

Where is Dajjal? Here is a clue...

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This is the first question that comes on one's mind when one hears or learns about Dajjal. Many have tried to answer the question based on their knowledge and understanding. Today I too would attempt it based on some ahadiths as there are no references about Dajjal in the Qur'an.

The hadith where we find a complete story of Dajjal is as follows:

Amir b. Sharahil Sha'bi Sha'b Hamdan (ra.) reported that he asked Fatima, daughter of Qais and sister of ad-Dahhak b. Qais and she was the first amongst the emigrant women: Narrate to me a hadith which you had heard directly from Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) and there is no extra link in between them. She said: Very well, if you like, I am prepared to do that, and he said to her: Well, do it and narrate that to me. She said: I married the son of Mughira and he was a chosen young man of Quraish at that time, but he fell as a martyr in the first Jihad on the side of Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him). When I became a widow, 'Abd al-Rahman b. Auf, one amongst the group of the Companions of Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him), sent me the proposal of marriage. Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) also sent me such a message for his freed slave Usama b. Zaid. And it had been conveyed to me that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) had said (about Usama): He who loves me should also love Usama. When Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) talked to me (about this matter), I said: My affairs are in your hand. You may marry me to anyone whom you like. He said: You better shift now to the house of Umm Sharik, and Umm Sharik was a rich lady from amongst the Anqir. She spent generously for the cause of Allah and entertained guests very hospitably. I said: Well, I will do as you like. He said: Do not do that for Umm Sharik is a woman who is very frequently visited by guests and I do not like that your head may be uncovered or the cloth may be removed from your shank and the strangers may catch sight of them which you abhor. You better shift to the house of your cousin 'Abdullah b. 'Amr b. Umm Maktum and he is a person of the Bani Fihr branch of the Quraish, and he belonged to that tribe (to which Fatima) belonged. So I shifted to that house, and when my period of waiting was over, I heard the voice of an announcer making an announcement that the prayer would be observed in the mosque (where) congregational prayer (is observed). So I set out towards that mosque and observed prayer along with Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) and I was in the row of the women which was near the row of men. When Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) had finished his prayer, he sat on the pulpit smiling and said: Every worshipper should keep sitting at his place. He then said: Do you know why I had asked you to assemble? They said: Allah and His Messenger know best. He said: By Allah. I have not made you assemble for exhortation or for a warning, but I have detained you here, for

[Tamim Dari](#), a Christian, who came and accepted Islam, told me something, which agrees with what I was-telling you about the Dajjal. He narrated to me that he had sailed in a ship along with thirty men of [Bani Lakhm](#) and [Bani Judham](#) and had been tossed by waves in the ocean for a month. Then these (waves) took them (near) the land within the ocean (island) at the time of sunset. They sat in a small side-boat and entered that Island. There was **a beast with long thick hair** (and because of these) they could not distinguish his face from his back. They said: Woe to you, who can you be? Thereupon it said: **I am al-Jassasa**. They said: What is al-Jassasa? And it said: O people go to this person in the monastery as he is very much eager to know about you. He (the narrator) said: When it named a person for us we were afraid of it lest it should be a Devil. Then we hurriedly went on till we came to that monastery and found **a well-built person there with his hands tied to his neck and having iron shackles between his two legs up to the ankles**. We said: Woe be upon thee, who are you? And he said: You would soon come to know about me, but tell me who are you. We said: We are people from Arabia and we embarked upon a boat but the sea-waves had been driving us for one month and they brought as near this island. We got into the side-boats and entered this island and here a beast met us with profusely thick hair and because of the thickness of his hair his face could not be distinguished from his back. We said: Woe be to thee, who are you? It said: I am al- Jassasa. We said: What is al-Jassasa? And it said: You go to this very person in the monastery for he is eagerly waiting for you to know about you. So we came to you in hot haste fearing that that might be the Devil. He (that chained person) said: Tell me about the date-palm trees of [Baisan](#). We said: About what aspect of theirs do you seek information? He said: **I ask you whether these trees bear fruit or not**. We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: **I think these would not bear fruits**. He said: Inform me about the [lake of Tabariyya](#)? We said: Which aspect of it do you want to know? He said: **Is there water in it?** They said: There is abundance of water in it. Thereupon he said: **[I think it would soon become dry](#)**. He again said: Inform me about the [spring of Zughar](#). They said: Which aspect of it you want to know? He (the chained person) said: **Is there water in it and does it irrigate (the land)?** We said to him: Yes, there is abundance of water in it and the inhabitants (of Medina) irrigate (land) with the help of it. He said: Inform me about the unlettered Prophet; what has he done? We said: He has come out from Mecca and has settled In Yathrib (Medina). He said: Do the Arabs fight against him? We said: Yes. He said: How did he deal with him? We informed him that he had overcome those in his neighbourhood and they had submitted themselves before him. Thereupon he said to us: Had it actually happened? We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: **If it is so that is better for them that they should show obedience to him**. I am going to tell you about myself and **I am Dajjal and would be soon permitted to get out and so I shall get out and travel in the land, and will not spare any town where I would not stay for forty nights except Mecca and Medina as these two (places) are prohibited (areas) for me and I would not make an attempt to enter any one of these two. An angel with a sword in his hand**

