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# A Rare Witness to Muḥammad Ibn Ibrāhīm Al-Kisāʾī's (Naysābūr, d. 385/996) Transmission of Muslim Ibn Al-Ḥajjāj's (Naysābūr, d. 259/872–3 or 261/875) Ṣaḥīḥ\*

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### Özet

Ebû Amr Osmân b. Sa'îd ad-Dânî'nin (Dâniye [Denia]; d. 371/981–2, ö. 444/1053) es-Sünenü'l-vâride fi'l-fiten ve gavâ'ilihâ ve's-sâ'a ve eşrâtihâ isimli eseri, kıyamet alâmetleri ile alâkalı, Abdülmelik es-Sıkıllî → Ebû Bekr el-Kisâî → İbrâhim b. Süfyân → Müslim b. el-Haccâc en-Nîsâbûrî isnadıyla nakledilen otuz altı rivayet ihtiva etmektedir. Şimdiye kadar incelenmemiş bu rivayetler, Müslim'in Sahîh'inin mevcut bütün baskılarının kaynağını teşkil eden Muhammad b. Îsâ el-Cülûdî → İbrâhim b. Süfyân → Müslim tarikinden farklı bir isnad içermektedir. İbn Süfyân'dan naklettiği kayıp aslı yerine Cülûdî'nin yazmasının bir nüshasını kullandığı için tenkit edilen Kisâî'nin metinlerinin, Cülûdî'ninkilerden ayrıldığı görülmektedir. İbn Süfyân'dan nakledilen bu iki bağımsız râvinin metinleri arasındaki farklılıklar, Müslim'in hadis koleksiyonunun teşekkülü ve yayılmasının ilk aşamaları ile ilgili nadir rastlanan ipuçları ihtiva etmektedir. Bunlar ışığında ortaya çıkan önemli bir mesele de; Dânî'nin kitabının farklı yerlerinde bulunan otuz altı rivayetin, Abdülmelik es-Sıkıllî'den (Sicilya–Kayravan; ö. 397/1006–7'den sonra) aldığı tam nüshadan mı olduğu yoksa es-Sıkıllî'nin Dânî'ye Sahîh'ten olduklarını belirtmeksizin yalnızca bir grup müstakil rivayet mi naklettiği sorusudur.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Müslim, İbn Süfyân, Kisâî, Cülûdî, *Sahîh*, rivayet, versiyon, varyant, isnad, metin, ihtisar, düzeltme.

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#### **Abstract**

The collection al-Sunan al-wārida fī al-fitan wa-gawā ilihā wa-al-sā a wa-ashrāṭihā by Abū 'Amr 'Uthmān ibn Sa'īd al-Dānī (Dénia; b. 371/981–2, d. 444/1053) preserves thirty-six apocalyptic traditions on the authority of 'Abd al-Mālik al-Ṣaqallī  $\rightarrow$  Abū Bakr al-Kisā'ī  $\rightarrow$  Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān  $\rightarrow$  Muslim ibn al-Ḥajjāj al-Naysābūrī. These hitherto unexplored traditions have a chain of authorities (isnād) that departs from the transmission Muḥammad ibn 'Īsā al-Julūdī  $\rightarrow$  Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān  $\rightarrow$  Muslim, which served as a source of all printed editions of Muslim's Ṣaḥīḥ. Taken to task for using a copy of al-Julūdī's manuscript, instead of his lost original on the authority of Ibn Sufyān, al-Kisā'ī is shown to cite texts (matns) that differ from al-Julūdī's corresponding matns as two independent strands of transmission from Ibn Sufyān would differ from one another. These differences offer a rare glimpse into the early stages of composition and circulation of Muslim's hadīth corpus. An important concomitant question is whether al-Dānī's scattered citations were part of a complete collection that he received from his informant, 'Abd al-Malik al-Ṣaqallī (Sicily—Qayrawān; d. after 397/1006—7), or al-Ṣaqallī transmitted to al-Dānī only a group of isolated traditions, without necessarily identifying the Sahīh as their source.

**Keywords**: Muslim, Ibn Sufyān, al-Kisā'ī, al-Julūdī, Ṣaḥīḥ, transmission, version, variant, isnād, matn, abridgment, emendation.

## 1. Introduction

Muslim ibn al-Ḥajjāj al-Naysābūrī (b. 201–6/816–22, d. 259/972–3 or 261/875)¹ is famous for his collection of sound prophetic traditions (ḥadīth), known as al-Musnad al-ṣaḥīḥ.² A pillar of Sunni ḥadīth scholarship and paragon of authenticity, the Musnad is second only to al-Bukhārī's similar collection, al-Jāmi ʿal-ṣaḥīḥ. All surviving manuscripts with Muslim's work have reached us in the transmission of Abū Isḥāq Ibrāhīm ibn Muḥammad ibn Sufyān (d. 308/920), an ascetic traditionist from Naysābūr.³ Above Ibn Sufyān's level, the chain of transmitters (isnād) of these

