

## Imam Mahdi as Elijah Profile

Description	Islam	Judaism	Christianity
<b>Name</b>	Ilias 'Elijah' Al Khader 'hidden'	Elijah, the Prophet Elijah ha-Giladit Elijah the Tishbite	Elijah* (*most Christians have a concept of his return, but few believe on his return)
<b>Title</b>	Imam Mahdi, Master of the Command, the twelfth Imam, Kaliph	Prophet-Priest-Prince	Prophet
<b>Family Lineage</b>	Children of Israel House of Moses & Aaron	House of David House of Levi	-
<b>Character</b>	Cheerful and well-liked	nobility	
<b>Origins</b>	Bani Israel immigration from Arab, Turkish, Hebrew lands	Hebrew	Hebrew
<b>Physical Features</b>	"A young man of medium stature with a handsome face" and black hair and beard. "1 Having a mole on his left cheek. His face will be like a glittering star and his body will be like that of the people of Israel. He will have a slight stutter in his speech		
<b>Garments</b>	Qutwaani design of two distinct garments one of white apparel with fringes along with a saffron mantle	Priestly linen garments <sup>2</sup> The famous Elijah garment of glory or 'fire' color 'Adar' mantle <sup>3</sup> White linen with fringes <sup>4</sup>	Linen is the righteousness of the saints <sup>5</sup> Red mantle
<b>Sign of his Credentials</b>	Ark of the Covenant	Elijah will bring forth the Vessel of Manna Ark of the Covenant	The white stone of hidden manna with a name no one knows except the holder <sup>6</sup>
<b>Location of his Appearance</b>	Lod <sup>7</sup>	East Gate <sup>8</sup>	Eastern Golden Gate <sup>9</sup>
<b>Duties and Responsibilities</b>	Reformation of the Society	Elijah will stand as the Interpreter of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Elijah will come declaring remember Moses with the statutes and judgments. <sup>11</sup>	Elijah will come loudly declaring remember Moses with the statutes and judgments. <sup>12</sup> Elijah shall come <sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Momen, Moojan, An Introduction to Shi'i Islam, Yale University Press, 1985, p.169

<sup>2</sup> Exodus 39:27-29

<sup>3</sup> אדר - A mantle having a splendor of fire (color).

<sup>4</sup> Numbers 15:38

<sup>5</sup> Revelation 19:8

<sup>6</sup> Revelation 2:17

<sup>7</sup> (Tirmidhi and Ahmad)

<sup>8</sup> Ezekiel 44:1-3; 46:1-3

<sup>9</sup> Ezekiel 44:1-3; 46:1-3

<sup>10</sup> Zohar, Zaw, iii. 27; Yemenite Midrash, pp. 349-50; Men. 45b; Ab. R. N. xxxiv.; Num. R. iii., near the end; compare also Jew. Encyc. i. 637a; Tosefot Yom Tov, Eduyot; Gilyonei HaShas, Shabbat 108a)

<sup>11</sup> Malachi 4:4-6

<sup>12</sup> Malachi 4:4-6

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 17:11

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## The Last Royal Messenger

The Last Messenger is the final leader who has been anticipated since the days of the ancient prophets of old. He is known by many names in different regions, languages, and religions of the world. Who is the prophetic Messenger that the world is waiting for? Where is he going to appear? How the world is going to recognize him? Islam, Judaism, and Christianity and others have preserved the belief of a Messenger who will come under the authority of Heaven to restore the faith of Abraham as “Remember Moses” before the coming of the Messiah ben-David. In the writings of the prophets is a description as to the title, time and where the Last Messenger will appear. He is known as “The Prince”, this title reveals that He is a descendant of the Royal family of the Kingdom of David.

*And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken. Ezekiel 34:24*

Then he brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. And the LORD said unto me:

*'This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. As for the prince, being a prince, he shall sit therein to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.' Ezekiel 44:1-3*

Thus saith the Lord GOD:

*'The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.'* Ezekiel 46:1-3

Again, through the course of history, the prophets have preserved the memory of the Last Royal Prince to appear at the end of time. As it is written: “After six working days” which is a significance Hebrew phrase that gives a clear understanding of “Six thousand years” will elapse until the Last Royal Prince appears. Since two thousand years, by Divine Providence has inspired the sages to preserve the glimpse of light of understanding as to who and what will be the role of the Last Royal Messenger chosen by Divine Command.

