



Count six signs that indicate the approach of the Hour

'Awf ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: I went to the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) during the battle of Tabūk, while he was sitting in a leather tent. He said: "Count six signs that indicate the approach of the Hour: my death; the conquest of Jerusalem; a plague that will afflict you (and kill you in great numbers) as the plague that afflicts sheep; the increase of money to such an extent that even if one is given one hundred dinars, he will not be satisfied; an affliction which no Arab house will escape; and a truce between you and Banu al-Asfar, who will betray you and march on you under eighty flags. Under each flag will be twelve thousand soldiers."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

'Awf ibn Mālik went to the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) during the battle of Tabūk, while he was sitting in a leather tent. So the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Count six signs that indicate the approach of the Hour: my death, the conquest of Jerusalem." Jerusalem was conquered during the reign of 'Umar ibn al-Khattāb. Then the Prophet spoke of a sweeping plague and increase of money. It is said there was a surplus of money during the time of 'Uthmān because of the conquests. The Prophet further spoke of a great trial that would enter each Arab house. This was probably the assassination of 'Uthmān and the subsequent tribulations. Then he spoke of a truce between the Muslims and the Romans. However, the Romans will betray the truce and attack the Muslims under eighty flags. Under each flag will be twelve thousand soldiers, totaling 960,000.

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