

## Last Day 9 – gathering of the people before the Final Hour

**QUESTION:** Where and how will the people be gathered before the Final Hour?<sup>1</sup>

**ANSWER:** Muslims believe that all living people will be assembled in Shaam, which is the Arabic term for the area comprising Syria, Palestine and Jordan. The people will be gathered together by different means, including riding on camels to get there.

Some people will actually be driven to go to Shaam by the Fire which will emerge from Yemen.

In a hadeeth (statement of Muhammad – may perfect peace and security be upon him) more information is given about this Fire:

***'A fire will emerge from Hadramaut (in Yemen) before the Day of Judgement which will gather the people.'***

The people asked him: 'What do you command us to do?'

Muhammad (may perfect peace and security be upon him) replied: ***'You should go to Shaam'***.

This gathering of the people will be the last major sign before the Last Day.

It should be noted that this gathering of the people is different from the gathering of the dead people after being resurrected from their graves – something which Islam also teaches will occur.

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**NEXT TIME:** In what different contexts does the Qur'an mention the Last Day?

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to *al irshaad ilaa saheeh il i'tiqaad* of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan p245 for more information