as it will try to jump and eat everybody in the land of gathering.

The descriptions of Hell in the Qur'an and the ahadeeth will make us understand that it is a creation that can see, speak, breathe and complain. It has an enormous anger and hatred towards the evil-doers.

"When it [Hell] sees them from a far place, they will hear its raging and roaring." [25:12]

"On the Day when we will say to Hell: "Are you filled?" It will say: "Are there any more?" [50:30]

On every strange thing: A part of Helfire will jump and suck the arrogant group of people after the judgment.

- Intercession to start judgment
• The Prophet (PBUH) will be the only one to ask Allah to start the Day of Judgment and to have mercy on the Prophet’s (PBUH) nation.
• When the Prophet (PBUH) approaches Allah, He will teach the Prophet (PBUH) a dua that I never knew before.
• Allah will tell the Prophet (PBUH) that “Now you can intercede.”
  o Judgment and placing of balances and passing out of books
  o Approaching the pool

Intercession

• Special intercession of Prophet (PBUH)
• Special intercession of Prophet (PBUH) for those that live in Madina and die there.
• Who are the intercessors on the Day of Resurrection?
  o Allah
  o The Prophet (PBUH)
  o The Messengers
  o The Angels
  o The Martyrs
  o Children who pass away
  o Believers to one another
  o The Quran
  • Surat Tabaruk will save the person from the hellfire.

The Judgment

• All people brought forth (before Allah)

وَبَرَّزُوا لَيْلَةِ جَمِيعًا فَقَالَ الْمُعْتَمِنُونَ إِنَّا نَكَفَرْنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ نُبِيعًا فَهَلَّ أَنتُمُ مُفْتَعُونَ عَنَّا مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّهِمْ قَالُوا لَوْ هَدَيَنَا اللَّهُ لَهَدَيْنَا كَمْ سَوَاءَ عَلَيْنَا أَجْرُ عَمَّا أَمَّ صَبَرْنَا مَا لَنَا مِن

And they all shall appear before Allâh (on the Day of Resurrection) then the weak will say to those who were arrogant (chiefs): "Verily, we were following you; can you avail us anything from Allâh's Torment?" They will say: "Had Allâh guided us, we would have guided you. It makes no difference to us (now) whether we rage, or bear (these torments) with patience, there is no place of refuge for us." [14:21]
The Day when they will (all) come out, nothing of them will be hidden from Allâh. Whose is the kingdom this Day? (Allâh Himself will reply to His Question): It is Allâh’s the One, the Irresistible! [40:16]

And they will be set before your Lord in (lines as) rows, (and Allâh will say): "Now indeed, you have come to Us as We created you the first time. Nay, but you thought that We had appointed no meeting for you (with Us)." [18:48]

And who does more wrong than he who invents a lie against Allâh. Such will be brought before their Lord, and the witnesses will say, "These are the ones who lied against their Lord!" No doubt! the curse of Allâh is on the Zâlimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers, oppressors, etc.). [11:18]

That Day shall you be brought to Judgement, not a secret of you will be hidden. [69:18]
Books given out

- Allah mentions what will go on when people get the book either in their left or right hand.

> وَأَمَّا مَنْ أَوْتِىَ كَتَبٍ، وَرَآءَ ظَهْرِهِمْ

- Then, as for him who will be given his Record in his right hand, he surely will receive an easy reckoning, and will return to his family in joy! But whosoever is given his Record behind his back, he will invoke (his) destruction, and shall enter a blazing Fire, and made to taste its burning. [84:10-11]
  - The people receiving the behind their backs is the one who are receiving it in the left hand. This is the most correct opinion.
  - Some scholars say this is a third group including the right and left hand.

> فَسُوْفَ يَدْعُوا ثُمَّ بُورًا

- And We have fastened every man's deeds to his neck, and on the Day of Resurrection, We shall bring out for him a book which he will find wide open. [17:13]
  - Asking and Judgment for deeds that were recorded in their books:
  - Will all creation be judged?
  - Who will be the first to be judged?

