

# Antichrist (Dajjal)

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According to the Ibrahimic religions, a person sent by God, called Imam Mahdi will establish justice and righteousness, and according to the opinion of Christians, he is Jesus Christ. Against these survivors there is an enemy called Antichrist, who is powerful with the help of Satan. The formation of the Bible presents an Antichrist (pseudo Messiah) as a person who denies Jesus Christ. In Islamic sources, the killer of the Antichrist is Imam Mahdi and the minister of the future government of the world is Jesus Christ [1]. Dajjal (Antichrist) was killed not by Prophet Jesus, but by Imam Mahdi [2]. The background of the concept of antichrist can be found in the book of Daniel and John [3]. Among the issues related to Mahdism is the appearance of "Dajjal" [4]. Dajjal in religious culture will quarrel with any goodness and cause evil. Finally, Dajjal will be killed by the Promised One [5]. Divine Religions show that when the appearance of a savior occurs, including the appearance of the Dajjal in Islamic traditions and of the Antichrist in Christian traditions [6]. Some consider Antichrist as an evil person, others see him as a world system, and Christian teachings state that he is at work even now [7]. The narrative of Shia and Sunni societies has traditions in the Antichrist's eyes. Features of Antichrist are either the one-eyed [8]. In Persian poetry, the confrontation of Imam Mahdi and Jesus Christ with Dajjal is worthy of attention [9]. Imam Mahdi will use powerful and modern weapons before his arrival because he has the legacy of prophecy and also benefits from divine help to face the weapons of the enemies [10]. The theological evidence states that in the era of Imam Mahdi's rise, he faced the Jewish people in two stages. In the first phase, he invites them to peace, citing reasons acceptable to the Jews themselves, and many believe him. However, many of them would not accept it and because of racial animosity towards Islam, they clash, and a bitter war ensues between them. Based on the traditions, there is a connection between the Antichrist and the Jewish people on the one hand and Sufyani and the land of the Levant on the other. Imam Mahdi saves the whole world by defeating the Sufyani and the Antichrist, occupying the Levant and entering the Al-Aqsa Mosque [11].

*This definition is adapted from two manuscripts entitled "Imam Mahdi, Antichrist Or A Promised Saviour Besides Jesus Christ?" [12] and "The Advent Of Imam Mahdi As The Avenger Of Imam Hussein" [13].*

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