*would confront me and would bar my way and there would be angels to guard every passage leading to it; then Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) striking the pulpit with the help of the end of his staff said: This implies **Taiba** meaning Medina. Have I not, told you an account (of the Dajjal) like this? 'The people said: Yes, and this account narrated by Tamim Dari was liked by me for it corroborates the account which I gave to you in regard to him (Dajjal) at Medina and Mecca. Behold he (Dajjal) is in the **Syrian Sea** ([Mediterranian](#)) or the **Yemen Sea** (**Arabian Sea**). Nay, on the contrary, he is in the east, he is in the east, he is in the east, and he pointed with his hand towards the east. I (Fatima bint Qais) said: I preserved it in my mind (this narration from Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him)). (Muslim, Book #041, Hadith [#7028](#)).*

I have linked related resources available online of the names and terms found above for one to explore further; and for those I could not find any links are briefly discussed below.

Baisan or Baysan is located in Palestine. It is said that around hijri 626 the trees there stopped bearing fruits. There may have been a spring in [Zughar](#) which is probably located in Syria, but presently known as [Zoara](#) bordering Jordan.

My impression from reading the last part of the hadith is, Dajjal would have some commotions in the Mediterranean Sea and Yemen Sea or the Gulf of Aden; but he is not located there. Rather, he is situated in an island in the east, which may indicate the Persian Gulf. Now let's try to locate the possible area where the island of Dajjal could be by following the clues on the hadith above on our present day maps found in [Google Maps](#). I have taken some screen shots for this purpose as shown below: (In case you are not familiar with reading maps, here is a compass for you –



The map below shows all the seas around Arabia.



The sea of Yemen or the Gulf of Aden is shown below. No islands are there.



The map below is showing the eastern regions of Arabia from Medina where the Persian Gulf is located.



Closer looks at the Persian Gulf below on the eastern side of Arabia where there are some small scattered islands are present.



Present political development in Ukraine and Russia surrounding Crimea indicates a preparation for showdown between the Dajjal warriors, which may indicate the reason for Prophet's (s) mentioning of the Mediterranean Sea where Dajjal would not be present directly, but indirectly. Same conclusion could be made in regards to Bahrain and Yemen where turmoil is currently ongoing through Dajjal's indirect interferences. The Cold War between the USA and former USSR of the past is now turning into a Hot War between the USA/NATO and Russia/China for real.

From the following hadith we can assume that an attack is also coming on present day Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from the states located in the eastern parts, but this attack will be conducted by Dajjal himself when released from chains from his island of residence -

Abu Huraira (Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: Dajjal will come from the eastern side with the intention of

attacking Medina until he will get down behind Uhud. Then the angels will turn his face towards Syria and there he will perish. (Muslim, Book #007, Hadith [#3187](#))

Dajjal will be diverted by the guarding Angels toward Syria from Medina. The surviving Muslim army after fighting an exhaustative war with the Romans in conquest of Istanbul (Constantinople) in present day Turkey would arrive in Syria to face Dajjal. See the following hadith -

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The Last Hour would not come until the Romans would land at al-A'maq or in Dabiq. An army consisting of the best (soldiers) of the people of the earth at that time will come from Medina (to counteract them). When they will arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans would say: Do not stand between us and those (Muslims) who took prisoners from amongst us. Let us fight with them; and the Muslims would say: Nay, by Allah, we would never get aside from you and from our brethren that you may fight them. They will then fight and a third (part) of the army would run away, whom Allah will never forgive. A third (part of the army) which would be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah's eye would be killed and the third who would never be put to trial would win and they would be conquerors of Constantinople. And as they would be busy in distributing the spoils of war (amongst themselves) after hanging their swords by the olive trees, the Satan would cry: The Dajjal has taken your place among your family. They would then come out, but it would be of no avail. And when they would come to Syria, he would come out while they would be still preparing themselves for battle drawing up the ranks. Certainly, the time of prayer shall come and then Jesus (peace be upon him) son of Mary would descend and would lead them in prayer. When the enemy of Allah would see him, it would (disappear) just as the salt dissolves itself in water and if he (Jesus) were not to confront them at all, even then it would dissolve completely, but Allah would kill them by his hand and he would show them their blood on his lance (the lance of Jesus Christ). (Muslim, Book #041, Hadith [#6924](#))

The map below shows the distances from Medina to Damascus, Jerusalem (Israel) and Constantinople (Istanbul). By looking at the map one can imagine the hardships the future generation of warriors would take for the sake of Allah to re-establish truth and justice in the world.



From the above discussion we can now safely conclude that it is more likely that the island where Dajjal is imprisoned is located somewhere in the Persian Gulf. Some however calculated the hadith in opposite direction; instead of looking for the island in the east, they went west, west and further west all the way to the [Bermuda Triangle](#); incorrectly assuming that the mystery island is [Bermuda](#). And the reason for their assumption is because the other name of the Bermuda Triangle is the Devil's Triangle; and the mystical triangular area symbolizes the pyramidal structure which is the Dajjal's symbol. Just for the sake of relief, I would like to point out that the so called [mystery of Bermuda Triangle is long been solved](#).

