

Verses 89-91 of Surat al-Hijr refer to the end times and Hazrat Mahdi (as)

SAY: "I AM INDEED A CLEAR WARNER." LIKE AS WE SENT DOWN ON THE DIVIDERS, THOSE WHO DIVIDED THE QUR'AN INTO PARTS. (SURAT AL-HIJR, 89-91)

1.

... "I am indeed a clear warner..."

Our Prophet (saas) is the last prophet sent by Allah to warn the worlds. However, Allah also calls on people to believe in His signs by way of chosen guides as well as by the prophets. Hazrat Mahdi (as) will be a warner who calls on people to believe and to live by Islam and the Qur'an in 1400, according to the Islamic calendar, the century we are living in now.

2.

... "Like as We sent down on the dividers..."

The "dividers" referred to in the verse are those who try to include superstitious beliefs incompatible with the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our Prophet (saas) and that have no place in Islam in the religion and to sow dispute and conflict among Muslims. These are people who do not want Muslims to be united and unified. They divide, rather than unify. They sow division among Islam through ignorant pronouncements. In the time of our Prophet (saas), all Muslims formed a single Ummah under his leadership. People lived in full conformity with the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (saas). Therefore, this verse particularly refers to periods after our Prophet (saas), in other words the 1400s, when Hazrat Mahdi (as) will appear. Because this century is when people and societies that sow dissent stemming from sectarian differences, the dividers in other words, will be most influential in the Islamic world. So much so that great wars have taken place between Islamic societies (such as the Iran-Iraq, Pakistan-Bangladesh and Iraq-Kuwait wars). But the whole Islamic world will be unified in the time of Hazrat Mahdi (as), and all divisions and corruption stemming from divisions will be eliminated.

3.

... those who divided the Qur'an into parts.

The division of the Qur'an into parts is the spreading of corruption by some people in our time by trying to impose various superstitious ideas and beliefs on Islam and making, in their own eyes, unlawful things lawful, and lawful things unlawful. Allah has sent down the Qur'an, a clear book, and has revealed all His commandments to believers in the Qur'an. Believers' responsibility is to take the Qur'an and the Sunnah

of our Prophet (saas) as their guides. But after the decease of our Prophet (saas), some people imposed superstitious beliefs and practices, in other words innovations, foreign to the essence of Islam upon it. Most important of these are various ignorant scholars. However, as revealed in the hadith by Rasulullah (saas) and in statements by Islamic scholars, Hazrat Mahdi (as) will eliminate all these subsequent innovations and restore the religion to its original form as it was in the time of our Prophet (saas). Hazrat Mahdi (as) will intellectually eliminate this mindset that creates division within the religion, that distorts it from its original form and that spreads strife among Muslims. He will teach people that it is enough for them to live by the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our Prophet (saas). It is for these reasons that supposed religious scholars who espouse these innovations will be Hazrat Mahdi's (as) main foes. Indeed, Imam Rabbani says that these supposed religious scholars will oppose Hazrat Mahdi (as) by saying, **"This person [Hazrat Mahdi (as)] wishes to eliminate our religion and damage our law."** The scale and impact of Hazrat Mahdi's (as) intellectual work on this subject can be seen from this wise statement by Imam Rabbani.

When Hazrat Mahdi (as), whose coming is promised, wishes to increase the value of the religion and restore the Sunnah, people of the bi'dah (innovations) (people who say that customs that have no place in the original form of the religion and entered it only later are actually part of it) together with those who make a practice of deeds and who confuse the religion, imagining that they are doing good (doing something with which Allah will be pleased), will say in amazement:

- This person (Hazrat Mahdi [as]) wishes to eliminate our religion and damage our law." (Letters of Rabbani, 1/535)

In his Futuhat al-Makkiya (The Meccan Revelations), Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi says it will be these ignorant scholars who are most hostile toward Hazrat Mahdi (as):

...Hazrat Mahdi (as) will implement the religion, just as it was in the time of our Prophet (saas). **He will eliminate sects from the world. No sect will remain but the true and genuine religion.**

His foes will be those who imitate the scholars of doctrine. Because when they see that Hazrat Mahdi (as) pronounces totally differently to the imams of the sects, they will be displeased, but will be unable to oppose him...

His declared foes will be the scholars of religious law. Because they will enjoy no more esteem among the people. And their knowledge of the subject of judgments will decline. With the coming of this imam, the inconsistencies among the rulings by these scholars will be eliminated. If he had no sword (knowledge) they would issue a fatwa for his death.

(Portents of Judgment Day, Muhammad ibn Rasul al-Hussain al-Barzanji, Pamuk Press, pp. 186-187)

IN HIS [HAZRAT MAHDI'S (AS)] TIME, THE RELIGION WILL BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM BY BEING COMPLETELY PURGED OF SUPERSTITION. HE WILL OPPOSE THE SECTS OF THE ULAMA IN MANY OF HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS. THEY WILL THUS KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM HIM. Because in their opinion, they will agree that Allah will leave no restorer of the religion after the imams... **(Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi, "Futuh al-Makkiya", ch. 66, Vol. 3, pp. 327- 328)**

For other hadith on the subject ¹

1 Hazrat Mahdi (as) will leave no subsequent innovations uneliminated. He will discharge the requirements of the religion just like the Prophet (saas) in the End Times. (Portents of Judgment Day, Muhammad ibn Rasul al-Hussain al-Barzanji, Pamuk Press, p. 163)

In the same way that the Prophet (saas) kept Islam alive in the beginning, so Hazrat Mahdi (as) will keep Islam alive at the end.

Al-Qawl al-Mukhtasar fi `Alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar, p. 27

In his [Hazrat Mahdi's (as)] time, the religion will be restored to its original form by being purged of all superstition. **HE WILL OPPOSE THE SECTS OF THE ULAMA IN MANY OF HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS, AND THEY WILL THUS KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM HIM.** Because in their opinion, they will agree that Allah will leave no restorer of the religion after the imams... (Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi, "Futuh al-Makkiya", ch. 66, Vol. 3, pp. 327- 328)

... His [Hazrat Mahdi's (as)] sword are his brothers. They will necessarily submit to his rule because they are afraid of his sword. **HIS DECLARED FOES WILL BE THE ULAMA OF RELIGIOUS LAW.** Had he no sword, in other words no brothers, they would issue a fatwa for his death. Because Almighty Allah will cleanse him with goodness and the sword, and they will obey him... (Imam Suyuti)



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