> كَانُوا يَلَقُونَ مَنْ شَرَّمُواً

> وَكُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ أَلَّهَهُ خَلْقٌ طَالِبٌ، فِي عِنْقِهِ وَنُحْرِجُ لَهُ يَوْمَ يَوْمَ الْيَةَمَةَ
- He said: "This has been given to me only because of knowledge I possess." Did he not know that Allâh had destroyed before him generations, men who were stronger than him in might and greater in the amount (of riches) they had collected. But the Mujrimûn (criminals, disbelievers, polytheists, sinners, etc.) will not be questioned of their sins (because Allâh knows them well, so they will be punished without account). [28:78]
  - Ummat ul-Muhammad

- Witnesses at the judgment?
  - Body parts

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\text{أَلِيِّوُمُ نَخَيْمُ عَلَىٰ أُفُوَّاهُمُ وَتَكَلَّمُتْنَا عِيْدَيْهِمُ وَتَشَهَّدُ أَرْجَلَهُمُ بِمَا}
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\text{كَانُوا يُكَسَّبُونَ} \]

- This Day, We shall seal up their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their legs will bear witness to what they used to earn. (It is said that one’s left thigh will be the first to bear the witness).
  - [Tafsir At-Tabari, Vol. 22, Page 24] [36:65]
  - The earth (ground)

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\text{فَلَتَسَلَّنَّ الَّذِينَ أُرِسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَتَسَلَّنَّ الْمُرْسَلِينَ} \]

- Then surely, We shall question those (people) to whom it (the Book) was sent and verily, We shall question the Messengers. [7:6]
  - Surat 55

**The Balance**
And the weighing on that day (Day of Resurrection) will be the true (weighing). So as for those whose scale (of good deeds) will be heavy, they will be the successful (by entering Paradise). And as for those whose scale will be light, they are those who will lose their ownselves (by entering Hell) because they denied and rejected Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). [7:8-9]

Believing in the “Balance” is from the beliefs of Ahl As-Sunnah wal-Jama’ah. Denying it or taking it as a figure of speech (metaphor) is a belief of the innovators, such as Mu’tazilah, Khawarij, and Jahmiyyah.

- What is the wisdom behind weighing deeds?
  - Having the scale is the most clear form of justice.
  - Shows us the amount of Mercy that Allah has.
  - Shows the knowledge of Allah because it shows that knows all the deeds you did.
- Description of Al-Meezan
  - Two scales.
  - It has tongue and lips, meaning it can talk.
- What will be weighed?
  - Your good deeds and sins.
  - Records
  - The person will be weighed.
  - Good deeds will be weighed in the form of light.
  - Alhamdullilah will fill up the scale.
  - There is something that few people do:
    - Saying subhanallah 10 times.
    - Alhamdullilah 10 times.
    - Allahu Akbar 10 times.
    - When going to sleep, say subhanallah, alhamdulillah and Allahu akbar.
    - Whoever helps his brother or sister to fulfill their needs, the Prophet (PBUH) said that Allah will be next to his balance on the side of his good deeds. If the person’s sins become heavier, then Allah will push the good deeds.
• Will the non-Muslims’ deeds be weighed?
  o Ibn Taymiyah says no because they have nothing to claims since they got all their rewards in this dunya. Also, all their good deeds will like dust.

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  o “They are those who deny the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of their Lord and the Meeting with Him (in the Hereafter). So their works are in vain, and on the Day of Resurrection, We shall not give them any weight. [18:105]

• How will Allah judge people?
  o Whichever side goes down, then they will be judged that way.

• Will there be one scale for all nations, or different ones?
  - There will only be one scale for everyone.

Al-Hawd (The Pool)

• Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamma’ah believe that Al-Hawd, which Allah will grant the Prophet (PBUH) as an honor to quench the thirst of his nation, is factual. This is in opposition to the people of innovation, from the Khawarij and Mu’tazilah, who denied the Hawd.

