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As from the month of April 1905, approximately three years before he died on 26th May 1908, Hazrat Masih Maood (as), the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, started receiving several revelations from Almighty Allah about an impending doom which will spare no one. I will read some of these revelations to you as from today to show that in these revelations we can read many signs of what happened in the First World War which was fought from 1914 to 1918. As some of you might be aware, the First World War is considered one of the greatest disasters of the 20th century and this year everywhere around Europe and in the US, they are observing the hundredth anniversary of its end. The consequences of this war has been catastrophic for the Muslim Umma as a whole and decisions taken then still have consequences today and may go on for years. Those who are interested in the consequences of the War should read what the expert historians have to say. We will content ourselves in informing our members how Hazrat Masih Maood (as) warned the world about the impending catastrophe through the revelations that he received and through his writings.

We will start with what he started receiving as from 8th April 1905. In a pamphlet that he wrote he said he received the following words that night:

زَلْزَلَةُ السَّاعَةِ، قُومُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ
الْأَبْرَارِ، دَنَى مِنْكَ الْفَضْلُ، جَاءَ الْحَقُّ
وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ [...]

The translation of these Arabic words are as follows:

[...] A calamity (lit. earthquake) resembling Doomsday. Save your lives. Indeed, Allah is with the pious. My Grace has drawn close to you. Truth has come and falsehood has vanished.'

On that same day the Promised Messiah (as) wrote a pamphlet and he commented as follows:

"This means that God will show a fresh Sign. It will be a shock for the people. That will be the calamity like the Judgment Day..."

Furthermore, emphasizing the global proportions of this calamity, he proclaimed that it “*shall overtake the world.*” In addition, he went on to say:

“I do not know whether the shock spoken here will be that of an earthquake or any other terrible disaster which will visit the world which on account of its severity will deserve to be called the shaking of the day of judgment. Nor do I know when this will happen, whether in a few days or weeks or in months or years. But the disaster will certainly, sooner or later overtake the world and it will be more terrible in its effects than what the world has hitherto seen. An extremely terrible disaster will it be. It is only out of sympathy for my fellow human beings that I publish this fact....”

Then the Promised Messiah speaks in the pamphlet about his previous prophecies concerning the plague which at that time, i.e. in 1905 was running havoc on the lives of so many people. This proved that what he foretold had come to pass and so will the calamity of which he was speaking in that pamphlet under question. Then he said:

“The words of one of my revelations thus published beforehand were: *afatit diyaare mahallaha wa maqamaha* i.e., “A great destruction would overtake the country which would blot out traces of many great and small buildings.” How clearly are these words fulfilled! Anyone who understands Arabic can see this revelation foretells a disaster which would ruin the abodes of men. The plague destroys life only, but the words of this revelation foretell an evil which would destroy both the house and the owner of the house.

This prophecy that was published beforehand and was published also in my previous pamphlet has thus been clearly fulfilled, but the disaster that yet awaits the world is greater than this. May Allah have mercy on these people and turn them to the ways of righteousness. In the latter portion of the revelation quoted above, Almighty God says that men should save themselves by doing deeds of virtue before the terrible day comes which would destroy vast masses in an instant, for he is with thee and those who act righteously and shun every evil. Again, addressing me, He says that His grace has come near to me, in other words, that the time has come when I should be fully recognized, for truth has come and falsehood has vanished away. In short, the signs which have already appeared and those which are yet in store for the world are meant to turn people away from evil and to show them the way for the acceptance of the messenger of God. Therefore, I say to you that you should eschew every evil, for the time has

come when everyone shall be questioned of what he does. He who does not forsake the setting up of gods with God shall have to answer. He who transgresses the Divine commandments shall have to answer. He who is absorbed in worldliness and is surfeit with the cares and anxieties of this world shall have to answer. He who denies the existence of God shall have to answer. He who abuses the righteous servants and apostles of God and does not repent shall have to answer. I have plainly told this to you, and heaven bears witness to it as well as earth that everyone shall have to answer who forsakes the truth and makes mischief and defiles the earth with his vices.

Almighty God says that His wrath must come down upon the earth for the earth is full of sin and iniquity. Rise and prepare yourselves, for the hour has drawn nigh of which the prophets had spoken. I swear by Him who has sent me that it is not from myself that I am speaking, but from God. Ah! that my words were not taken with mistrust. Ah! that I had not been declared a liar so that the world should have been saved from destruction. This writing of mine is not an ordinary one, but it is an outcome of the truest and deepest sympathy. If you change your ways and turn away from evil, then will you be saved, for God is Merciful as He is wrathful. Even if some of you mend your ways, then will also mercy be shown to you. If not, the day is coming which will turn men mad. The fool will say that this is a false threat. The sun is about to rise: why does he not open his eyes...? What will a man lose if he forsakes evil and iniquity? What harm there is if he worships not the creatures? The fire has been kindled: rise and extinguish it with the tears of your eyes. Of the Israelites he who transgressed was ordered to kill himself. Though this commandment is not given to you, yet you ought to pray and repent to such a degree that you may be almost dead, so that the Merciful God may have mercy on you. And peace be with him who follows true guidance."