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## The Eastern Gate

*“See I will send my messenger who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant whom you desire will come, says the L-RD Almighty.” Malachi 3:1*

The Prophet Malachi reveals that the Last Messenger is known as the Messenger of the Covenant who will come suddenly to the Temple. While the Prophet Ezekiel on chapter 44 and 46 describe further details concerning where in the Temple will the Messenger appear suddenly. It is clear that the Eastern Gate will be an important place in the prophetic timetable. The Gate is known by many names “The Gate of Mercy, the Golden Gate, The Gate of Repentance, The Gate of Lod (Ludd) or (Hudd), The Gate of Eternal Life, and the Beautiful Gate.”

*The Mahdi will appear from the East. ...  
(The Book of Portents of the Awaited Mahdi, p. 39)*

### **خيال (Chayal) – Horse Rider Imam Mahdi** (Awaited Mahdi, p. )

One of the birth names of Eliyahu HaKohen is “Chayal” meaning “Strong Horse Rider.” The Arabs have depicted Imam Mahdi as a “horseback rider” as it is written in the Injil:

*“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”  
Revelation 6:2*

The preserved memory of a bow is of an identifying specific characteristic the shepherd stone of Israel as it is written by the hand of Moses.

*“But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty G-d of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)” Genesis 49:24*

The word אבן *Stone* in Hebrew refers to “a potter’s stone-vessel”. The meaning of the word קשת is translated as a “bow” yet, in Hebrew is an “Archer with a bow and arrows.” This is a perfect description of the constellation of the “Orion” identified by scholars on the Stone-Vessel of Manna. The Hebrew word “Israel” means *healthy believers of GOD*.

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*“The blessings of thy father have prevailed ... of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.” Gen 49:26”*

The Hebrew word קדקד for crown is related to the Hebrew word קדים meaning “The East” which also means “a contract covenant.” The Hebrew word נזיר “nazir” for “separate” has a dual meaning a “consecrated prince” meaning that this royal prince “abstains from impurities, fermented wine and strong drink.” The Hebrew word גבע for “hills” means the “calyx of a flower in a shape of a pottery vessel.” The Paleo-Hebrew letters identified on the bronze-age white stone-vessel pottery in upright sheaves spell the name Yoseph and the symbolic sheaves of the eleven brethren are bending towards Yoseph.

## **The Ark of the Covenant**

Imam Mahdi will show evidence of his legitimacy as the Last Royal Messenger and the Elijah Messenger to the last generations with the revelation of the most important ark in the history of the world. This evidence of the Ark of the Covenant as it is written by the sages:

*Their Prophet said to them, "The sign of his kingship is that the Ark will come to you, containing serenity from your Lord and certain relics left by the families of Musa [Moses] and Harun [Aaron]. It will be borne by angels. There is a sign for you in that if you believe. (Qur'an, 2: 248)*

*The Ark of the Covenant is "a sign" for the faithful (Qur'an, 2: 248)*

*The reason he will be known as the Mahdi is that he will show the way to a hidden thing. He will bring the Ark to light from a place called Antioch. (Suyuti, al-Hawi li'l Fatawa, II, 82)*

*The reason he will be known as the Mahdi is that he will go to one of the mountains in Sham. From there he will unearth the (true) books of the Torah and bring forth evidence against the Jews. (Suyuti, al-Hawi li'l Fatawa, II, 81)*

The credentials and Divine sign of Imam Mahdi is to reveal the relic of Moses and Aaron. The scientific and scholarly studies confirm the ancient purification ceremonies of the wilderness tabernacle of the Prophet Moses and Aaron. Eliyahu HaKohen will show his legitimacy by providing the evidence of the ancient golden Stone-Vessel of Manna. This evidence confirmed with the writings of the sages:

*Eliyahu brings forth the vessel of manna for the last generation.*  
(Pereq. R. Yoshiyahu, Bhm 6:115; Mekh. diR. Yishm'el, p. 80)

*“Elijah often elected to appear in the appearance of an Arab or, more exactly, in that of an Arab of the desert”. (Jewish Encyclopedia - Arabia in Rabbinical Literature.)*

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**In Conclusion:**

خيال (*Chayal*) Rabbi bin Chayal (Ben-Hayil) Eliyahu HaKohen is the final royal messenger confirmed in every aspect for those that will believe. The entire profile satisfies the requirements with the necessary emphasis of abstinence of his diet, the crown, scepter, sword and throne as the Shepherd with his white stone-vessel to teach righteousness to those that desire to be healthy believers in GOD.

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