

Last Day 12 – many names for the Last Day

QUESTION: Are there many names in Islam for the Last Day?

ANSWER: Yes, there are many names given to this Day in the Qur'an and the authentic hadeeths – and the Arabs had the belief that the greater a matter, the more names it had. So the large number of names signifies the importance in Islam of the Last Day. [1]

So we will mention some of names given to this Day to show how many Names there are but also with a brief explanation of what the Name means:

- 1) **Yawm ul Ba'th** – the Day of Resurrection, because it is a day when people will be resurrected back to life after having died.
- 2) **Yawm ul Khurooj** – the Day of Emerging, because people will emerge from their graves to the next life.
- 3) **Yawm ul Hisaab** – the Day of Accounting, because people will be taken to account for their actions which they did in this world
- 4) **Yawm ul Wa'eed** – the Day of Threat, because Allah will carry out his threat to those who disbelieved.
- 5) **Yawm ul Hasrah** – the Day of Regret and Distress, because those who disbelieved in Allah will feel regret and grief on that Day.

6) **Yawm ul Khulood** – the Day of Eternity, because the life on that Day will be an everlasting life, one with no end.

7) **Ad Daar ul Aakhirah** – the Abode of the Hereafter, because it comes after the Abode of this world, and there is no transition from the Abode of the Hereafter to any other place.

8) **Al Waaqi'ah** – the Inevitable Occurrence, because of the certainty that it will actually occur.

9) **Al Qaari'ah** – the Striking, because the terror of that Day will strike the people's hearing and hearts.

10) **Al Ghaashiyah** – the Overwhelming Event, because of what will occur in it by way of the people and the jinn being overwhelmed.

There are many more which have not been mentioned here, but hopefully these ten names will serve to show the great station that this Day has in Islam. These Names convey the certainty of that Day occurring as well as the terror and tremendous nature of the Day itself.

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NEXT TIME: What is the difference between sleep and death according to the teachings of Islam?

[1] Refer to al irshaad ilaa saheeh il i'tiqaad of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan p256 for more information