<sup>1</sup> Whereas Muslim's date of death is mentioned as 261/875 already in the first half of the fifth/eleventh century, his birthdate had remained unknown until the lifetime of Ibn al-Salāh (Damascus; 577-643/1181-1245). Thus, al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī (392-463/1002-71) specifies that Muslim died on 25 Rajab 261/05.05.875 (al-Khaṭīb al-Baghdādī, Tārīkh Baghdād, ed. Bashshār 'Awwād Ma'rūf, 17 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-Gharb al-islāmī, 1422/2001), 15: 125). Ibn al-Salāh discovered the missing information in the presently lost book Dhikr a'immat al-aqtār al-muzakkīn li-ruwāt al-āthār by al-Ḥākim al-Navsābūrī (312-405/933-1014), which apparently had been unknown to Muslim's earlier biographers. Citing Abū 'Abdallāh ibn al-Akhram (Naysābūr; b. 250/864–5, d. 344/955), al-Hākim states that Muslim died in 261/875 at the age of fifty-five lunar years, which implies that he was born in 206/821-2 (Ibn al-Salāh, Siyānat Sahīh Muslim min al-ikhlāl wa-al-ghalat wa-himāvatuhu min al-isqāt wa-al-saqat, ed. Muwaffaq ibn 'Abdallāh ibn 'Abd al-Qādir (Beirut: Dār al-Gharb al-islāmī, 1404/1984), 64). Ibn Khallikān (608-81/1211-82), a student of Ibn al-Salāh, recalls his teacher stating that Muslim was born in 202/817–18 (Ibn Khallikān, Wafayāt al-a 'yān wa-anbā' abnā ' al-zamān, ed. Iḥsān ' Abbās, 8 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-Sādir, 1397/1977, reprint of the original edition, Dār al-Thaqāfa, 1968–72), 5: 195). The date 201/816–17 for Muslim's birth may be inferred from a report cited by al-Dhahabī—without reference to its source—that Muslim died in 261/875 at the age of sixty lunar years (al-Dhahabī, al-Tbar fī khabar man ghabar, ed. Muḥammad Sa'īd ibn Baysūnī Zaghlūl, 4 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'ilmiyya, 1405/1985), 1: 375). In an unparalleled report, Murtadā al-Zabīdī (1145-1205/1732-91) mentions 184/800-1 as the year of Muslim's birth (Murtadā al-Zabīdī, Ghāvat al-ibtihāj li-muqtafī asānīd kitāb Muslim ibn al-Hajjāj, Muslim, Sahīh, ed. Nazar Muhammad al-Fāryābī (Riyadh: Dār Ṭayba, 2006/1427), 59). Given that Muslim began his study of hadīth in 218/833-4, 184/800-1 seems unfeasible as the year of his birth; in his time, traditionists usually became students at an age ranging from ten to fifteen years. Muslim's biographers mostly agree that he died in 261/875, but according to Makkī ibn 'Abdān (Naysābūr; b. 242/856-7, d. 325/937), who was one of Muslim's important students responsible for the transmission of most of his works, Muslim died in 259/872-3 (Mughlaṭāy, Ikmāl Tahdhīb al-Kamāl, ed. 'Ādil ibn Muḥammad and Usāma ibn Ibrāhīm, 12 vols. (Cairo: al-Fārūq al-ḥadītha, 1422/2001), 11: 170).

The full title of Muslim's collection is *al-Musnad al-ṣaḥīḥ al-mukhtaṣar min al-sunan bi-naql al-ʿadl ʿan al-ʿadl ʿan rasūl Allāh* ("The sound abbreviated collection of precedents transmitted by upright transmitters on the authority of God's apostle"), for which see Ibn Khayr al-Ishbīlī, *Fahrasa*, ed. Bashshār ʿAwwād Maʿrūf and Maḥmūd Bashshār ʿAwwād (Tunis: Dār al-Gharb al-islāmī, [1431]/2009), 135. For a detailed study of the variants of the Muslim collection's title, see ʿAbd al-Fattāḥ Abū Ghudda, *Taḥqīq ismay al-Ṣaḥīḥayn wa-ism Jāmiʿal-Tirmidhī* (Aleppo: Maktab al-Maṭbūʿāt al-islāmiyya, 1414/1993), 33–52.

The editor of al-Māzirī's *al-Mu'lim bi-fawā'id Muslim*, Muḥammad al-Shādhlī al-Nayfar (1911–97) mentions that his brother Aḥmad al-Mahdī al-Nayfar bought at an unspecified time a manuscript with the transmission of Aḥmad ibn 'Alī al-Qalānisī (Naysābūr; d.

manuscripts invariably passes through another Naysābūri traditionist, Abū Ahmad Muhammad ibn 'Īsā ibn Muhammad ibn 'Amrūya al-Julūdī (c. 288–368/c. 901–79). Apart from al-Julūdī, Muslim hadīth collectors in the premodern era knew three isnāds of the Ṣaḥīḥ on the authority of Ibn Sufyān (see Diagram 1). The first chain, passing through Abū Bakr Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Muhammad ibn Yazīd al-'Adl (Naysābūr; d. 365/975-6), is mentioned in an isolated report in Ibn al-Ṣalāḥ's (Damascus; 577-643/1181-1245) work Şiyānat Şaḥīḥ Muslim.4 The second chain, through Maslama ibn al-Qāsim ibn Ibrāhīm ibn 'Abdallāh (Cordoba; b. 293/905-6, d. 353/964), is recorded by Murtadā al-Zabīdī (Egypt; 1145–1205/1732–91).<sup>5</sup> The third chain, on the authority of Abū Bakr Muhammad ibn Ibrāhīm ibn Yahyā al-Kisā'ī (Naysābūr; d. 385/996), is better documented: It is cited in the works of the Andalusian scholars Abū 'Alī al-Husayn ibn Muhammad al-Ghassānī al-Jayyānī (427-98/1035-1105), and Ibn Khayr (476-544/1088-1149), and Ibn Khayr al-Ishbīlī (502–75/1109–79).8 Additional Andalusian transmissions on the authority of al-Kisā'ī were discovered by James Robson, the only Western scholar to study in detail the transmission history of Muslim's Sahīh.9

after 300/913?) on the authority of Muslim (al-Māzirī, *al-Mu'lim bi-fawā'id Muslim*, ed. Muḥammad al-Shādhlī al-Nayfar, 3 vols. (Tunis: al-Dār al-Tūnisiyya li-l-nashr, [1408–12]/1988–91), 1:181–3). Nothing is known about the present whereabouts of this manuscript.

<sup>4</sup> Ibn al-Ṣalāḥ, *Ṣiyāna*, 114–15.

