

Last Day 6 – Gog and Magog

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QUESTION: Who are Gog and Magog, and when will they emerge?

ANSWER:

Gog and Magog are mentioned in other religions e.g. Christianity and Judaism, but we will of course focus here on what is mentioned in Islam, since Muslims believe that the Qur'aan and the authentic hadeeths are the only uncorrupted source of information about affairs of religion.

Gog and Magog are two groups of people whom Muslims believe to be descended from one of the sons of Noah. Their emergence is one of the signs of the Last Hour and has not occurred as yet. Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) said:

Indeed the Hour will never be established until you see ten signs before it.

He then mentioned:

The smoke, the Dajjaal, the Beast, the rising of the sun from the west, the descent of 'Eesaa ibn Maryam (i.e. Jesus), Gog and Magog, three tremors (in which the Earth will open and swallow those upon it) – one in the East, one in the West and one in the Arabian Peninsula. And the last of them will be a Fire that will come out of Yemen which will drive the people to the (final) place of assembly.

The Qur'aan mentions:

Until when Gog and Magog are let loose (from their barrier) and they swoop down from every mound. And the true promise (i.e. the Day of Judgement) shall draw near.

[Soorah al Anbiyaa (the 21st chapter) verses 96 to 97]

In the context of the previous articles about signs of the Day of Judgement, then Gog and Magog will emerge from behind an iron barrier between two mountains after Jesus (may perfect peace and security be upon him) kills the Dajjaal.

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As is the case with the Dajjaal, these two groups, Gog and Magog, will cause tremendous corruption on the Earth, attacking people, depriving people of water and laying siege to Jesus and his followers.

However Muslims believe that Allaah will kill them through an infestation of insects or worms which will set upon their necks, resulting in their destruction.

Muslims believe Gog and Magog to be in existence already. However their location is not known to mankind, although this has not stopped the so called ‘free thinkers’ and modernists from rejecting the existence of Gog and Magog due to the fact that no one has yet found them.

However as we have mentioned many times before, Muslims are instructed to take their beliefs from authentic texts – i.e. the Qur’aan and the authentic hadeeths – and not from their own very limited intellects or from (constantly changing) scientific “truths”. For the One who originated the information in these authentic texts – Allaah – does not make mistakes.