Chapter 6: The traditions narrated by the Sunni

The Traditions Of Abdullah Bin Mas’oood

(1) Muhammad bin Uthman ad-Duhni narrated from Abdullah bin Ja’far ar-Riqqi from Eessa bin Younus from Mujalid bin Sa’eed from ash-Shi’bi that Massrooq had said: Once we were with Ibn Mass’ood in his house when someone asked him: “Had your prophet told you how many caliphs would be after him?” Ibn Mass’ood said: “Yes, he had. But no one has asked me such a question before you. You are the youngest of these people. I have heard the Prophet (S) saying:

“After me there will be (caliphs) as the number of the chieftains of Prophet Moses (as).”

(2) Some ones narrated from Uthman bin Abu Shayba, Abdullah bin Umar bin Sa’eed al-Ashajj, Abu
Kurayb, Mahmood bin Ghaylan, Ali bin Muhammad and Ibraheem bin Sa'eed all from Abu Ussama from Mujalid from ash-Shi'bi that Massrooq had said: “A man came to Abdullah bin Mass’ood and asked him: “Had your prophet told you how many caliphs would be after him?” Ibn Mass’ood said: “Yes, he had. But no one has asked me about this matter before you whereas you are too young. The Prophet (S) said:

“There will be as the number of the chieftains of Moses (as).”

Abu Kurayb and Abu Sa’eed narrated from Abu Ussama from al-Ash’ath from Aamir from his uncle that Massrooq had said: One day we were sitting with Abdullah bin Mass’ood in his house. He was reciting Qur’an for us. A man asked him: “O Abu Abdurrahman, have you asked the messenger of Allah (as) about how many caliphs will rule this umma after him?” Ibn Mass’ood said: “No one has asked about this since I have come from Iraq. Yes, we have asked him and he said:

“They are twelve as the number of the chieftains of the Israelites.”

(3) Abu Kurayb and Abu Sa’eed narrated from Abu Ussama from al-Ash’ath from Aamir from his uncle that Massrooq had said: One day we were sitting with Abdullah bin Mass’ood in his house. He was reciting Qur’an for us. A man asked him: “O Abu Abdurrahman, have you asked the messenger of Allah (as) about how many caliphs will rule this umma after him?” Ibn Mass’ood said: “No one has asked about this since I have come from Iraq. Yes, we have asked him and he said:

“They are twelve as the number of the chieftains of the Israelites.”

(4) Uthman bin Abu Shayba, Abu Ahmad, Yousuf bin Musa al-Qattan and Sufyan bin Wakee’ narrated from Jareer from al-Ash’ath bin Sawwar from Aamir ash-Shi’bi that his uncle Qayss bin Abd had said: “One day a nomad came when Abdullah bin Mass’ood was among his companions. The nomad asked: “Is Abdullah bin Mass’ood among you?” Bin Mass’ood said: “Here I am. What do you want?” The nomad said: “I want to ask you if you have heard the Prophet (S) talking about how many caliphs will be after him.” Bin Mass’ood said: “No one asked me about this since I had come from Iraq. Yes, he (the Prophet (S)) said:
“The caliphs are twelve like the number of the chieftains of the Israelites.”

5 Musaddad bin Mustawrid narrated from Hammad bin Zayd from Mujalid that Massrooq had said: “While we were sitting with ibn Mass’ood after the sunset and he was teaching us the Qur’an, a man asked him: “O Abu Abdurrahman, have you asked the Prophet (S) how many caliphs this umma will have?” Ibn Mass’ood said: “No one asked me about this since I had come from Iraq. Yes, he (the Prophet (S)) said:

"Your caliphs are twelve as the number of the chieftains of the Israelites.”

6 The Tradition Of Anass Bin Malik

6 ما رواه عبد السلام بن هاشم البزار قال: حدثنا عبد الله بن أبي أمية مولى بني ماجشع، عن يزيد الرقاشي، عن – 6 أنس بن مالك قال: قال رسول الله

لن يزال هذا الأمر قائماً إلى أثنتي عشر قيماً من قريش.

