

Imam Mahdi in the Quran

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Abstract: *as the title of this article brings to the mind, the present article is an attempt to states the verses in holy Quran asserting the existence and presence of a savior who is Imam Mahdi (in Islamic thoughts).*

Quran as the last, ring of holy books' chain, and as a widespread divine message of God addressed to all people living in different ages of history till the Day of Judgment, which has pictured general principles of human's happiness forever, has shown a remarkable attempt to introduce the age of victory of Truth over evil.

The Noble verses of Quran carefully declare inevitable necessity of arrival of the Savior and worldwide development of the true religion, as well as integrated leadership of the believers and pious men in the Earth.

There are different types of verses in the holy Quran.

1. *Verses regarding final save of believers and pious men.*

"But We had willed to bestow our favor on the oppressed children of Israil to make them the governors and to make them the heirs of the oppressors." (The holy Quran, 28:5)

With regard to above verse, Sheikh Toosi quotes from Amir ul Momenin (as):

"The depressed and defenseless people are descendants of Mohammad (Ale Mohammad). God will arouse Imam Mahdi (as) who is from the same family, to them after their religious battles and degrade their enemies"¹.

In the above Verse, a plural pronoun is used to describe magnificence and glory of God. It also shows that leadership of the poor is an incident, according to God's Will; the Will under which everything will definitely happen, according to its nature and capacity.

"And We wrote in the Psalms which came after Taurat: My righteous believers shall eventually inherit the earth." (The holy Quran, 21:105)

Regarding the righteous persons, Tabarsi quoted following from Imam Bagher ul Oloom (as) (the fifth Imam):

¹ Mohammed Ibn Hassan Toosi, *Al Gheybah*, P.113.

"They are friends of Imam Mahdi (as) during last stage of history, before the Day of Judgment"¹.

"Allah has promised to those of you mankind who believe and do good that he will appoint them the rulers in the world as he appointed those before them; and will establish in authority their religion which he is pleased with it; and he will replace security for their fears; [and Allah states:] They should worship me only and should not consider any partner for me; so those who disbelieve they are indeed transgressors." (The holy Quran, 24:55)

Ali Ibn Ebrahim Ghomi writes in his commentary book that the above verse is revealed about the last living Imam, who is a member of Prophet Mohammad's (as) family.²

Tabarsi also writes in "Majma ul Bayan" that this verse has been revealed about Mahdi, son of Mohammad (as)³.

In the same commentary, it is said that Hazrat Zeyn ul Abedin (p.b.u.h.) after delivering above this verse says:

"I swear to God that these people are followers of us, family of Prophet Mohammad. God will perform all these through one of our family, who is Mahdi of the Islamic society."

2.The second group, are verses which give promise of universal state of Islam, victory of Truth over Untrue, victory of the belief of oneness of God over Polytheism and victory of Justice over Injustice.

"Allah is the One who has sent his messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to over shine all religions by it, though the polytheists may dislike it." (The holy Quran, 9:33)

¹ Tabarsi, Majma ul Bayan , Vol. 5, P. 64

² Gaeme Al e Mohammad – the 12th Imam of Shiite .Ghomi, Nur ol Saghalayn, Vol 3, P.619

³ Majma ul Bayan, Vol 7, P.152

While during the last days of the life of the holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), Islam had prevailed over other religions in Arabia, the holy Quran tells about a thorough victory and its spreading all over the world.

Late Tabarsi, quotes from Meghdad Ibn Asvad, who said that he had heard from Mohammad (as) that said:

"At that time, there will remain no house of any kind of stone, wooden, or a camel wool tent unless the Almighty would introduce and enter the message of Islam to that house"¹

"And say [proclaiming] Truth succeeded and falsehood perished, surely falsehood is ever bound to vanish." (The holy Quran, 17:81)

Imam Mohammad Baqer (as) (The fifth Imam) said about this verse:

"When Imam Mahdi (as) rises in revolution, false governments shall be demolished"²

3. Third group are the verses that explain the continuation of the leadership and guardianship of the holy Prophet (as).

"And the disbelievers say: Why a miracle is not sent down to him from his creator & nurturer? You are only a warner and to every nation there is a guide. [They are not supposed to bring a miracle]." (The holy Quran, 13:7)

Siyouti reports from different sources that when the above verse was revealed, the Messenger (as) pointed his hand to himself and said: "I am the one who gives warning," and then pointed to Ali (as) and said:

"O' Ali! You are the one who is to guide, and those who accept guidance are to be guided only by you."¹

¹ Tabarsi, Majma ul Bayan Vol. 5, P.25

² Nur ul Seghleyin, Vol. 3, P. 212

As the divine leadership did not end with the holy Prophet, and was continued by Amirul Momenin, Ali (as), it is supposed to continue after Ali (as), and God always assigns a leader for every nation, and seekers of truth, who will always seek him out.

“The angels and the holy spirit descend therein by their creator's command, to proclaim the ordainments about everything.” (The holy Quran; 97:4)

The above verse is about the night of Qadr (the night when the holy Quran was revealed to the holy Prophet Mohammad (as) for the first time.. Qadr is the most important occasion of Islamic culture, which is not limited to Messenger (as) days, and it is repeated every year after his death.

Imam sadeq (as) quotes from his father that:

Once Ali (as) was delivering the chapter of "Al – Qadr". His sons, Hassan and Hussein were with him. Then Husein said to his father that "there was an special sweetness about that verse when he delivered it.

Ali (as) replied, 'O' my dear son , I know something about this verse that you do not know now. When this verse was revealed, your grandfather, the Messenger (as) summoned me and then when I went to him, he delivered this verse and put his hand on my right shoulder and said: O' my brother and leader of my people after me, who will fight my enemies...this Surah (chapter) will be yours after me and belongs to your sons after you. *Gabriel who is my brother among the angels- will report the events of my people during the year at the Qadr Night, and he would report them to you after me.(and this Surah will light your heart and your successor's people's hearths, until the day of Ghaem reappearance.)

¹ Aldor ul mansour , Vol. 4, P.608