• Anas ibn Maalik reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “My pool will be as wide as the distance from Ayelah to San’a in Yemen. It will contain as many jugs as stars in the sky.” [Al-Bukharee and Muslim]
  o Different Hadeeth talks about different cities that in other ahadeeth.
  o The two cities given doesn’t really mean that, it is just to explain the enormity of the pool.
  o Prophet (SAW) talked to different people and used their known cities.
  o Some scholar say shorter distance will not contradict bigger distance. Maybe Allah SWT made the hawd bigger and bigger.

• Sahl ibn Sa’d reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “I will precede you at the Pool. Whoever comes to it will drink from it, and whoever drinks from it will never be thirsty again. Some people will come to me, whom I will recognize and who will recognize me, and then there will be a barrier between me and them.” [Al-Bukharee and Muslim]

• Abu Hurairah said, that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “What is between my house and my minbar (pulpit) is a garden of the gardens of Paradise, and my mimbar is at my Hawd.” [Al-Bukharee]

• Jabir narrated that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “Al-Hawd is square (its angles are equal), one side of it measures the distance of travelling one month. Its cups are like the stars, it smells better than musk, is
whiter than milk. Whoever drinks from it will never become thirsty after it again.” [Ahmad]

- Anas reports that the Prophet (PBUH) once dozed off for a little while. He then raised his head and smiled. Then he either said to them or they said to him, “What has made you smile?” He said, “A Soorah has just been revealed to me. It says, ‘In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, We have given you the Kawther (River of Abundance)...’ until the end of the Soorah. Then he said, “Do you know what Al-Kawther is?” They said, “Allah and His Messenger know best.” He said, “It is a river Allah will give me in Paradise. It will abound in goodness. On the Day of Judgment, my followers will come to it and find there as many cups for drinking as the number of stars. Some of them, however, will be taken away. I will say, ‘O Allah, they are from my nation.’ Allah will say, ‘You do not know what they did after you.’” [Ahmad]

- Do all prophets have a Hawd?
  - Only given to the Prophet (PBUH)
  - A narration in Tirmidhi says that every prophets will have a pool but Saleh. This is because he has a she-camel and will give milk from this she-camel.And the biggest pool will be given to Prophet (SAW).
    - There is only one hadeeth reporting this.
    - This is 'gharib' hadeeth.

- When will the people come to the Hawd?
  - Al-Bukhari and Abdul QaderJilani said that approaching the pool will be after the As-Sirat, the straight path crossing the hellfire.
  - Ibn Hazar and others refuted this because the Prophet (PBUH) said that there will be people who approach my pool and the Angels will pull them away. These are the people of innovation, hypocrites, murtaddin (rejecters of faith). It will be said to them, 'Suh'kan suh'ka". Such people cannot cross the As-Sirat, that is why the pool cannot be after as-Sirat.
  - Ghazali and Kurtubi said that it is even before the judgment.
  - The question arises: If people would drink from al-Hawd and they cross as-Sirat, should not they be thirsty? Ibn Hazar said that after someone drinks from al-Hawd, they will not feel thirsty even if they fall in the hellfire.

**As-Sirat**

**Linguistically:** clear, straight path

**Technically:** It is the bridge placed over the Hellfire, over which the Muslims will pass to enter Jannah.

Ahl As-Sunnah wal Jama’ah believe that on the Day of Judgment there will be a Sirat drawn over Jahannam. This is in opposition to the position of the Mu’tazilah who deny it.

- The description of As-Sirat:
It was mentioned in the Quran and Sunnah but not with the clear evidence.

- In Al-Fatiha, some say that it means this bridge.

> وَإِن مَّسَكْنَهُ ۖ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ ۖ كَانَ عَلَى رَبِّكَ حَتَّى مَقْضٍ يَّا مَّلِكُ الْأَرْضَ

> ثم ننجى الذين أنتموا وننذر الظالمين فيها جهنمًا (6)

- There is not one of you but will pass over it (Hell); this is with your Lord; a Decree which must be accomplished. Then We shall save those who use to fear Allâh and were dutiful to Him. And We shall leave the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) therein (humbled) to their knees (in Hell). [19:71-72]

  - We are only promised we will approach not pass by it.