ثم ساق الحديث إلى آخره.

7 Abdus-Salam bin Hashim al-Bazzar narrated from Abdullah bin Abu Umayya, the freed slave of bani Mujashi’, from Yazeed ar-Raqashi from Anass bin Malik that the Prophet (S) had said:

“This matter (the religion) is still prevailing until twelve guardians of Quraysh (pass away).” Then he mentioned the rest of the tradition.

8 The Tradition Of Jabir Bin Samra As-Sawwa’iy

7 عمرو بن خالد بن فروخ الحرائي قال: حدثنا زهير بن معاوية، قال: حدثنا زياد بن خيثمة، عن الأسود بن سعید – 7 الهمداني، عن جابر بن سمرة قال: قال رسول الله
لا تزال هذه الأمّة مستقيماً أمرها ظاهرة على عدوها حتى يمضي أثنا عشر خليفة كلهم من قريش.

فلما رجع إلى منزله أتته وفود قريش فقالوا له: فلن يكون ماناً؟ قال: يكون الهرج.

وقال: حدثنا زهير بن معاوية قال: حدثنا زياد بن خليفة، عن ابن جريج، عن الأسود بن سعيد الهمداني، عن جابر بن سمرة قال: قال رسول الله وذكر مثله.

(7) Amr bin Khalid bin Farrookh al–Harrani narrated from Zuhayr bin Mo’awiya from Ziyad bin Khaythama from al–Aswad bin Sa’eed al–Hamadani from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

“This umma will still prevail over its enemies until twelve caliphs, all of whom are from Quraysh, will pass away.” When the Prophet (S) went back home, some people of Quraysh came to him asking: “Then what will happen?” He said: “Then commotion will happen.”

The same was narrated by Zuhayr bin Mo’awiya from Ziyad bin Khaythama from ibn Jurayj from al–Aswad bin Sa’eed al–Hamadani from Jabir bin Samra.

(8) Uthman bin Abu Shayba narrated from Jareer from Hussayn bin Abdurrahman that Jabir bin Samra had said:

I heard the Prophet (S) saying: “After me twelve emirs will rule.” Then he said something that I could not understand. I asked some people and asked my father, who was nearer to the Prophet (S) than me. My father said that the Prophet (S) had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

(8) Uthman bin Abu Shayba narrated from Jareer from Hussayn bin Abdurrahman that Jabir bin Samra had said:

I heard the Prophet (S) saying: “After me twelve emirs will rule.” Then he said something that I could not understand. I asked some people and asked my father, who was nearer to the Prophet (S) than me. My father said that the Prophet (S) had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”
Uthman bin Abu Shayba narrated from Hatam bin Issma’eel from Muhajir bin Missmar that Aamir bin Sa’d had said: I sent a letter with my servant Nafi’ to Jabir bin Samra asking him to tell me of something he had heard from the Prophet (S). He wrote to me: “I have heard the Prophet (S) saying on the eve of the Friday, in which al-Aslami has been stoned:

“This religion is still prevailing until the Day of Resurrection or until twelve caliphs, who are all from Quraysh, will rule over the people.”

The same was narrated by Abbad bin Ya’qoob from Hatam bin Issma’eel. Another one was narrated by Muhammad bin Abdullah bin al-Hakam from ibn Abu Fudayk from ibn Abu Thi’b from Muhajir bin Missmar.⁹

⁹ Ghundur narrated from Shu’ba from Abu Owana from Abdul Melik bin Omayr from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

لا يزال هذا الدين قائماً حتى تقوم الساعة أو يكون على الناس اثنا عشر خليفة كلهم من قريش.
“This religion is still prevailing until twelve caliphs will have ruled.”

Then he said something that I could not understand. I asked my father and he said that the Prophet (S) had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

وعن إبراهيم بن محمد بن مالك بن زيد قال: حدثنا زيد بن علاقة قال: حدثنا جابر بن سمرة السوائي قال: 11

كلهم من قريش.