<sup>5</sup> Al-Zabīdī, *Ghāya*, 55–6. The reference to this *isnād*, which may have been al-Zabīdī's unacknowledged source, is found in the Ms. of *al-Minaḥ al-bādiya fī al-asānīd al-ʿāliya* by Muḥammad ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Fāsī (d. 1134/1721–2) ('Ādil al-Sabī'ī, "Riwāyāt Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim," *Majallat al-Jāmi'a al-Islāmiyya li-l-ʿulūm al-sharʿiyya*, 185.2, 156). ʿĀdil Sabī'ī puts Maslama ibn al-Qāsim's *isnād* under the heading "Kayfa waṣalat riwāyat al-Qalānisī" ("How al-Qalānisī's Transmission Reached Us"), but my check in the Ms. with al-Fāsī's work showed that the *isnād* between Maslama ibn al-Qāsim and Muslim is interrupted. The context in al-Zabīdī's work suggests that Maslama's chain passed through Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān. About Maslama ibn al-Qāsim, see Maribel Fierro, "Bāṭinsm in al-Andalus. Maslama b. Qāsim al-Qurṭubī (d. 353/964), author of *Ruṭbat al-Ḥakīm* and the *Ghāyat al-Ḥakīm* (*Pictarix*)," *Studia Islamica*, 84.2 (1996): 87–112; Jonathan Brown, *The Canonization of al-Bukhārī and Muslim*. The Formation and Function of the Sunnī Ḥadīth Canon (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2011), 94–6.

<sup>6</sup> Al-Jayyānī, *Taqyīd al-muhmal wa-tamyīz al-mushkal*, ed. 'Alī ibn Muḥammad 'Imrān and Muḥammad 'Uzayr Shams, 3 vols. (Mecca: Dār 'Ālam al-fawā'id, 1421/2000), 1: 65.

<sup>7 &#</sup>x27;Iyāḍ ibn Mūsā, al-Ghunya. Fihrist shuyūkh al-Qāḍī 'Iyāḍ, ed. Māhir Jarrār (Beirut: Dār al-Gharb al-islāmī, 1402/1982), 36; idem., Ikmāl al-Mu 'lim bi-fawā' id Muslim, ed. Yaḥyā Ismā'īl, 9 vols. (Cairo: Dār al-Wafā', 1419/1998), 1: 77; idem., Mashāriq al-anwār 'alā ṣiḥāḥ al-āthār, 2 vols. (Tunis: al-Maktaba al-ʿatīqa and Cairo: Dār al-turāth, [1392–3]/1973), 1: 11.

<sup>8</sup> Ibn Khayr, *Fahrasa*, 137.

<sup>9</sup> James Robson, "The Transmission of Muslim's Ṣaḥīḥ," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 81.1–2 (1949): 54–6. Detailed diagrams mapping the transmission history of the Ṣaḥīḥ are included in my EI³ lemma "Muslim b. al-Ḥajjāj al-Naysābūrī" (forthcoming). In-depth studies of the transmission of Muslim's Ṣaḥīḥ were published by Mehmet Emin Özafşar ("Rivâyet İlimlerinde Eser Karizması ve Müslim'in el-Câmiu's-Sahîh'i," Ankara

Al-Kisāʾrʾs version of the Ṣaḥīḥ is presently lost, but thirty-six traditions that he transmits through Ibn Sufyān → Muslim are uniquely preserved in *al-Sunan al-wārida fī al-fitan wa-gawāʾilihā wa-al-sāʿa wa-ashrāṭihā*, a collection of apocalyptic traditions by Abū ʿAmr ʿUthmān ibn Saʿīd al-Dānī (Dénia; b. 371/981–2, d. 444/1053). The collection was published for the first time by Riḍāʾ Allāh al-Mubārakfūrī in 1416/1995.¹¹ A second edition followed in 1417/1997, prepared by Muḥammad Ḥasan Ismāʿīl al-Shāfiʿī.¹¹ A third edition, prepared by Niḍāl ʿĪsā al-ʿAbūshī, appeared in Amman in 1421–2/2001.¹² All editions are based on the same Ms. 314/ḥadīth from the Ṭāhiriya library in Damascus,¹³ to which the former two add Ms. 7476 from the Library of the Iraqi Museum in Baghdad. Al-Mubārakfūrīʾs edition is used for citations throughout this article owing to its superior introductory study and critical apparatus.

To this point, al-Kisāʾī's corpus of traditions in al-Dānī's *Sunan* has not attracted scholarly attention; its unprecedented *isnād* evaded the editors of the *Sunan*. <sup>14</sup> In this article, I compare these traditions with the corresponding traditions in al-Julūdī's version on the authority of Ibn Sufyān. I argue that al-Kisāʾī and al-Julūdī have preserved two independent strands of transmission from Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān. The specificities of their interrelation offer a unique glimpse into the early stages of transmission of Muslim's *ḥadīth* corpus. I also address the question of whether al-Dānī's scattered citations were part of a complete collection that he received from his informant, 'Abd al-Malik al-Ṣaqallī, or al-Ṣaqallī transmitted to al-Dānī only a group of isolated traditions in the name of Muslim, without identifying them as parts of the *Ṣaḥīh*.

A single tradition on the authority of Abū Mas ʿūd Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad ibn ʿAbdallāh al-Bajalī (Rayy–Naysābūr; b. 362/972–3, d. 449/1057) → al-Kisā ʾī → Ibn Sufyān → Muslim is preserved in the collection of forty homiletic traditions by Abū

Üniversitesi İlâhiyat Fakültesi Dergisi, 39 (1999): 296), 'Ādil al-Sabī'ī ("Riwāyāt Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim") and Dār al-Ta'ṣīl (Muslim, Ṣaḥīḥ, ed. Markaz al-buḥūth wa-taqniyat al-ma'lūmāt Dār al-Ta'sīl, 5 vols. (Cairo: Dār al-Ta'sīl, 1435/2014), 1: 118–176.

<sup>10</sup> Al-Dānī, al-Sunan al-wārida fī al-fitan wa-ghawā 'ilihā wa-al-sā 'a wa-ashrāṭihā, ed. Riḍā' Allāh ibn Muḥammad Idrīs al-Mubārakfūrī, 3 vols., 6 parts (Riyadh: Dār al-ʿĀṣima, 1416/ [1995]).

