

To see ‘Alī (rta) before Death

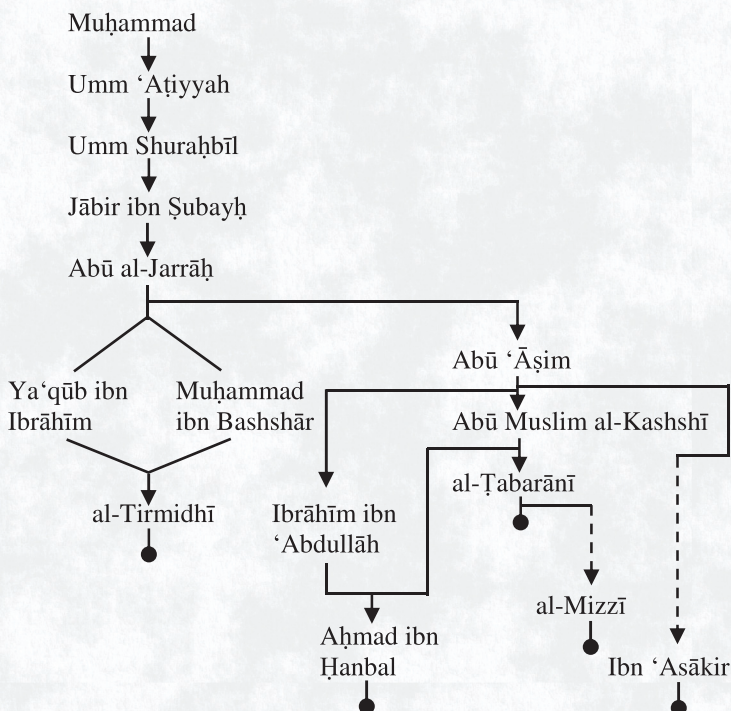
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حدثنا محمد بن بشار ويعقوب بن إبراهيم عن أبي الجراح حدثني جابر بن صبيح قال حدثتني أم شراحيل قالت حدثتني أم عطية قالت بعث النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم جيشا فيهم على قالت فسمعت النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وهو رافع يديه يقول اللهم لا تمتني حتى تريني عليا قال أبو عيسى هذا حديث حسن غريب إننا نعرفه من هذا الوجه

Umm ‘Aṭīyah states: “The Prophet (sws) sent an army in which ‘Alī was present. I heard him say while raising his hands: ‘Do not make me die unless I see ‘Alī.’”¹

Following is the schematic illustration of the *isnād* of this narrative’s variants:

1. Al-Tirmidhī, *Sunan*, vol. 5, 643, (no. 3737). See also: Al-Ṭabarānī, *Al-Mu‘jam al-awsaṭ*, vol. 3, 48, (no. 3432); Al-Ṭabarānī, *Al-Mu‘jam al-kabīr*, vol. 25, 68, (no. 158); Al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb al-kamāl*, vol. 33, 186; Ibn ‘Asākir, *Tārīkh Madīnah Dimashq*, vol. 42, 336-337; Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal, *Faḍā’il al-ṣaḥābah*, vol. 2, 609, (no. 1039); Ibid., vol. 2, 655, (no. 1116).



Abū al-Jarrāḥ is *majhūl al-‘ayn* as the only person that narrates from him is Abū ‘Āṣim al-Nabīl.² Thus al-Dhahabī says that he is *majhūl* even though al-Tirmidhī has classified this narrative as *ḥasan*.³

While Yaḥyā ibn Ma‘īn and others regard Jābir ibn Ṣubayḥ to be reliable, al-Azdī says *lā yaqūm ḥadīthuhū*.⁴



2. See: Al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb al-kamāl*, vol. 33, 186; Ibn Ḥajar, *Tahdhīb al-tahdhīb*, vol. 12, 56

3. Al-Dhahabī, *Mīzān al-i‘tidāl*, vol. 7, 349.

4. Ibid., vol. 2, 101.