11 Ibraheem bin Malik bin Zayd narrated from Ziyad bin Olaqa that Jabir bin Samra as-Sawwa’iy had said: “Once I was with my father near the Prophet (S). He said:

“There will be twelve emirs after me.”

Then he lowered his voice and said:

“All of them are from Quraysh.”

12 Khalaf bin al-Waleed al-Lu’lu’iy narrated from Sammak that Jabir bin Samra had said:

“I heard the Prophet (S) saying that there would be twelve emirs after him. Then he said something that I could not understand. I asked some people what he had said. They told me that he had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

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Khalaf bin Hisham al-Bazzar narrated from Hammad bin Zayd from Mujalid bin Sa’eed from ash-Shi’bi that Jabir bin Samra as-Sawwa’iy had said: “The Prophet (S) made a speech in Arafā and said:

“This religion will still be strong and prevailing over its opponents. It will not be harmed by the apostates or the opponents until twelve (emirs) will have ruled.”

The people began to talk and I could not understand what the Prophet (S) had said. I asked my father: “O father, the Prophet (S) said: all of them…what then?” My father said:

“He said: all of them are from Quraysh.”

An-Nufayly al-Harrani narrated from Zuhayr bin Mo’awiya from Ziyad bin Khaythama from al-Aswad bin Sa’eed al-Hamadani from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

“This umma will still be strong and prevailing over its enemies until twelve caliphs, who all are from Quraysh, will have passed away.”

When he went back home, some people of Quraysh came to him asking: “And then what will happen?” He said: “Commotion will happen then.”
(15) Ali bin al-Ja’d narrated from Zuhayr from Ziyad bin Olaqa, Sammak and Hussayn and all from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

“There will be twelve emirs after me.” But Hussayn said: “There will be twelve caliphs…” Then the Prophet (S) said something that I could not understand. I asked some people and asked my father. He said that the Prophet (S) had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

(16) Amr bin Khalid al-Harrani narrated from Zuhayr bin Mo’awiya from Ziyad bin Khaythama from al-Aswad bin Sa’eed al-Hamadani from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

“This umma will still be strong and prevailing over its enemy until twelve caliphs will have passed away.”
(17) Ma’mar bin Sulayman narrated from Issma’eel bin Abu Khalid from Mujalid from ash–Shi’bi from Jabir bin Samra that the Prophet (S) had said:

“This religion will still be strong and prevailing without being harmed by its opponents until twelve caliphs will have passed away.”

Then the Prophet (S) said something that I could not understand. I asked my father what the Prophet (S) had said. My father said that the Prophet (S) had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

(18) Yazeed bin Sinan and Uthman bin Abu Shayba narrated from Musa bin Issma’eel from Hammad bin Salama from Sammak bin Harb that Jabir bin Samra had said: I heard the Prophet (S) saying:

“Islam will still be strong until twelve caliphs (pass away).”

Then he said something that I could not understand. I asked my father what the Prophet (S) had said. He said to me: “He said:

All of them are from Quraysh.”
Yazeed bin Sinan narrated from Abur-Rabee' az-Zahrani from Hammad bin Zayd from Mujalid bin Sa‘eed from ash-Shi‘bi that Jabir bin Samra had said: Once the Prophet (S) made a speech before us and I heard him saying:

“This matter (the religion) will remain strong and prevailing over its opponents until twelve (caliphs) will have ruled. All of them…”

Then people began talking and I could not understand what the Prophet (S) had said after “all of them”. I asked my father what the Prophet (S) had said after that and he told me that he had said: “All of them are from Quraysh.”

Yazeed bin Sinan narrated from Abdul-Hameed bin Musa from Obaydillah bin Umar from Abdul-Melik bin Omayr that Jabir bin Samra had said: My father and I went to the Prophet (S). I heard him saying:

“This umma will still keep to this (religion) until twelve emirs (or twelve caliphs) will have ruled.”