<sup>11</sup> Al-Dānī, *al-Sunan al-wārida fī al-fitan wa-ghawā ilihā wa-al-sā a wa-ashrāṭihā*, ed. Muhammad Hasan Ismā īl al-Shāfi ī (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al- ilmiyya, 1417/1997).

<sup>12</sup> Al-Dānī, *al-Sunan al-wārida fī al-fitan wa-ghawāʾilihā wa-al-sāʿa wa-ashrāṭihā*, ed. Niḍāl ʿĪsā al-ʿAbūshī (Amman: Bayt al-Afkār al-duwaliyya). This edition includes no date. I cite the date suggested by the Library of Congress (https://catalog.loc.gov/vwebv/holdingsInfo?searchId=903&recCount=25&recPointer=18&bibId=13232004, accessed 11.04.2020).

<sup>13</sup> The manuscript can be downloaded from the Internet Archive (https://archive.org/details/106 20190924/page/n2/mode/2up, accessed 11.04.2020)

<sup>14</sup> Al-Mubārakfūrī has observed that, "the book includes many texts from lost books," but he does not mention among them al-Kisāʾī's transmission of the Ṣaḥīḥ (see his introductory study in al-Dānī, Sunan, 1.1: 139).

al-Futūḥ Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad ibn 'Alī al-Ṭā'ī (Hamadhān; b. 475/1082–3, d. 555/1160). <sup>15</sup> Although important for identifying Abū Mas'ūd al-Bajalī as a transmitter of the Ṣaḥīḥ on the authority of al-Kisā'ī, perhaps instead of the hitherto assumed Abū al-'Abbās Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad ibn Zakariyyā' al-Nasawī (Nasā–Mecca; 306–96/919–1006) (see Diagram 1), this tradition adds little to our knowledge about al-Kisā'ī's corpus. It will therefore be excluded from the following analysis.

In my study, I use two different editions of the  $Sah\bar{\imath}h$ . Muḥammad Fu'ād 'Abd al-Bāqī's edition (henceforth, 'Abd al-Bāqī)¹¹ has enjoyed wide popularity since its first publication in 1956. To its advantage, it includes a consecutive enumeration of the primary versions ( $us\bar{\imath}l$ ) of each  $had\bar{\imath}th$  while retaining Arent J. Wensinck's earlier enumeration, which starts anew in each section ( $kit\bar{\imath}ab$ ) of the  $Sah\bar{\imath}h$ . As a second reference, I use the 2014 edition by Dār al-Ta'sīl (henceforth, Ta'sīl),¹¹ which is the first critical edition of Muslim's  $Sah\bar{\imath}h$ , based on five different manuscripts. It introduces a consecutive enumeration of both the primary versions (e.g. 3000) and their auxiliary transmissions ( $mut\bar{\imath}bi'a\bar{\imath}t$ ; e.g. 3000.1),¹8 which differs from 'Abd al-Bāqī's enumeration. In the following, I refer to 'Abd al-Bāqī's numbers, followed by Wensinck (in brackets) and Dār al-Ta'ṣīl, e.g. 'Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2913 (67) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3025. For the sake of brevity, I do not mention the section ( $kit\bar{\imath}b$ ) and sub-section ( $b\bar{\imath}b$ ) titles.

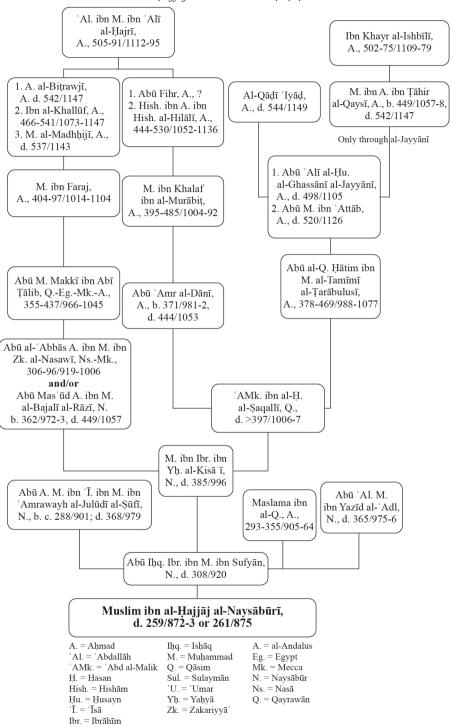
<sup>15</sup> Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad ibn 'Alī al-Ṭā'ī, *Kitāb al-Arba'īn fī irshād al-sā'irīn ilā manāzil al-muttaqīn*, ed. Aḥmad ibn Farīd al-Mazīdī (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'ilmiyya, [1418–19]/1998), 18.

<sup>16</sup> Muslim, Şaḥīḥ, ed. Muḥammad Fuʾād ʿAbd al-Bāqī (Cairo: Dār Iḥyāʾ al-kutub al-ʿarabiyya, 1376/1956).

<sup>17</sup> This edition was reprinted in 1439/2018 in an inferior commercially oriented volume that excludes the editor's introduction. Adding insult to injury, the editors removed from the volume the important footnotes recording the differences between the five manuscripts that were used for its preparation.

<sup>18</sup> Muslim has organized the Ṣaḥīḥ in units of interrelated traditions for which Gautier H.A. Juynboll introduced the term "matn clusters" (Gautier H.A. Juynboll, "Muslim b. al-Ḥadjdjādj," Encyclopaedia of Islam (EI²), Leiden: Brill, 1993, 7: 692). Each unit consists of several traditions conveying a similar text (matn) whose chains of transmission intersect at the level of one of the transmitters between the original source and Muslim.

