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The Landscape of the Final Day

- Hashr refers to the place of gathering of all creation on the Day of Resurrection.
- Hashr also means exile. For example, Allah revealed Surah al-Hashr (The Exile) referring to the Jewish tribe, Bani Nadir, who broke their covenant in Madinah and betrayed the Muslims. So, the Prophet (ﷺ) forced them to evacuate the city. The two meanings are not to be confused.
- Imam Qurtubi mentioned there are four types of hashr:
 - The first hashr
 - Will occur in this world
 - Before the trumpet is blown
 - The second hashr
 - Will occur in this world
 - Before the trumpet is blown
 - This will take place when a fire from Yemen will drive people out to Shaam. It is the last sign before the occurrence.
 - Hudhaifa b. Usaid al-Ghifari reported:

أَطَّلَعَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَيْنَا وَنَحْنُ نَتَذَاكِرُ فَقَالَ " مَا تَذَاكِرُونَ " . قَالُوا نَذْكُرُ السَّاعَةَ . قَالَ " إِنَّهَا لَنْ تَقُومَ حَتَّى تَرَوْنَ قَبْلَهَا عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ " . فَذَكَرَ الدُّجَانَ وَالِدَّجَالَ وَالِدَابَّةَ وَظُلُوعَ الشَّمْسِ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا وَنُزُولَ عِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَيَأْجُوجَ وَمَأْجُوجَ وَثَلَاثَةَ خُسُوفٍ خَسَفَ بِالْمَشْرِقِ وَخَسَفَ بِالْمَغْرِبِ وَخَسَفَ بِجَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ وَآخِرُ ذَلِكَ نَارٌ تَخْرُجُ مِنَ الْيَمَنِ تَطْرُدُ النَّاسَ إِلَى مَحْشَرِهِمْ .

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to us all of a sudden as we were (busy in a discussion). He said: What do you discuss about? They (the Companions) said. We are discussing about the Last Hour. Thereupon he said: It will not come until you see ten signs before and (in this connection) he made a mention of the smoke, Dajjal, the beast, the rising of the sun from the west, the descent of Jesus son of Mary (Allah be pleased with him), the Gog and Magog, and land-slides in three places, one in the east, one in the west and one in Arabia at the end of which fire would burn forth from the Yemen, and would drive people to the place of their assembly. (Muslim)

- The third and fourth hashr
 - Will occur in the Hereafter
 - After the trumpet is blown
 - This is when everyone will be resurrected and gathered.
- Once people are resurrected, Allah said in Surah Ibrahim:

يَوْمَ تُبَدَّلُ الْأَرْضُ غَيْرَ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتُ وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ الْوَجْدِ الْقَهَّارِ

'Watch for' the Day 'when' the earth will be changed into a different earth and the heavens as well, and all will appear before Allah—the One, the Supreme. (14:48)

- Changes will happen to our landscape. It will appear different from the Earth we know today.
- There are varying opinions about the landscape:
 - Ibn Abbas and Ibn Masud said, “The ground of Al-Mahshar (the plain of Resurrection) will be brand new, radiant white like silver. And this earth surface would be such that no sin would have been committed over it by anyone, and on which no blood belonging to someone killed unjustly would have been shed.”
 - Ali said, “The world's land mass will turn into silver and the sky will become golden.”
- Conditions of the land and sky will continuously change. Allah has mentioned it in multiple places in the Qur'an.
 - For example, in Surah Takwir, He tells us:

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ﴿١﴾ وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ ﴿٢﴾ وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ ﴿٣﴾ وَإِذَا الْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ﴿٤﴾
وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ ﴿٥﴾ وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ﴿٦﴾

When the sun is put out, and when the stars fall down, and when the mountains are blown away, and when pregnant camels are left unattended, and when wild beasts are gathered together, and when the seas are set on fire (81:1-6)

