

(of Madīnah), in the east, indeed, in the east, indeed.” And he pointed to the east with his hand. Fātimah said, ‘And I memorized this *hadīth* from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ).’<sup>1</sup>

In this *hadīth*, repeating the word ‘indeed’ serves to prove with certainty that the False Messiah will appear from the east of Madīnah that is Iraq and areas to the east. However, according to authentic narrations, that will be mentioned later, the Dajjāl will appear in the city of Asfahān (Isfahan), in Iran.

### The Antichrist: His Religion, Description and Deeds

Jewish sources indicate that Antichrist is to be born in Babylon and of Jewish parents. Other sources indicate that the Antichrist will appear from east of the land of Persia. “It is probable also that the Antichrist shall come from the eastern parts of the land of Persia, where is the tribe of Dan of the Hebrew race.”<sup>2</sup>

However, many *hadīths* assure that the Dajjal is a Jew. Imām Muslim narrated that Abu Sa‘īd Al-Khudrī said,

قال لي ابنُ صائد - وأخذتني منه ذمامة - : هذا عَدْرَتُ الناسِ، ما لي ولكم يا أصحابَ محمد! ألم يقلُ نبيُّ الله صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّهُ يهوديٌّ وقد أسلمتُ! قال: ولا يولدُ له، وقد وُلِدَ لي! وقال: إنَّ اللهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَيْهِ مَكَّةَ والمدِينَةَ.

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in Anatolia, Turkey, and from the Euphrates River to the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. It now consists of Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon.

<sup>1</sup> *Al-minhāj sharh sahīh Muslim ibn al-Hajjāj*, vol. 18, pp. 79-83

<sup>2</sup> *The Antichrist Legend*, p. 172