Our discussion would not be complete if we leave out the analysis of the questions asked by the Dajjal. Before conclusion, let us see how we can answer the questions in our present day terms:

Q. Tell me about the date-palm trees of Baisan...whether these trees bear fruit or not.

A. As far as we are concerned, trees in Baisan no longer bear fruits.

Q. Inform me about the lake of Tabariyya...Is there water in it?

A. Yes, there is still water but it is quickly depleting, which also indicates that the release and movement of Gog and Magog has been taking place for quite sometime now until the last batch of them would find no water there to drink.

Q. Inform me about the spring of Zughar...Is there water in it and does it irrigate (the land)?

A. Though it is hard to identify the exact location of the spring, but from the situation in Medina we could conclude that there are no more water coming there from any springs for irrigation.

Q. Inform me about the unlettered Prophet; what has he done?...Do the Arabs fight against him?...How did he deal with him?...Had it actually happened?

A. Yes, all of that had actually happened.

Therefore, we can safely conclude that considering the time and situation, we are not far away in witnessing the predictions of the ahadiths discussed above. Also note that the places the Dajjal have inquired about all are now problem spots.

One may wonder why I am so interested in finding the whereabouts of the Dajjal. I am, because of the following hadith:

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) observed: When three things appear faith will not benefit one who has not previously believed or has derived no good from his faith: the rising of the sun in its place of setting, the Dajjal, and the beast of the earth. (Book #001, Hadith [#0296](#))

What the hadith is trying to tell us is that if one is not a believer now, his or her faith would have no effect or avail when the following events take place:

1. Appearance of Dajjal.
2. Appearance of the Beast.
3. Rising of the Sun from its setting place, meaning west.

I have rearranged the list considering the possibility of their likely occurrences. Reviewing the present worldwide scenario and situation we can expect Dajjal to come out from his jail very soon when all his assumptions and expectations are fulfilled. The Beast, which is probably the same beast we have a mention of in the first hadith earlier where it identified itself as “al-Jassasa”; a beast who could talk to humans. In some other hadiths this beast is referred to as the “Spy” of Dajjal. Therefore, when both of them appear, the actual testing of our faith would

begin. In other words, no reversion or conversion (or repentance) of faith would happen or would be accepted during their appearing times. The believers would find protection from Dajjal and the disbelievers would fall victims to Dajjal as his prey. No one would be in a position to confront Dajjal, except Prophet Isa (as); on whose sight Dajjal would automatically begin to dissolve or disappear. Once he is fully dissolved, only then the Muslim army would be able to make their moves to deal with the followers of Dajjal and crush them.

Now about the 3rd and the last event, which is crucial than the others. This event signifies an astronomical phenomenon when the earth would revolve on opposite direction causing the sun to rise from the west. One thing we need to consider here that, when Dajjal would appear, the earth rotation would come to a halt for a year. See the following hadith, which is a long hadith but truncated to take the gist out of it for our discussion convenience. You may read the full hadith by clicking on the source link at the end of it -

"... We said: Allah's Messenger, how long would he stay on the earth? He said.. For forty days, one day like a year and one day like a month and one day like a week and the rest of the days would be like your days. We said: Allah's Messenger, would one day's prayer suffice for the prayers of day equal to one year? Thereupon he said: No, but you must make an estimate of time (and then observe prayer)..." (Book #041, Hadith [#7015](#))

The message we are getting from this hadith is that the earth would come to a halt for about a year when we have been asked to conduct or observe our prayers estimating the prayer times. Therefore, this is not a symbolic matter, rather a real matter that we would witness. So, this would be an earlier astronomical phenomenon we would witness before the reversion of earth's rotation on its own axis.

The 3rd occurrence is likely to happen after the last and massive invasion of the Gog and Magog and the death of Prophet Isa (as) when reversion and conversion of faith would no longer be accepted as that event would dignify the sure coming of the end of the world; and Allah does not accept any repentance of the disbeliever when a sign becomes evident as we find so happened in case of Pharaoh:

And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Fir'aun (Pharaoh) with his hosts followed them in oppression and enmity, till when drowning overtook him, he said: "I believe that none has the right to be worshipped but He (Allah) in Whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am one of the Muslims (those who submit to Allah's Will)." Now (you believe) while you refused to believe before and you were one of the Mufsidun (evil-doers, the corrupters). So this day We shall deliver your (dead) body (out from the sea) that you may be a sign to those who come after you! And verily, many among mankind are heedless of Our Ayat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). (□□□□ □□□□ , [Yunus](#), Chapter #10, Verse #90-92)

I don't want to be funny at the end of this serious article, but I can't help showing you as a proof that some other folks are also serious about the two mysterious characters – the Dajjal and Al-Jassasa and introduced them as cartoon characters to the world at a time when their arrival or appearance is drawing near...



So you see, I am not the only one expecting this event to unfold.