- Has big thorns on it like the tree of Za’dan. Also, it has hooks on it. It is also slippery and not be able to walk on it easily. It is very sharp.

- How people will cross the Sirat
  - Will cross it very fast and like the wind.
  - Like on a strong horse.
  - Some of them running.
  - Some of them walking.
  - Some of them walk, then fall, then continue walking, then fall again and so on.
  - Will cross in darkness. One of three times that we won’t care about even our loved ones.

**The three times.**

- 1. Being given the books.
- 2. Not knowing what the deeds will lead towards.
- 3. Crossing the bridge.
- The light for the bridge will be according to their iman.
One Day shall thou see the believing men and the believing women—how their Light runs forward before them and by their right hands: (their greeting will be): "Good News for you this Day! Gardens beneath which flow rivers! to dwell therein for aye! This is indeed the highest Achievement!" One Day will the Hypocrites—men and women—say to the Believers: "Wait for us! Let us borrow (a Light) from your Light!" It will be said: "Turn ye back to your rear! then seek a Light (where ye can)!" So a wall will be put up betwixt them, with a gate therein. Within it will be Mercy throughout, and without it, all alongside, will be (Wrath and) Punishment! [57:12-13]

The first people to cross As-Sirat
- Ummat ul-Muhammad
- The believers will be saying "Oh Allah, protect us, protect us."
- The scholars say that the kufar will not cross the sirat.

Al-Qantarah

Abu Sa’eed Al-Khudree reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “When the believers cross the Hellfire, they will be stopped at a small bridge (Qantarah) before entering the Paradise and will be given retribution for injustices between them until they become them until they become purified. (Then) they will be permitted to enter Jannah. So, by the One in whose Hand is my soul, they will know their way to their homes in Jannah, better than they knew their ways to their homes in Dunya.” [Al-Bukharee]

- This is where the believers will start taking hasanat from each other.
- There will be a person that comes with a mountain of hasanat. Although he has this much, people will come and say that the person cursed me, talked about me behind my back, and so on until his hasanat is done. Then he will be given other people’s sins. After this, he will be put in the hellfire even after going through all these trials and
tribulations. The Prophet (PBUH) said this is the greatest loser out of everyone in the Day of Judgment.

- One good deed that no one can take away from you is fasting. The reward only belongs to Allah.
- The people who fast a lot, Allah will offer them a lot of food on the Day of Gathering.

- This is an arched bridge.
- Four people come to Allah:
  - Came to Allah before the age of puberty.
  - Insane person.
  - Deaf and blind person.
  - A person who never hear of Islam.
- This four will be sent a Messenger from Allah. This Messenger will tell them to jump into the hellfire. If they jump into the hellfire, then they will be sent to Jannah, if not, they will pull into the hellfire.
  - Some scholars say this is a weak hadeeth. Since Allah will not order anything to anyone since this is a day of judgment.
  - Ibn Taymiyah said that this reasoning can’t be right because Allah will tell the people to prostrate themselves to Allah, which would be an order from Allah on the Day of Judgment.
  - Some scholars say that this is a weak narration. The scholars say that Allah will know what they would do if they had the abilities and would judge them accordingly.

Al-A’raf

وَبِيِّنَتْهُمَا حَجَابًا عَلَى ٱلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ۗ رَجُلٌ يَعْرِفُونَ كَلَّا يُسِيمَنَّهُمْ وَتَادَوْا

أَصْحَبَ الْجَهَّةِ أَنَّ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنَ ٱلرَّحِيمَ لَمْ يَذْكُرْهُمْ وَهُمْ يَطُمُّونَ

وَإِذَا صُرِّقَتْ أُبْصِرُوهُمْ تَلْقَأَ أَصْحَبُ ٱلْبَيْنِ ۖ قَالُواُ رَبّنَا لَنَتَجَلَّعَنَا مَعَ أَلْفٍ مِّنَ ٱلْمُظْلِمِينَ

وَنَادَى أَصْحَبُ ٱلْأَعْرَافِ رَجُلًا يَعْرِفُوْنَهُ مِنْ يَسِيمَنَّهُمْ قَالُواُ مَا أَعْنَى