- Imam Qurtubi said, "The sun and the moon will be rolled up and brought close, and stars will be shifting and moving."
 - Sulaim bin 'Amir narrated from Al-Miqdad, a Companion of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) who said:

" إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ أُذْنِيَتِ الشَّمْسُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ حَتَّى تَكُونَ قَيْدَ مِيلٍ أَوْ اثْنَيْنِ " . قَالَ سُلَيْمٌ لَا أُدْرِي أَيَّ الْمِيلَيْنِ عَنَى أَمْسَافَةَ الْأَرْضِ أَمْ الْمِيلَ الَّذِي تُكْتَحَلُ بِهِ الْعَيْنُ قَالَ " فَتَضَهْرُهُمُ الشَّمْسُ فَيَكُونُونَ فِي الْعَرَقِ بِقَدْرِ أَعْمَالِهِمْ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَأْخُذُهُ إِلَى عَقْبِيهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَأْخُذُهُ إِلَى رُكْبَتَيْهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَأْخُذُهُ إِلَى حَقْوَيْهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يُلْجِمُهُ الْجَمَامَا "

saying: 'On the Day of Judgement, (ﷺ) I heard the Messenger of Allah" the sun will be drawn near the servants, until it has come a mile or two (away)."' Sulaim bin 'Amir said: " I do not know if it is miles that refer to distance on the land, or Al-Mil which is used to apply Kuhl for the eyes." The sun will melt them, until they will be in sweat" :((ﷺ) the Prophet) He according to their deeds. Among them one will be covered up to his ankles, and among them will be one who is covered up to his knees, and among them will be one who is covered up to his waist, and among them (ﷺ) will be one who is bridled with it.' I saw the Messenger of Allah indicating with his hand toward his mouth, meaning that one would be bridled with it.'" (At-Tirmidhi)

- There are differing opinions about the land in which we will be gathered on the Day of Resurrection.
- A majority of scholars opined that the gathering will take place in Shaam (Syria, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon), while some say it will be in Bayt al-Maqdis.
 - It was narrated that Maimunah the freed (female) slave of the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَفْتِنَا فِي بَيْتِ الْمَقْدِسِ . قَالَ " أَرْضُ الْمَحْشَرِ وَالْمَنْشَرِ انْتَوَهُ فَصَلُّوا فِيهِ فَإِنَّ صَلَاةً فِيهِ كَأَلْفِ صَلَاةٍ فِي غَيْرِهِ " . قُلْتُ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أَتَحَمَّلَ إِلَيْهِ قَالَ " فَتُهْدِي لَهُ زَيْتًا يُسْرَجُ فِيهِ فَمَنْ فَعَلَ ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ كَمَنْ أَتَاهُ " .

I said: “O Messenger of Allah, tell us about Baitul- Maqdis.” He said: “It is the land of the Resurrection and the Gathering. Go and pray there, for one prayer there is like one thousand prayers elsewhere.” I said: “What if I cannot travel and go there?” He said: “Then send a gift of oil to light its lamps, for whoever does that is like one who goes there.” (Sunan Ibn Majah)

- There is no definitive indication if it will occur on the same land or in a completely new land, only Allah knows. However, we should not debate over it or look into it too much.
- Although we cannot ascertain these facts, we learn about the Day itself to prepare ourselves for its arrival.
- These details are meant to serve as an awareness. It is something we cannot ignore and we should be afraid of our standing before Allah on that Day.
- To prepare us spiritually, Imam Al-Muhasibi draws a summary of the occurrences on that Day:
 - Death will overcome everyone and no one will be left on this Earth. There is only Al-Jabbar; Allah will be the only one left on the face of this Earth.
 - Everyone will remain unmoved in their places. All Allah’s creation will be gathered; animals, jinn, humans etc. And each one will come forth before Allah, humbled, while some will be in disgrace.
 - People will turn gray-haired out of fear, due to the severity of the situation, and they will be walking unclothed.
 - When all creation has gathered, the destruction of everything will occur right before our eyes; the sky will split open, the stars will fall, the mountains will crumble etc. and the sun will be brought closer to a mile above everyone’s heads.

