The Meeting between Hadhrat Mahdi and Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam.

It is the belief of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah that Allaah raised Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. alive to the heavens and he will return to earth before Qiyaamah to kill Dajjaal. Aqaa'idul Islaam states:

A narration of Muslim states that it will be then (when Dajjaal appears) that Allaah will send Hadhrat Isa bin Maryam Alayhissalaam. to earth. He will descend on the arms of two angels at the eastern white minarah of Damascus. He will be wearing cream coloured clothing and when he lowers his head and raises it, droplets of perspiration like pearls will fall off his head.

Hadhrat Mahdi will humbly come to meet him and say, "Dear Nabi! Do lead the salaah." Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. will however decline saying, "No, you go ahead. I have come only to kill Dajjaal." While one narration states that Hadhrat Isa Alayhissalaam. will lead the salaah, another confirms that to show the status and honour of this Ummah, Hadhrat Mahdi will be the Imaam. Ulema have explained this to mean that while Hadhrat Mahdi will lead the salaah on that day to show the status and honour of this Ummah, Hadhrat Isa Aly. Will then lead the other? salaah because he is a Nabi Alayhissalatuwassalam Allaah knows best.

A narration of Muslim tells us that Allaah will place such an effect in the breath of Hadhrat Isa Aly. that when he blows at a Kaafir, the Kaafir will die. His breath will also be able to reach as far as he can see. He will then search for Dajjaal and eventually kill him at Baabul Ludd. He will kill Dajjaal with a spear and show the blood to the people.

The Muslim army will then engage Dajjaal's army of mostly Jews in battle and defeat them. A narration of Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. in Abu Dawood states that Rasulullaah SAW. said, "There will pass a period of six years between the great battle against the Christians and the conquest of Constantinople. It will then be during the seventh year that Dajjaal will appear." While another narration states that the period will be one of six months. the first narration is more authentic.

Once the army of Dajjaal is vanquished, Hadhrat Isa Aly. and Hadhrat Mahdi will travel though the lands and console those who had been harmed by Dajjaal and compensate them for their losses (Muslim).

Hadhrat Isa Aly. will then instruct that all pigs be killed and that the cross that the Christians worship be destroyed. Jizya will then not be accepted from any Kaafir, for they will all accept Islaam (Bukhaari and Muslim).

Islaam will then spread throughout the world and all kufr and oppression will be eliminated. While some Ahadeeth state that Hadhrat Mahdi's Khilaafah will last for seven years, others state eight years, while some narrations even say nine years. He will then pass away and Hadhrat Isa Aly. and the Muslims will perform his Janaazah salaah and bury him. His age by then will therefore be forty-seven, forty-eight or forty-nine years. (Aqaa'idul Islaam Pgs. 188-189)

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