Diagram 1. Muḥammad ibn Ibrāhīm al-Kisāʾīʾs transmission of Muslim ibn al-Ḥajjājʾs al-Musnad al-ṣaḥīḥ ʿAl. ibn M. ibn ʿAlī



## 2. Al-Dānī's chain of authorities

Al-Dānī's direct informant is the virtually unknown Abū Muḥammad 'Abd al-Malik ibn al-Ḥasan ibn 'Abdallāh al-Ṣaqallī. From his *nisba*, al-Ṣaqallī, we infer that he was associated, perhaps by birth, with Sicily. Al-Dānī heard from al-Ṣaqallī in Qayrawān, which was likely the center of al-Ṣaqallī's scholarly activity. According to his own words, al-Dānī spent in Qayrawān four months in 397/1006–7; he must have met al-Ṣaqallī in the same year, which, in the absence of specific biographical data, should be regarded as the *terminus post quem* for al-Ṣaqallī's death. Al-Ṣaqallī heard the Ṣaḥāḥ from Abū Bakr al-Kisā'ī (d. 385/996) in Naysābūr in 382/992–3, that is, about three years before al-Kisā'ī's death.

A well-known littérateur, al-Kisā'ī had a controversial repute as a traditionist. Doubts in the authenticity of his transmission on the authority of Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān may have arisen from the seventy-seven-year gap between the death dates of the two transmitters. In order to have conscious audition from Ibn Sufyān, al-Kisā'ī must have died in his late eighties. It was probably this consideration that led al-Kisā'ī's contemporary, the famous hadīth collector and theorist, al-Hākim al-Naysābūrī (312-405/933–1014), to regard as unreliable all transmissions on the authority of Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān after the death of al-Julūdī in 368/979.<sup>23</sup> Al-Hākim reports that, suspiciously, al-Kisā'ī transmitted the Sahīh in his old age, "from a new book in his own writing." When al-Hākim asked al-Kisā'ī to produce his original record (asl 'atīq), he replied that he had heard from Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān as a small child. This procedure, known as "audition by attendance" (samā 'hudūr<sup>an</sup>), would end up with the shaykh giving his pupil a license (ijāza) to transmit on his authority. Al-Kisā'ī the child, who often slept through Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān's lessons, apparently held such an ijāza, based on a manuscript recorded by his father. Al-Kisā'ī admitted that he had lost this record and made a substitute copy from al-Julūdī's manuscript, in response to al-Julūdī's explicit request. Later on, al-Kisā'ī claimed to have discovered a fragment (juz') of his original record from Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān but never showed it to al-Ḥākim.<sup>24</sup> If true,

<sup>19</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 1.1: 180, 191.

<sup>20</sup> Yāqūt al-Ḥamawī, *Mu 'jam al-udabā'*, ed. Iḥsān 'Abbās, 7 vols. (Tunis: Dār al-Gharb al-islāmī, [1413–14]/1993), 4: 1604; al-Dhahabī, *Tārīkh al-islām*, ed. 'Umar 'Abd al-Salām Tadmurī, 52 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-Kitāb al-'arabī, 1410–21/1990–2000), 30: 98.

<sup>21</sup> Al-Jayyānī, Taqyīd, 1: 65; cf. Ibn Khayr, Fahrasa, 137.

<sup>22</sup> The transmission ritual in the fourth/tenth and the later centuries involved very young students hearing from very old *shaykhs*, shortly before their death. If this was the case with al-Dānī's audition from al-Ṣaqallī, one may hypothesize that al-Ṣaqallī died around the year 400/1009–10. This hypothesis, however, contradicts the report that al-Ṣaqallī heard the Ṣaḥīḥ from al-Kisā'ī in 382/992–3. On the above scenario, in 382/992–3, al-Ṣaqallī would have been in his early teens. If he died eighteen years later, he would have been in his early thirties, an exceptional event for Muslim traditionists, who, if we are to believe the *isnāds*, were inherently blessed with octogenarian and nonagenarian lifespans.

<sup>23</sup> Ibn al-Şalāḥ, Şiyāna, 105.

<sup>24</sup> Al-Sam'ānī, Ansāb, ed. 'Abdallāh 'Umar al-Bārūdī, 5 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-Jinān,

this story indicates that al-Kisāʾī's transmission of the Ṣaḥīḥ is, in fact, only a copy of al-Julūdī's transmission that does not go back to Ibn Sufyān.<sup>25</sup> The story nevertheless admits that al-Kisāʾī once possessed a record on the authority of Ibn Sufyān, which he lost, with the possible exception of one of its parts.

Al-Dānī's corpus of thirty-six traditions may allow us to assess the legitimacy of these reports. Had al-Kisā'ī copied al-Julūdī's version of the Ṣaḥīḥ, one expects that, except for insignificant differences, the traditions in al-Dānī's corpus will agree with their counterparts in al-Julūdī's transmission. If, however, al-Dānī's corpus exhibits unique features in its chains of transmission and texts (*mutūn*, sg. *matn*), this will strengthen the possibility that it comprises traditions that al-Kisā'ī received from Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān independently from al-Julūdī. A detailed comparison of al-Kisā'ī's traditions with their counterparts on the authority of al-Julūdī is included in Table 1 at the article's end. In the following, I summarize my findings based on this comparison. The numbering of traditions discussed below is according to Table 1.

### 3. Between al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī

The transmissions of al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī on the authority of Ibn Sufyān share a common source. As much is clear from the high degree of agreement between the individual *isnād*s and *matns*. Of thirty-six traditions substantial differences are observed in nos. 1 (*isnād* and *matn*), 4 (*isnād*), 15 (*isnād*), 18 (*matn*), 24 (*isnād* and *matn*), and 26 (*isnād* and *matn*), which account for 16.7% of the cases. An important indication of a shared source are Muslim's comments about the transmitter whose wording is cited, e.g. *wa-ḥaddathanā Ibn Numayr—wa-al-lafz lahu—qāla* ("Ibn al-Numayr told us, and the wording is his")<sup>26</sup> and the idiosyncrasies of individual

<sup>1408/1988), 5: 67;</sup> al-Dhahabī, *Tārīkh al-islām*, 27: 108.