وَعَنَّكُمْ جَمْعُكُمْ وَمَا كُنتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ
Between them shall be a veil, and on the heights will be men who would know everyone by his marks: they will call out to the Companions of the Garden, "peace on you": they will not have entered, but they will have an assurance (thereof). When their eyes shall be turned towards the Companions of the Fire, they will say: "Our Lord! Send us not to the company of the wrong-doers." The men on the heights will call to certain men whom they will know from their marks, saying: "Of what profit to you were your hoards and your arrogant ways? "Behold! Are these not the men whom you swore that Allah with His Mercy would never bless? Enter ye the Garden: no fear shall be on you, nor shall ye grieve." [7:46-49]

Linguistically: What is high; like a wall.

Technically: There are different opinions.

1. A high place from where you can see Paradise and Hellfire.
2. A wall between Paradise and Hellfire.
3. A mountain between Jannah and Hellfire (opinion of Ibn ‘Abbas)
4. It is the Bridge (As-Sirat)

Who are the People of the Al-A’raf?

Paradise and Hellfire

REAL-ETERNAL-EXISTS NOW

Be quick in the race for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Garden whose width is that (of the whole) of the heavens and of the earth, prepared for the righteous.- [3:133]

• Allah has already prepared both the hellfire and paradise.
• Preparation paradise from now shows that Allah has given the believers a great honor.
Will you then dispute with him (Muhammad) about what he saw [during the Mi'raj: (Ascent of the Prophet over the seven heavens)]. And indeed he (Muhammad) saw him [Jibrael (Gabriel)] at a second descent (i.e. another time). Near Sidrat-ul-Muntaha [lote-tree of the utmost boundary (beyond which none can pass)]. Near it is the Paradise of Abode. [53:12-15]

(\textit{It will be said to them)! Verily, this is Our Provision which will never finish;} [38:54]

The description of the Paradise which the Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2): have been promised! -Underneath it rivers flow, its provision is eternal and so is its shade, this is the end (final destination) of the Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2), and the end (final destination) of the disbelievers is Fire. (See Verse 47:15) [13:35]
• "No sense of fatigue shall touch them, nor shall they (ever) be asked to leave it."
  [15:48]
• Jannah has 8 gates.
  o The middle gate are for those who are good to their parents.
  o A gate for those who are fasting. This gate is for the ones who fast a lot. No one else will enter from here.
  o All the other 7 gates anyone can enter from these gates.
  o Each gate, when they open wide open, they are as wide as the horizon.
  o They will not open until the Prophet (PBUH) approaches the door.
  o When the people enter the gates, the Angels that are surrounding the gates will say that they will be sending the welcome and salaam to the people.
• There will be no sickness and we won’t need to use the bathroom.

Hellfire

• Three types of people in hellfire
  o Hypocrites
  o Sinners
  o The people who have a mustard seed of sin, then they will only dipped into hellfire for a moment and they will have a ring around their neck.

Ahl As-Sunnah wal-Jama believe that the Jannah will last forever, but there is a difference of opinion regarding the eternity of the Hellfire.

وَأَمَّامَ الْذِّينَ سَعَدُوا فِي الْجَنَّةِ حَلِيدُونَ فِيهَا مَا دَامَتْ أَسْمَانُهُم
وَالْأَرْضُ إِلَّآ مَا شَأَّ رَبُّكَ عَطَاهُ غَيْرُ مَجْذَوٍذٍ

And those who are blessed shall be in the Garden: They will dwell therein for all the time that the heavens and the earth endure, except as thy Lord willed: a gift without break. [11:108]

Opinion One: Allah will take out the people of Tawheed; they stay a while and then vanish.