- Allah will take everything that we see and we know and destroy it all until what we see will look different. He will turn Earth into a flat land that will look like silver, with a tinge of yellowness to it.
- The angels will come forth in preparation to question everyone for the hisab; the accounting of deeds. Their voices will be lowered, they will be humbled, as even they will be in a state of fear.

The Conditions of People on The Day of Resurrection

- Based on his Tadhkirah, Imam Qurtubi says, "People's condition will change during each station."
- 5 stations where conditions will change:
 - The condition of resurrection from the grave
 - The condition of being driven to the place of judgment and account
 - The condition of the judgment itself
 - The condition of being driven to the place of set consequences
 - The condition of their permanent abode (Jannah or Jahannam)
- As daunting as the conditions on that Day might be, there is however consolation for the believers. The believers will be the first to be granted relief of such fears based upon their righteous deeds.
- Ibn Mas'ud said: "The people will be gathered on the Day of Resurrection as naked, hungry, and thirsty as they ever were. So, whoever clothed someone will be clothed by Allah, whoever fed someone will be fed by Allah, and whoever quenched someone's thirst will have his thirst quenched by Allah, and whoever relieved others will be given relief by Allah."
- On that day, people will be in a state of nudity. Narrations mentioned that Ibrahim AS will be clothed first because he is the most fearful of Allah's creation, he upheld modesty, and he was stripped off his clothes upon being launched into the fire. Hence, Allah will honor him that day. After him, will be the Prophet (ﷺ).

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- 'A'isha reported that she heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying:

" يُخْشِرُ النَّاسَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَفَاءَ عُرَاءَ غُرْلًا " . قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ النَّسَاءُ وَالرِّجَالُ جَمِيعًا يَنْظُرُ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ قَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " يَا عَائِشَةُ الْأَمْرُ أَشَدُّ مِنْ أَنْ يَنْظَرَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ " .

The people would be assembled on the Day of Resurrection barefooted, naked and uncircumcised. I said: Allah's Messenger, will the male and the female be together on the Day and would they be looking at one another? said: 'A'isha, the matter would be too (ﷺ) Upon this Allah's Messenger serious for them to look to one another. (Muslim)

Intercession

- One of the things the believers will benefit from before and during the reckoning is the intercession on that Day.
- There are different forms of intercessions:
- #1. From our brothers and sisters of faith
 - Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported: The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ مَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ بِأَشَدَّ مُنَاشِدَةً لِلَّهِ فِي اسْتِقْصَاءِ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لِلَّهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ لِإِخْوَانِهِمُ الَّذِينَ فِي النَّارِ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا كَانُوا يَصُومُونَ مَعَنَا وَيُصَلُّونَ وَيَحُجُّونَ فَيُقَالُ لَهُمْ أَخْرِجُوا مَنْ عَرَفْتُمْ فَتَحَرَّمَ صُورُهُمْ عَلَى النَّارِ فَيُخْرِجُونَ خَلْقًا كَثِيرًا

“By the One in whose hand is my soul, none among you are more fervent to claim a right from Allah on the Day of Resurrection than the believers on behalf of their brothers in the Hellfire. They will say: Our Lord, they fasted, prayed, and performed pilgrimage with us! It will be said to them: Take out those whom you recognize. Thus, the Hellfire is forbidden for their bodies and they will take out many people.” (Bukhari and Muslim)

- #2. From the Qur'an
 - Abu Hurairah reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

اقْرَأُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ نِعْمَ الشَّفِيعُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَا رَبِّ حَلِّهِ حِلْيَةَ الْكِرَامَةِ فَيَحْلِي حِلْيَةَ الْكِرَامَةِ يَا رَبِّ أَكْسُهُ كِسْوَةَ الْكِرَامَةِ فَيُكْسِي كِسْوَةَ الْكِرَامَةِ يَا رَبِّ أَلْبِسُهُ تَاجَ الْكِرَامَةِ يَا رَبِّ ارْضَ عَنْهُ فَلَيْسَ بَعْدَ رِضَاكَ شَيْءٌ