<sup>25</sup> An indication that al-Kisā'ī's transmission of the Sahīh on the authority of al-Julūdī had survived well into the sixth/twelfth century is found in Ibn Nuqta's (d. 629/1231) biographical note about Abū Bakr Dhākir ibn Ahmad ibn 'Umar ibn Abī Bakr ibn Hasnuya (Isfahan; d. after 559/1163-4). According to Ibn Nuqta's report, whose source is unknown, Dhākir ibn Aḥmad heard the Ṣaḥīḥ on the authority of Aḥmad ibn Zāhir al-Ṭūsī (Isfahan; d. 487-8/1094-5) who heard it from al-Kisā'ī on the authority of al-Julūdī (Ibn Nuqṭa, al-Taqvīd li-ma rifat al-ruwāt wa-l-sunan wa-l-masānīd, ed. Sharīf ibn Sālih al-Nashāwī, 2 vols. (Qatar: Wizārat al-awqāf wa-l-shu'ūn al-islāmiyya, 1425/2014), 2: 511, no. 322). Apart from this, the collection with homiletic traditions, al-Targhīb wa-l-tarhīb, by the famous Isfahani traditionist Ismā 'īl ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Faḍl al-Ṭalḥī (457-535/1065-1141) includes fifteen traditions carried by the isnād Ahmad ibn Zāhir → al-Kisā'ī → al-Julūdī → Ibn Sufyān → Muslim (Ismāʻīl ibn Muhammad al-Talhī, al-Targhīb wa-ltarhīb, ed. Ayman ibn Sālih ibn Sha'bān, 3 vols. (Cairo: Dār al-Hadīth, 1414/1993), 1: 291, no. 470; 1: 315, no. 527; 1: 419, no. 732; 1: 470, no. 843; 1: 472, no. 847; 1: 481, no. 868; 1: 512, no. 923; 1: 524, no. 951; 2: 11, no. 1047; 2: 151, no. 1333; 2: 204, no. 1438; 2: 241, no. 1501; 3: 125, no. 2212; 3: 195, no. 2341; 3: 235, no. 2425). The isnād of this transmission does not inspire confidence: Aḥmad ibn Zāhir died 102 or 103 lunar years after al-Kisā'ī.

<sup>26</sup> Al-Dānī, *Sunan*, 1.1: 191–2, no. 7 = 'Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2890 (20) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 2999 (no. 2 in Table 1). See also al-Dānī, *Sunan*, 1.1: 248–9, no. 45 = 'Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2905 (50) =

transmissions, e.g.  $q\bar{a}la$  Ahmad ibn 'Umar  $f\bar{i}$   $riw\bar{a}yatihi$  'an  $S\bar{a}lim$ : Lam yaqul "sami 'tu" ("Ahmad ibn 'Umar said in his transmission on the authority of  $S\bar{a}lim$ , 'He [S $\bar{a}lim$ ] did not say, I heard'")<sup>27</sup> and  $q\bar{a}la$  al-Thawr [ibn Zayd al- $D\bar{i}l\bar{i}$ ]:  $L\bar{a}$  a 'lamu  $ill\bar{a}$   $q\bar{a}la$ : "Alladh $\bar{i}$   $f\bar{i}$  al-bahr" ("al-Thawr [ibn Zayd al- $D\bar{i}l\bar{i}$ ] said, 'As far as I know, he [scil. Ab $\bar{u}$  Hurayra] said, The one facing the sea'"), <sup>28</sup> which are present in the variants of both al-Kis $\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{i}$  (as found in al- $D\bar{a}n\bar{i}$ 's Sunan) and al-Jul $\bar{u}d\bar{i}$  (as found in 'Abd al- $B\bar{a}q\bar{i}$  and Ta' $\bar{s}\bar{i}$ ]). While indicating a shared source, this observation, nevertheless, makes one wonder if al-Kis $\bar{a}$ ' $\bar{i}$  may have copied al-Jul $\bar{u}d\bar{i}$ , as al- $H\bar{a}kim$  al-Nays $\bar{a}b\bar{u}r\bar{i}$  averred. To answer this question, I survey the differences between the two transmissions at the level of chains and texts.

## 3.1. Isnād differences

#### 3.1.1. The verb $q\bar{a}la$ as a quotation mark

The most widespread  $isn\bar{a}d$  difference is the use of the verb  $q\bar{a}la$  as a quotation mark. On forty-three occasions, al-Kisāʾī cites the formula  $haddathan\bar{a}$   $Xq\bar{a}la$  ("X told us saying"), whereas al-Julūdī, as represented by 'Abd al-Bāqī's edition of the  $Sah\bar{n}h$ , has only  $haddathan\bar{a}$  X ("X told us"), without  $q\bar{a}la$ . When citing two informants, both al-Kisāʾī and 'Abd al-Bāqī have  $haddathan\bar{a}$  X and Y  $q\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  ("X and Y told us saying [dual]"). The verb  $q\bar{a}la$  in al-Kisāʾī's chains may be a trait of his individual style that distinguishes it from al-Julūdī's transmission. This hypothesis, however, is quickly undercut by Dār al-Taʾṣīl's edition of the  $Sah\bar{n}h$ . Like 'Abd al-Bāqī, its  $isn\bar{a}d$  passes through al-Julūdī, but, unlike 'Abd al-Bāqī, it always shares with al-Kisāʾī the use of  $q\bar{a}la$  as a quotation mark and even has that verb in six places in which al-Kisāʾī does not have it.