Then there is an entry in *Tazkira*, the book in which are published most of the known revelations, dreams and visions of the Promised Messiah (as), which is as follows:

Ek Nishan hay aane waala aaj se kouch din ke baad

Jiss se gardash khaaein geh dihaato shehr wa morghazaat

A Sign will appear some days hence (Today is April 15, 1905) which shall overwhelm country and town and meadow.

Aaega kehre khoda seh khalq par ek inqilab

Ek barhana se na yeh hoga ke ta bandhe izaar

People will be seized in a wave of Divine wrath, so suddenly that a naked one will have no time to secure his loin cloth.

Yak ba yak ek zalzale se sakht junbash khaeinge

Kya bashar aur kya shajar aur kya hajar aur kya buhaar

Suddenly an earthquake will severely shake them all—be they humans, trees, rocks, or oceans.

Ek jhapak mein yeh zamin hojaegi zair o zabar

Nalian khoon ki chalegi jayse aabe roudbaar

In the twinkling of an eye the earth will be turned upside down and streams of blood will flow like channel tides.

Raat jo rakhte the poshaakein be rangeh Yasmin

Subh kardegi ounhein dar khataane chinar

Those whose night garments were white as jasmine will wake up in the morning as if clad in red like the poplar tree.

Hosh urja'einge insaan ke parindon ke hawaas

Bhuleinge naghmon keh apnon sab kaboutar aur rehzar

Men and animals will go out of their minds and nightingales and pigeons will forget their songs.

Har mosafir par wo saa'at sakht hay aur wo ghari

Rah ko bhulein geh hokar mast wa be khood rahwaar

That hour will bear heavily upon every traveler and those on a journey will lose their way in agony.

Khoon seh mourdon ke kohistaan ke aabe rawan

Souroukh ho ja'einge jaiseh sharaab anjbaar

The waters of mountain streams will run red like red wine with the blood of the dead.

Mozamhal hojaaeinge iss khauwf seh sab jins o ins

Zaar bhi hoga to hoga ouss ghari baahaale zaar

Men high and low will be convulsed with fear and the Czar himself will, at that hour, be in sad case.

Ek namouna kaher ka hoga wo Rabbani Nishan

Aasman hamle karega kheinch kar apni kitaar

That Divine Sign will be a specimen of terror.

Heaven will attack with a drawn sword.

Haan na kar jaldi seh inkaar eh safiah e nashnaas

Iss pe hay meri sachchai ka dar o midar

Hasten not to repudiate this, thou stupid fool, for my truthfulness depends entirely on the fulfillment of this Sign.

Wahi haq ki baat hay ho kar rahe gi beh khata

Kouch dinon kar sabr ho kar muttaqis aur burdou baar

This is a prophecy based on Divine revelation and will surely be fulfilled; wait then awhile in righteousness and steadfastness.

[Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, part 5, p. 120, Ruhani Khaza'in]

In another note the Promised Messiah said:

“Divine revelation has repeatedly employed the word earthquake in this context and has indicated that the earthquake will be an example of the Judgment Day. Indeed, it should be termed as ‘earthquake of Judgment’ which is described in the verse *iza zulzilatil arzo zilzalaha*. But I am not able to apply the world earthquake with certainty upon its actual manifestation. It is possible that it may not be a common earthquake but some other dire calamity, which would be an example of the Judgment Day, the like of which has not been witnessed before, and which would bring about great destruction of life and property. If no such extraordinary Sign appears, while people have not openly reformed their way of life, I shall in such case have been proved false. **[Barahin-e-Ahmadiyyah, part 5, p. 120 footnote, Ruhani Khaza'in, vol. 21, p. 151]**

Just note with what certainty the Promised Messiah spoke. He was fully convinced that Allah would manifest a great sign in his favour but yet he did not have all details of that sign. I will try insha Allah in my coming sermons to give you all an idea how this sign was fulfilled and I will use some quotations from Westerners to show that most of what the Promised Messiah wrote or spoke of was fulfilled by Allah's Grace. Insha Allah, I will talk more about these signs in the coming sermons. May Allah grant me the capacity to do so to show that His words are always supreme and He can inform His servants beforehand about events that will unfold in the future.