“Recite the Quran, for it is the most excellent intercessor on the Day of Resurrection. It will say: O Lord, adorn him with the noblest of ornaments! Thus, he will be adorned with the noblest of ornaments. It will say: O Lord, dress him in the noblest of garments! Thus, he will be dressed in the noblest of garments. It will say: O Lord, crown him with the noblest of crowns! O Lord, be pleased with him, for after Your pleasure there is nothing!” (Sunan al-Darimi)

- #2. From the Prophet (ﷺ)

- 'Awf ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

أَتَانِي آتٍ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّي فَخَيَّرَنِي بَيْنَ أَنْ يُدْخَلَ نِصْفَ أُمَّتِي الْجَنَّةَ وَبَيْنَ الشَّفَاعَةِ فَاخْتَرْتُ الشَّفَاعَةَ وَهِيَ لِمَنْ مَاتَ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا

“A visitor (angel) came to me from my Lord and gave me the choice between half of my nation entering Paradise or the intercession in the Hereafter. I chose the intercession, and it is for whoever dies without associating partners with Allah.” (At-Tirmidhi)

- The Prophet's intercession will be of 5 types:

- For all sinners to be forgiven
- For people to enter Jannah without any account
- For those who were doomed to Jahannam after judgment
- For those who were already in Jahannam
- For those in Jannah to achieve an even greater reward there within

- #4. From The children

- Jabir ibn 'Abdullah said:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْحَاقَ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بْنِ الْحَارِثِ، عَنْ مَحْمُودِ بْنِ لَبِيدٍ، عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: مَنْ مَاتَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْوَالِدِ فَاخْتَسَبَهُمْ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، قُلْنَا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَاثْنَانِ؟ قَالَ: وَاثْنَانِ، قُلْتُ لِجَابِرٍ: وَاللَّهِ، أَرَى لَوْ قُلْتُمْ وَاحِدٌ لَقَالَ. قَالَ: وَأَنَا أَظُنُّهُ وَاللَّهِ.

"I heard the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, 'If anyone has three of his children die young and resigns them to Allah, he will enter the Garden.' We said, 'Messenger of Allah, what about two?' 'And two,' he said." Mahmud ibn Labid said to Jabir, "By Allah, I think that if you had asked, 'And one?' he would have given a similar answer." He said, "By Allah, I think so too." (Al-Adab al-Mufrad)

- Khalid al-'Absi said:

حَدَّثَنَا سَعِيدُ الْجُرَيْرِيُّ، عَنْ خَالِدِ الْعَبْسِيِّ قَالَ: مَاتَ ابْنُ لِي، فَوَجَدْتُ عَلَيْهِ وَجَدًا شَدِيدًا، فَقُلْتُ: يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ، مَا سَمِعْتَ مِنَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ شَيْئًا تُسَخِّي بِهِ أَنْفُسَنَا عَنْ مَوْتَانَا؟ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ مِنَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: صَغَارُكُمْ دَعَايِمُصُ الْجَنَّةِ.

"A son of mine died and I felt intense grief over his loss. I said, 'Abu Hurayra, have you heard anything from the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to cheer us regarding our dead?' He replied, 'I heard the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, "Your children are roaming freely in the Garden."' (Al-Adab al-Mufrad)

- As we read the Qur'an, especially in juz amma, reflect upon the meanings and mentions of that Day. These verses, coupled with narrations from the hadith may bring us comfort and give us some reassurance.
- If we come prepared; accompanied by our good deeds and actions, while staying true to the commands of Allah and His Messenger, these will be our protectors throughout any difficulty we might face on that Day.