Trifling as it may seem, the formulaic difference between 'Abd al-Bāqī and Ta'ṣīl, both based on al-Julūdī's transmission, shows the level of fluidity with which Muslim's traditions were transmitted. The verb  $q\bar{a}la$  as a quotation mark is absent in al-Nawawī's commentary on the  $Sah\bar{\iota}h$ , from which 'Abd al-Bāqī extracted the text of his edition. This suggests that  $q\bar{a}la$  was absent in the manuscript of al-Nawawī's work. On the other hand, it must have been present across the five manuscripts used by Ta'ṣīl; otherwise, the editors would have noted down the difference in their meticulous footnotes. Significantly,  $q\bar{a}la$  as a quotation mark is not part of the 'Āmira edition of the  $Sah\bar{\iota}h$  (Istanbul, 1329–33/1910–15), which is based on an undisclosed set of

Ta'ṣīl, no. 3016.5 (no. 5 in Table 1); al-Dānī, *Sunan*, 3.6: 1118–19, no. 602 = 'Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2896 (33) = Ta'sīl, no. 3007.

<sup>27</sup> Al-Dānī, *Sunan*, 1.1: 248–9, no. 45 = ʿAbd al-Bāqī, no. 2905 (50) = Taʾṣīl, no. 3016.5 (no. 5 in Table 1).

<sup>28</sup> Al-Dānī, *Sunan* (ed. al-ʿAbūshī; due to what appears to be a typographical error, al-Mubārakfūrī has omitted part of the tradition, which is present in the manuscript), 291, no. 624 = ʿAbd al-Bāqī, no. 2920 = Taʾsīl no. 3035.

<sup>29</sup> Gautier H.A. Juynboll, Encyclopedia of Canonical Ḥadīth (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2007), 435.

manuscripts.<sup>30</sup> The possibility may not be excluded that 'Abd al-Bāqī and 'Āmira go back to a single manuscript.

#### 3.1.2. Single strands of transmission and auxiliary isnāds

On three occasions, al-Julūdī has auxiliary *isnāds* (*mutābi ʿāt*) where al-Kisāʾī cites a single informant. In no. 15, al-Kisāʾī has the single-strand *isnād* Muslim → Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ → Muḥammad ibn Jaʿ far Ghundar → Shuʿ ba ibn al-Ḥajjāj³¹ while al-Julūdī has Muslim → (1) Muḥammad ibn Bashshār and (2) Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ → Muḥammad ibn Jaʿ far Ghundar → Shuʿ ba.³² A similar *mutābi* ʿ is observed in no. 24: al-Kisāʾī cites Abū Khaythama Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb on the authority of Ismāʿīl ibn Ibrāhīm ibn ʿUlayya,³³ whereas al-Julūdī has (1) Abū Khaythama and (2) ʿAlī ibn Ḥujr on the authority of Ibn ʿUlayya.³⁴ In no. 26, al-Kisāʾī cites ʿAbd al-Wārith ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Wārith ibn Saʿīd on the authority of his father, ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Wārith. Al-Julūdī adds al-Ḥajjāj ibn al-Shāʿir as a second transmitter on the authority of ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿAbd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd al-Ṣamad ibn ʿ Abd

Before proceeding with our analysis, we must address the question of whether al-Kisā'ī (or al-Ṣaqallī or al-Dānī after him) might have abridged Muslim's dual chains that Ibn Sufyān had duly transmitted to his students. Such a scenario makes little sense for two reasons. First, expunging a single name is a microscopic trimming that could hardly affect the volume of the manuscript, except if done on a systematic basis. That this was not the case is indicated by the fact that al-Kisā'ī has preserved double or even triple attributions in traditions nos. 3, 5, 12, 20, 23, 27, 29, 32, and 34 in Table 1 below. Clearly, the absence of *mutābi'āt* in nos. 15, 24, and 26 is irregular in a way that suggests al-Kisā'ī's unawareness of the existence of these *mutābi'āt* not his intentional editing of Ibn Sufyān's text. Both al-Ṣaqallī and al-Dānī, after him, faithfully reproduced al-Kisā'ī's transmission.

For insights, let us consider each difference individually. In no. 15, Abū Bakr Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad ibn Nāfiʿ al-ʿAbdī (Basra; d. after 240/854) is a traditionist about whose life we possess almost no information.<sup>35</sup> As an intermediary to the Basran traditionist Muḥammad ibn Jaʿfar Ghundar (d. 192–4/807–10), Ibn Nāfiʿ was discovered by Muslim. In the Ṣaḥīḥ, he cites forty-nine isnāds through Ibn Nāfiʿ, of

<sup>30</sup> The editors of Dār al-Ta'ṣīl do not mention this peculiarity in the detailed comparison of their edition with 'Āmira (Ta'ṣīl, 1: 218–24).

<sup>31</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 2.4: 889, no. 458.

<sup>32 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2891 (24) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3000.3.

<sup>33</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1120, no. 604.

<sup>34 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2913 (67) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3025.

<sup>35</sup> Al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb al-Kamāl fī asmāʾ al-rijāl*, ed. Bashshār ʿAwwād Maʿrūf, 35 vols. (Beirut: Muʾassasat al-Risāla, 1403–13/1983–92), 24: 351–2; Ibn Ḥajar al-ʿAsqalānī, *Tahdhīb Tahdhīb al-Kamāl fī asmāʾ al-rijāl*, 12 vols. (Hyderabad: Maṭbaʿat Majlis Dāʾirat al-maʿārif al-nizāmiyya, 1325–7/[1907–9]) 9: 23–4; al-Dhahabī, *Tārīkh al-islām*, 18: 560.

which twenty-two pass through Ghundar as the next lower leg of transmission.<sup>36</sup> On the other hand, Muḥammad ibn Bashshār (Basra; d. 252/866) is Muslim's ninth most frequently cited *shaykh* (396 citations in the Ṣaḥāḥ).<sup>37</sup> Apart from no. 15, the pair Muḥammad ibn Bashshār and Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ on the authority of Ghundar  $\rightarrow$  Shuʿba figures in thirteen  $isn\bar{a}ds$  in al-Julūdī's transmission. In three other  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , Ibn Nāfiʿ 's transmission on the authority of Ghundar is paralleled by another transmitter, and in five other transmissions al-Julūdī cites Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ  $\rightarrow$  Ghundar  $\rightarrow$  Shuʿba together with two or more alternative chains converging on Shuʿba. That is to say, in al-Julūdī's version of the Ṣaḥāḥ Ibn Nāfiʿ is always accompanied by an auxiliary transmitter. By contrast, al-Kisāʾī's transmission represents a unique case in which Ibn Nāfiʿ transmits on his own. May we conclude that al-Kisāʾī removed Muḥammad ibn Bashshār from Muslim's original  $isn\bar{a}d$ ?