Opinion Two: Majority opinion: Hellfire is eternal.
• And on the Day when He will gather them (all) together (and say): "O you assembly of jinns! Many did you mislead of men," and their Auliya' (friends and helpers, etc.) amongst men will say: "Our Lord! We benefited one from the other, but now we have reached our appointed term which You did appoint for us." He will say: "The Fire be your dwelling place, you will dwell therein forever, except as Allâh may will. Certainly your Lord is All Wise, All-knowing." [6:128]

• As for those who are wretched, they will be in the Fire, sighing in a high and low tone. They will dwell therein for all the time that the heavens and the earth endure, except as your Lord wills. Verily, your Lord is the doer of what He wills. [11:106-107]

• They will abide therein for ages, [78:23]
(The torment) will not be lightened for them, and they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair therein. [43:75]

So taste you (the results of your evil actions); no increase shall We give you, except in torment. [78:30]

And those who followed will say: “If only we had one more chance to return (to the worldly life), we would disown (declare ourselves as innocent from) them as they have disowned (declared themselves as innocent from) us.” Thus Allâh will show them their deeds as regrets for them. And they will never get out of the Fire. [2:167]

All these verses show that the hellfire will be there eternally.

There are also some other debates that the hellfire is not eternal since the kafirs don’t do their disbelief eternally, but for a short time.

This is refuted by that if they lived forever, they would keep doing their disbelief.

No one will enter Jannah without Allah’s mercy and grace.

No one will enter Hellfire but by Allah’s justice.

The gates of Jannah will not be opened to anyone other than the Prophet (PBUH)

The Prophet’s nation will be the first to enter Jannah. It will make up the majority of the people of Jannah.

The greatest pleasure in Jannah is that seeing Allâh.

Seeing Allah (Ar-Ru’yah)

REAL-ETERNAL-EXISTS NOW
And the Earth will shine with the Glory of its Lord: the Record (of Deeds) will be placed open; the prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward and a just decision pronounced between them; and they will not be wronged (in the least). [39:69]

Ahl As-Sunnah wal-Jama’ah believe that Allah can be seen.

Looking towards their Lord: [75:23]

Abu Hurairah said that the people asked the Prophet (PBUH), “Will we see Allah on the Day of Resurrection?” He replied, “Do you have any difficulty seeing the sky in the middle of a clear day?” They replied, “No, messenger of Allah.” He then asked, “Do you have any difficulty seeing the moon in the middle of a clear night.” They said, “No.” He then said, “You will see Him on the Day of Resurrection like that.” [Al-Bukharee and Muslim]

Will non-Muslims see Allah?

- Majority opinion: None of the non-Muslims (regardless of type) will see Allah.
- Second opinion: All Muslims and the hypocrites who pretended to be Muwahhideen will see Allah. [Ibn Khuzaimah/Abee Ya’la]
- Third Opinion: The kuffar will see Allah, but it will not be a form of reward. [Abu Al-Hasan ibn Saalim, Abu Sahl At-Tasturee, Ibn Taymiyyah, Ibn Al-Qayyim]

Will women see Allah?

Only brings this up because some scholars say that they won’t.

The Positions of Various Sects Regarding Ru’yah:

- Al-Mu’tazilah, Al-Jahmiyyah, Ar-Rafidah, and Al-Khawaarij all deny the position of seeing Allah.
- Al-Asha’irah say that He is seen, but He will not be in any direction due to their denial of Allah being above His creation.
  - The word “Jihah” (location/direction) was not mentioned in Quran and Sunnah. Rather the evidences clearly and simply mention that Allah is ABOVE His creation.
Can Allah be seen in the Dunya or in dreams?

- Some scholars say they saw Allah in their dream. They don’t see any actual features of Allah.
- If they see Allah in their dreams and they can’t get legislation from this.

Important Principles in Understanding Texts Related to the Unseen

- All the things that are mentioned will be in the Hereafter, Jannah, or Hellfire only share the NAME with their counterparts in Dunya. They should not be imagined as the same.
- It is difficult to understand some things related to the Unseen because the world of the Unseen is different than this world. We always see matters of the unseen mentioned alongside Faith.
- We must combine between all evidences.
- We must take texts by their apparent meaning. Doing otherwise will lead to the denial of their existence.
- Importance of going back to the explanation of the Sahabah.
- One cannot insist on a particular ORDER to the specific events of the last day.
- Dwelling on the intricate details of these texts destroys its effects.