Then he lowered his voice and I could not understand what he had said after that. My father was nearer to him than me. When we went out, I asked my father what the Prophet (S) had said after that. He told me that the Prophet (S) had said:

“All of them are from Quraysh.”
ومن حدث: يزيد بن سنان قال: حدثنا الحسن بن عمر بن شقيق قال: حدثنا جريير بن عبد الحميد، عن حضين بن عبد الرحمن، عن جابر بن سمرة قال: سمعت رسول الله يقول:

يقوم في آمني بعدئذ اثنا عشر أميراً.

قال: ثم كتل بشيء لم أسمعه، قال: فسألت القوم وسألت أبي وكان أقرب مني، فقال: قال:

كلهم من قريش.

(21) Yazeed bin Sinan narrated from al-Hasan bin Umar bin Shaqeeq from Jareer bin Abdul-Hameed from Hussayn bin Abdurrahman that Jabir Bin Samra had said: I heard the Prophet (S) saying:

“After me, there will be twelve emirs ruling my umma.”

Then he said something that I could not hear. I asked some people and asked my father, who was nearer to the Prophet (S) than me. My father said that the Prophet (S) had said:

“All of them are from Quraysh.”

ومن حدث: ابن أبي فديك، قال: حدثني ابن أبي ذنب، عن مهاجر بن مسهر، عن عامر بن سعد أنه أرسل إلى ابن سمرة حدثنا ما سمعت من رسول الله ؟ قال: سمعت رسول الله يقول:

لا يزال هذا الدين قائماً حتى يكون اثنا عشر خليفة من قريش.

وساق الحديث إلى آخره.

(22) Ibn Abu Fudayk narrated from ibn Abu Thi'b from Muhajir bin Missmar that Aamir bin Sa'eed had sent a letter to Jabir bin Samra asking to tell him of what he had heard from the Prophet (S). Jabir bin Samra said: I have heard the Prophet (S) saying:

“This religion will remain firm until there will be twelve caliphs from Quraysh.”

And he mentioned the rest of the tradition.
The Tradition Of Abu Juhayfa

(23) Uthman bin Abu Shayba narrated from Sahl bin Hammad Abu Attaab ad-Dallal from Younus bin Abu Ya’foor from Abu Juhayfa that his father had said: Once I was with the Prophet (S) while he was making a speech. My uncle was sitting near the Prophet (S). The Prophet (S) said:

“The religion of my umma will remain firm until twelve caliphs, who all are from Quraysh, will have passed away.”

The Tradition Of Samra Bin Jundub

(24) Abdul Wahab bin Abdul Majeed narrated tradition from Dawood from his father from ash-Shi’bi from Samra bin Jundub from the Prophet (S). (The same tradition narrated by Anass bin Malik that we have mentioned at the beginning of this chapter; tradition no.6).

The Tradition Narrated By Abdullah Bin Amr Bin Al–Aass

(25) Suwayd bin Sa’eed narrated from Mu’tamir bin Sulayman from Hisham from ibn Seereen from Abul Khayr from Abdullah bin Amr:

“There is no doubt that it has been mentioned in the Book of Allah that twelve (caliphs) will rule over people.”
(26) Muhammad bin Uthman ad-Duhni narrated from ibn Abu Khaythama from Yahya bin Mo’een from Abdullah bin Salih from al-Layth bin Sa’d from Khalid bin Yazeed from Sa’eed bin Abu Hilal that Rabee’a bin Sayf had said:

“We were with Shufiy al-Asbahi when he said that he had heard Abdullah bin Amr saying: “I heard the Prophet (S) saying: “There will be twelve caliphs after me.”23

(27) Ibn Abu Khaythama narrated from Affan and Yahya bin Iss’haq as–Saylaheeni from Hammad bin Salama from Abdullah bin Uthman from Abut–Tufayl that Abdullah bin Amr had said to him:

“O Abut–Tufayl, count twelve ones from bani Ka’b bin Lu’ay and then fighting and killing occur.”24

The traditions narrated by the Sunni concerning this subject are so many. They confirm that the Prophet (S) has mentioned twelve men to be the caliphs after him.

3. The surname of ibn Mass’ood.
12. A place near Mecca.

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