‘Signs of Reappearance of Imam Al-Asrājīfj’
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**Abbreviations:**

- saww: - Sal lal la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam
- azwj: - Az Za Wa Jalla
- asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam
- AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak
- ra: - Razi Allahazwj
- La: - Laan Allahazwj
In the Name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah Lord of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad and his Purified Progeny, and greetings with abundant greetings.

‘Signs of Reappearance of Imam Al-Asr’

Introduction:

The Signs Prior to the Reappearance of Imam-e-Zaman:

Fazal from Hassan ibn Mahboob, who from Ummro ibn abu Maqdam, who from Jabir Jaafi, who says the following:

Abi Jafar said: ‘You should hold on to the earth without making any strives or campaigns until you observe the signs which am going to narrate to you, although know you will not live to see that era: Conflicts in the children of ‘that one’, a Call from the skies, news of victory from Damascus, a land in Sham forming canyons, which is called Jabia. Establishment of the ‘Turk’ army in its island, Marqqa and Romans invading the Ramillah, and Western world fuelling conflicts all around the world. First, Sham will meet with destruction, with three flags being waved, one flag with patterns, one red flag and one flag from Sufyani.

Ibn Yaqida, from Ahmed ibn Yousef, who from ibn Mehran, who from Bataini, Bataini from his father and Wahab ibn Hafiz, who from abu Basir and abu Basir narrates:

Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq said that heard it from my father: Surely, an unstoppable force would emerge from Azerbaijan. When it happens you better stay in your homes and

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1 Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol, 52, pg. 212
act in accordance with our conduct by adopting solicitude. And when someone from us comes forward, you should then immediately get to his service even if you have to crawl on your knees.

By Allah, asws can see people are taking oath of allegiance to him on the New Book between the ‘Rukn and Mukkam’. But this will not be taken well by the Arabs. And said, curse be on the arrogant Arabs of that time, who will be too much involved in creating disorder and troubles.2

Ibn Yaqida, who from Ahmed ibn Ziad, who from Ali ibn Sabah bin Zahak, who from Jafar bin Mohammed ibn Samah, who from Saif Tammar, who from Abu Marhif, who has narrated the following:

Abu Abdullah asws said: ‘Mahazzir will be killed.’ I (the narrator) asked: ‘Who are the ‘Mahazzir’? Imam asws replied: ‘The one who would want expedition in the Zahoor (of al-Qaim), but those who believe that Zahoor is near, will be among the successful ones. (At that time) the governments of (our) opponents will be on rock-solid foundations. During that time, I command you to stay within your dwellings, as an uprising will be harmful for its creator, as Allah will Subject them to those conditions, which they will abhor.3

VERSE 18

فَهَلَّ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بِعَتْيَةٍ ِۖ فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا فَأَرْمَوْهُمْ ۨۖ ذِكْرَاهُمُّ (۱۸)

So, are they only awaiting the Hour that would come to them suddenly? It’s indications have already come, so how would it be for them when their Zikr comes to them? [47:18]


2Ghabat-e-Namania, h, 44, 44

3Ibid, h, 44,
Abdullah Bin Abbas who said, ‘We were on Hajj with Rasool-Allah\textsuperscript{saww} during the Farewell Hajj, when he\textsuperscript{saww} grabbed hold of the Door of the Kabah, then turned towards us by his\textsuperscript{saww} face and said: ‘Shall I\textsuperscript{saww} inform you all with the Signs of the Hour?’ And the nearest to him\textsuperscript{saww} on that day was Salman\textsuperscript{ra}, so he\textsuperscript{ra} said, ‘Yes, O Rasool-Allah\textsuperscript{saww}!’

He\textsuperscript{saww} said: ‘From the Signs of the Hour is wasting of the Salat (not being prayed), and pursuing the lusts, and the tendency towards the (personal) desires, and reverence for the owners of the wealth, and selling of the Religion for the (sake of the) world. So, during it, the heart of the Momin would melt from his inside, just like salt melts in the water, from what he would be seeing from the evil, and he would not have the ability to change it’.

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O Salman\textsuperscript{ra}! During it the rich would be inequitable, and the ministers immoral, and the officers unjust, and the trustees embezzlers’. Salman\textsuperscript{ra} said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah\textsuperscript{saww}’! He\textsuperscript{saww} said: ‘Yes, by the One\textsuperscript{azwj} in Whose Hand is my\textsuperscript{saww} soul’.

