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Section Fifty-One

The traditions that indicate the second black flags that are different from the first black flags

Comprised of five traditions

781. Al-Fitan1: Informed us Ab□ Bakr Mu□ammad b. `Abd-Allah b. A□mad b. Rabadha, from Ab□ l-Q□sim Sulaim□n b. A□mad al-□abar□n□, from Ab□ Zaid `Abd al-Ra□m□n b. □□tim al-Mur□d□ in Egypt in the year 280 AH, from Nu`aim b. □amm□d, from al-Wal□d and Rushdain, from ibn Lah□`a, from Ab□ Qubail, from Ab□ R□m□n from `Al□, may Allah be satisfied with him, who said:

The Sufy□n□ and the black flags will meet. Amongst them will be a youth from the Ban□-H□shim and on his left palm will be a mole. His commander will be a person from Ban□ Tam□m called Shu`ayb b. □□li□, at the gateway if I□□akhr. There will be a terrible bloodshed between these two armies. The black flags will be victorious while the cavalry of Sufy□n□ will take to their heels. It is then that the people will desire for the Mahd□ and will seek him.

782. Al-Fitan2: Narrated to us Sa`□d b. `Uthm□n, from J□bir, from (Imam) Ab□ Ja`far who said:

The black flags from Khur□s□n [in Iran] will reach K□fa. When the Mahd□ appears at Mecca, they will be sent to pledge allegiance to the Mahd□.

783. Al-Fitan3: Narrated to us al-Wal□d b. Muslim, from Ab□ `Abd-Allah, from `Abd al-Kar□m (meaning Umayya), from Mu□ammad b. al-□anafiyya who said:

Black flags will emerge [in support of] the Abbasids. Then, from Khur□s□n, other black flags will appear; their hoods will be black and their dresses will be white. A person called Shu`ayb b. □□li□ or □□li□ b. Shu`ayb, from [Ban□] Tam□m, will be their commander. They will destroy al-Sufy□n□'s Army until they reach Bait al-Maqdas. They will prepare for the Mahd□ his government and Three hundred people from Syria will come to his aid. The time between his emergence and the handing over of the affairs to the Mahd□ will be seventy-two months.

784. Al-Fitan[4]: `Abd-Allah b. Marwān narrated to us, from al-`Alī b. `Utba, from al-Ḥasan that “the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him [and his family], mentioned a calamity that his Ahl al-Bait would encounter [which would continue] until Allah will send a black flag from the East. Whoever helps it, Allah will help him and whoever deserts it, Allah will desert him; until a man comes whose name is my name and He will rule them. Allah will support and assist him.”

785. Al-Fitan[5]: Muḥammad b. `Abd-Allah b. `Abd-Allah al-Taihartī narrated to us, from `Abd al-Raḥmān b. Ziyād b. An`um, from Muslim b. Yasār, from Sa`īd b. al-Musayyib, from the Messenger of Allah, Allah's blessings be on him [and his family], who said: “Black flags [in support] of the Abbasids will emerge from the East. They will halt until Allah wishes. Then, smaller black flags will emerge from the east who will fight a person from the progeny of Abī Sufyān and his followers. They will call out [to the people] to obey the Mahdī.”

1. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, p. 172; al-Burhān fī `alāmāt Mahdī ākhir al-zamān, chap. 7, p. 151, no. 20 (short version).
2. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, p. 173; al-Burhān fī `alāmāt Mahdī ākhir al-zamān, chap. 7, p. 150, no. 12; Biḥār al-anwār, vol. 52, p. 217, no. 77.
3. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, chap. “al-Rayāt al-sūd lil-Mahdī ba`d rāyāt Banī l-`Abbās,” p. 165.
4. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, chap. “al-Rayāt al-sūd lil-Mahdī ba`d rāyāt Banī l-`Abbās,” p. 167.
5. Al-Fitan, vol. 5, chap. “al-Rayāt al-sūd lil-Mahdī ba`d rāyāt Banī l-`Abbās,” p. 168.

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