

## Section Forty-One

The traditions that indicate the people will assist his government

Comprised of three traditions

697. Sunan ibn M<sup>aj</sup>a<sup>1</sup>: Narrated to us <sup>ʿ</sup>armalat b. Ya<sup>ʿ</sup>y<sup>ʿ</sup> al-Mi<sup>ʿ</sup>r<sup>ʿ</sup> and Ibr<sup>ʿ</sup>h<sup>ʿ</sup>m b. Sa<sup>ʿ</sup>ʿd al-Jauhar<sup>ʿ</sup>, from Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> <sup>ʿ</sup>l<sup>ʿ</sup>i<sup>ʿ</sup> `Abd al-Ghaff<sup>ʿ</sup>r b. D<sup>ʿ</sup>w<sup>ʿ</sup>d al-<sup>ʿ</sup>arr<sup>ʿ</sup>n<sup>ʿ</sup>, from Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> Lah<sup>ʿ</sup>`a, from Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> Zur`a Amr b. J<sup>ʿ</sup>bir al-<sup>ʿ</sup>a<sup>ʿ</sup>ram<sup>ʿ</sup>, from `Abd-Allah b. al-<sup>ʿ</sup>arth b. Jaz` al-Zubaid<sup>ʿ</sup>, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family, who said: “A [group of] people will emerge from the East and will prepare for the Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup>—meaning his government.”

698. Sunan Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> D<sup>ʿ</sup>w<sup>ʿ</sup>d<sup>2</sup>: From H<sup>ʿ</sup>r<sup>ʿ</sup>n, from `Amr b. Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> Qays, from Mu<sup>ʿ</sup>arrif b. <sup>ʿ</sup>ar<sup>ʿ</sup>f, from Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> I-<sup>ʿ</sup>asan, from Hil<sup>ʿ</sup>l b. `Amr, from `Al<sup>ʿ</sup>, may Allah be satisfied with him, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him and his family, who said:

A person will emerge from M<sup>ʿ</sup> War<sup>ʿ</sup>’ al-Nahr. He will be called al-<sup>ʿ</sup>rith b. al-<sup>ʿ</sup>arr<sup>ʿ</sup>th; in the vanguard [of his army] will be a person called Man<sup>ʿ</sup>r. He will organize or prepare for the family of Mu<sup>ʿ</sup>ammad just as the Quraish prepared for the Messenger of Allah, Allah’s blessings be on him [and his family]. It is compulsory for every believer to assist him—or he said—to respond to his [call].

Tradition no. 720 also establishes the above concept.

<sup>1</sup>. Sunan ibn M<sup>aj</sup>a, vol. 2, chap. “The emergence of the Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup>,” p. 1368, citing Kit<sup>ʿ</sup>b al-fitan, chap. 34, no. 4088; `Iqd al-durar, chap. 5, p. 125, citing Sunan ibn M<sup>aj</sup>a and al-Bayhaq<sup>ʿ</sup>. He has also recorded it in al-Tadhkira, p. 240, from Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> D<sup>ʿ</sup>w<sup>ʿ</sup>d with the difference: “they will prepare for the Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup> the throne of his kingdom”; Far<sup>ʿ</sup>id al-sim<sup>ʿ</sup>ain, vol. 2, chap. 61, p. 333; al-<sup>ʿ</sup>abar<sup>ʿ</sup>n<sup>ʿ</sup>, al-Mu`jam al-<sup>ʿ</sup>ausa<sup>ʿ</sup>, vol. 1, p. 200, no. 287, with minor variation; al-Mun<sup>ʿ</sup>r al-mun<sup>ʿ</sup>f, sect. 50, p. 145, no. 332; Nih<sup>ʿ</sup>yat al-bid<sup>ʿ</sup>ya wa l-nih<sup>ʿ</sup>ya, vol. 1, p. 41; al-Burh<sup>ʿ</sup>n f<sup>ʿ</sup> al<sup>ʿ</sup>m<sup>ʿ</sup>t Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup> <sup>ʿ</sup>akhir al-zam<sup>ʿ</sup>n, chap. 7, p. 147, no. 2, which says: “they will prepare for the Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup> his kingdom”; Mukhta<sup>ʿ</sup>ar tadhkirat al-Qurtub<sup>ʿ</sup> by al-Sha`r<sup>ʿ</sup>n<sup>ʿ</sup>, p. 40, which says “they will prepare for the Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup> the throne of his kingdom”; al-Idh<sup>ʿ</sup>`a, p. 124; Kanz al-`umm<sup>ʿ</sup>, vol. 14, p. 263, no. 38657; Majma` al-zaw<sup>ʿ</sup>id, vol. 7, p. 318, and many more references.

<sup>2</sup>. Sunan Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> D<sup>ʿ</sup>w<sup>ʿ</sup>d, vol. 4, “Kit<sup>ʿ</sup>b al-Mahd<sup>ʿ</sup>,” pp. 108–109, no. 4290; Ma<sup>ʿ</sup>b<sup>ʿ</sup> al-sunna, vol. 2, p. 194; `Iqd al-durar, chap. 5, p. 130, citing Ab<sup>ʿ</sup> D<sup>ʿ</sup>w<sup>ʿ</sup>d, Sunan al-Nis<sup>ʿ</sup>ʿ, al-Bayhaq<sup>ʿ</sup>, and al-Ma<sup>ʿ</sup>b<sup>ʿ</sup>; Jam` al-jaw<sup>ʿ</sup>mi`, vol. 1, p. 997, citing

Abū Dāwūd; al-Tadhkira, p. 240, with the difference: “a person from the ministers of al-Mahdī will emerge who will be called al-ḥarith b. al-ḥarrith” and “or he said—to help him”; Yanīb al-mawadda, chap. 72, p. 430; al-Taj al-Jami` lil-ulu, vol. 5, p. 344, and many other references.

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