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O Salman\textsuperscript{ra}! During it the evil would be considered good, and good as evil, and the trustworthy as embezzlers and the embezzlers as trustworthy, and the truthful as a liar, and a liar as a truthful’. Salman\textsuperscript{ra} said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah\textsuperscript{saww}’! He\textsuperscript{saww} said: ‘Yes, by the One\textsuperscript{azwj} in Whose Hand is my\textsuperscript{saww} soul’.
O Salmanra! So during it, the women would be in high positions, and the slave girls would be consulted, and the young would ascend the Pulpits, and lying would become common, and Zakat regarded as a tax, and Al-Fey as a gain, and the man would abandon his parents and respect his friend (instead), and the sinful planet would emerge’. Salmanra said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allahsaww’. He saww said: ‘Yes, by the Oneazwj in Whose Hand is my saww soul’.

O Salmanra! And during it, the person would associate his wife in the business, and rains would be in mid-summer, and the nobles would be enraged with a rage, and the man would despise the insolvent (man). During it the markets would be approached. This one would say, ‘I did not sell anything’, and this one would say, ‘I did not gain anything’, You will not see anything except them blaming Allahazwj. Salmanra said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allahsaww’. He saww said: ‘Yes, by the Oneazwj in Whose Hand is my saww soul’.

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O Salman\(^{ra}\)! During it, a thing would be brought from the East, and a thing from the West to colour my\(^{saww}\) community, so woe be unto the weak ones of my\(^{saww}\) community among them, and the woe be unto them from Allah\(^{azwj}\). They will not be merciful to the young ones, nor would they respect the elders, nor would they forgive the harm. Their bodies would be the bodies of the human beings and their hearts would be of the devils’. Salman\(^{ra}\) said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah\(^{saww}\)!’ He\(^{saww}\) said: ‘Yes, by the One\(^{azwj}\) in Whose Hand is my\(^{saww}\) soul’.

O Salman\(^{ra}\)! And during it, the Masjids would be decorated, as if for sale and like the Churches, and the Qurans would be sweetened, and the Minarets would be tall, and the rows (for Salats) would increase with the hostile hearts and differing tongues’. Salman\(^{ra}\) said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah\(^{saww}\)!’ He\(^{saww}\) said: ‘Yes, by the One\(^{azwj}\) in Whose Hand is my\(^{saww}\) soul’.

O Salman\(^{ra}\)! And during it, my\(^{saww}\) community would be mentioned by the gold and their wearing of the silk and brocade, and they would be taking to the tiger skins for rugs’. Salman\(^{ra}\) said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah\(^{saww}\)!’ He\(^{saww}\) said: ‘Yes, by the One\(^{azwj}\) in Whose Hand is my\(^{saww}\) soul’.
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O Salman! That is when incest would be violated, and the sins would be acquired, and the evil ones would overcome the good ones, and the lying would be widespread, and obstinacy would be apparent, and hunger would be widespread, and there would be boasting regarding the dress, and it would be raining in other than the time for the rains, and the string instruments would be favoured, and the musical instruments, and the enjoining of the good would be disliked along with the prohibiting of the evil, to the extent that the believer of that era would be the most humiliated one of the community, and their reciters and their worshippers would blame each other, so these are the ones who would be referred to in the Kingdoms of the skies are the dirty and the impure’. Salman said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah!’ He said: ‘Yes, by the One in Whose Hand is my soul’.

O Salman! So, during it, the rich would not be afraid of the poor, to the extent that he would ask in what is between the two groups, no one would place anything in his hand’. Salman said, ‘And this is to happen, O Rasool-Allah!’ He said: ‘Yes, by the One in Whose Hand is my soul’.

O Salman! And during it ‘Al-Ruweyza’ would speak’. Salman said, ‘May my father and mother be sacrificed for you, and what is ‘Al-Ruweyza’, O Rasool-Allah?’ He said: ‘He will speak, the one who did not speak in public matters. So this will not remain as such until the earth is routed with a weakness, and every community would think that it has weakened in their area only. This would remain as such for as long as Allah so Desires it to, then they would remain in their situation, so the earth would give to them pieces of its interior’.

He saww said: ‘Gold and silver’. Then he saww gestured by his hand to the two sleeves, so he saww said: ‘Similar to this. But, on that Day neither gold nor the silver would be of benefit’.

فهذا معنى قوله تعالى: فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْراطُهَا.

So this is the Meaning of the Words of the Exalted: *It's indications have already come* [47:18].

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^4 تفسير النشبي 2: 303