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He died in his castle in al-Aqeeq. He was carried to Medina by the sons of Othman bin Affan until they reached al-Baqee' (graveyard) as kind of gratitude in return for his good thought about their father. Al-Waleed bin Otba bin Abu Sufyan, who was the goversor of Medina then, offered the prayer for the dead instead of Marwan, who was deposed. Al-Waleed advanced to offer the prayer, in spite of that ibn Omar, Abu Sa'eed al-Khudari and other companions were there, to honor Abu Hurayra in return for his great services for the Umayyads.

Al-Waleed sent his uncle Mu'awiya a letter telling him of the death of Abu Hurayra. Mu'awiya wrote to his nephew: "Look for his inheritors and pay them ten thousand dinars. Do them favors and let them be comfortable in your neighborhood because Abu Hurayra supported Othman and was with him in the house when he was killed."

He died in fifty-seven or (it was said) fifty-eight or fifty-nine of hijra. He was seventy-eight years old.

As for his offspring, as we knew, he had a son called al-Muharrir and a daughter. Al-Muharrir had a son called Na'eem, who narrated that his grandfather Abu Hurayra had a thread with two thousand knots. He did not sleep until he glorified Allah (S.w.T.) with his two thousand knots thread.

Na'eem also narrated from his grandfather that someone had asked the Prophet (S.): "What do you advise me to trade with? The Prophet (S.) said to him: "Deal with cloth! Because the dealer of cloth wishes people to be always in good and wealth."

Ibn Sa'd mentioned al-Muharrir in his Tabaqat and said that he narrated a little traditions and that he died during the reign of Omar bin Abdul Aziz.

- 1. It was mentioned by ibn Hajar in al-Issaba, ibn Abdul Birr in al-Issabe'ab, ibnul Hakim in al-Mustadrak and other historians.
- 2. Refer to ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat, vol.4, pg.63 (Abu Hurayra's biography).
- 3. Refer to Isstee'ab, Issaba, Tabaqat and al-Mustadrak (Abu Hurayra's biography).
- 4. Refer to Hilyatul Awliya', vol. 1, pg.380 and 383.

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