This scenario seems implausible for two reasons. First, al-Kisā'ī adheres strictly to Muslim's  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , and differences as the above one are exceptional. Second, if al-Kisā'ī were to abridge the  $isn\bar{a}d$ , he ought to have removed the less reliable transmission through Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ while retaining the more reliable transmission through Muḥammad ibn Bashshār, not the other way around. In all likelihood, al-Kisā'ī received from Ibn Sufyān a version of the  $had\bar{\imath}th$  that was based on the transmission line Muslim  $\rightarrow$  Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ  $\rightarrow$  Ghundar. Al-Julūdī received the same  $isn\bar{\imath}ad$ , but he reinforced it with an auxiliary  $isn\bar{\imath}ad$  passing through Muḥammad ibn Bashshār  $\rightarrow$  Ghundar. Whether this was the case with the remaining  $isn\bar{\imath}ads$  from the type Muḥammad ibn Bashshār and Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ  $\rightarrow$  Ghundar that are found in al-Julūdī's version of the  $sah\bar{\imath}h$  is difficult to say. Al-Julūdī may have adjusted the present  $sn\bar{\imath}ads$  to the dual attribution that he observed in Muslim's other  $sn\bar{\imath}ads$  including Ibn Nāfiʿ, or, less likely, he may have inserted Muḥammad ibn Bashshār as a second transmitter in many  $sn\bar{\imath}ads$  that originally passed only through Ibn Nāfiʿ.

No. 26 presents us with a similar case. Al-Kisā'ī's chain passes through the little-known Basran traditionist 'Abd al-Wārith ibn 'Abd al-Ṣamad ibn 'Abd al-Wārith (d. 252/866).<sup>38</sup> Muslim cites him in the Ṣaḥīḥ thirteen times, always on the authority

<sup>36</sup> Al-Tirmidhī (d. 279/892) cites Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ six times in his *Sunan*, and al-Nasāʾī (d. 303/915) cites him sixteen times in *al-Sunan al-kubrā*. Neither of the two collectors cites the *isnād* Abū Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ → Ghundar.

<sup>37</sup> The number of citations is based on my count, using the Shamela database. Ta'ṣīl counted 392 citations (Muslim, Ṣaḥīḥ, 8:439–40). The number of 460 citations, mentioned by Özafṣar ("Rivâyet," 296) is based on the presently lost Zahrat al-muta allimīn fī asmā mashāhīr al-muḥaddithīn by an unknown author (unacknowledged by Özafṣar). My experience with this book's count, preserved in Ibn Ḥajar's Tahdhīb al-Tahdhīb and Mughlatāy's Ikmāl Tahdhīb al-Kamāl, is that it is highly unreliable.

<sup>38</sup> Ibn Abī Ḥātim al-Rāzī, *al-Jarḥ wa-al-ta 'dīl*, 9 vols. (Hyderabad: Maṭba 'at Majlis Dā 'irat al-ma 'ārif al-'uthmāniyya, 1371–3/1952–3), 6: 76; Ibn Ḥibbān, *Kitāb al-Thiqāt*, 9 vols. (Hyderabad: Maṭba 'at Majlis Dā 'irat al-ma 'ārif al-'uthmāniyya, 1393–1402/1973–82), 8: 416; Ibn Manjūya, *Rijāl Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*, ed. 'Abdallāh al-Laythī, 2 vols. (Beirut: Dār al-

of his father, 'Abd al-Ṣamad, citing his grandfather, 'Abd al-Wārith. Given that Muslim has 'Abd al-Ṣamad, the father, in fifty-three  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , and 'Abd al-Wārith, the grandfather, in sixty-seven  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , his reliance on 'Abd al-Wārith, the son, as a direct informant is unexpectedly limited. Doubts in the reliability of 'Abd al-Wārith ibn 'Abd al-Ṣamad's transmission probably led al-Julūdī to look for auxiliary  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , and he found a  $mut\bar{a}bi$  'through Ḥajjāj ibn al-Shā'ir  $\rightarrow$  'Abd al-Ṣamad. Ḥajjāj ibn al-Shā'ir (Baghdad; d. 259/873)<sup>39</sup> figures in sixty-nine  $isn\bar{a}ds$  in the Ṣaḥāḥ, which makes his transmission a suitable prop for the uncertain  $isn\bar{a}d$  'Abd al-Wārith ibn 'Abd al-Ṣamad on the authority of his father.

In no. 24, al-Kisā'ī's transmission on the authority of Abū Khaythama Zuhayr ibn Harb (Nasā → Baghdad; b. 160/776-7, d. 234/849) → Ibn 'Ulayya (Basra; d. 193/809) seems superior to the chain 'Alī ibn Huir's (Baghdad → Marw; b. 154/770– 1, d. 244/858) → Ibn 'Ulayya, which al-Julūdī cites next to Abū Khaythama. Abū Khaythama is Muslim's third most important shaykh, cited 771 times in the Sahīh, 40 whereas 'Alī ibn Huir is cited 184 times. The reason for the insertion of 'Alī ibn Hujr's mutābi' is that it is higher than Abū Khaythama's isnād. By "highness" ('uluww) Muslim hadīth-critics meant the chronological precedence of someone's audition from a certain shaykh over the audition of other traditionists from the same shaykh.41 This is the case with 'Alī ibn Hujr. According to his own words, he left Iraq to Marw at the age of thirty-three, which puts his audition from Ibn 'Ulayya before the year 187/803.<sup>42</sup> From our perspective, Abū Khaythama, who was six years younger than 'Alī ibn Hujr, could have attended Ibn 'Ulayya's lessons at roughly the same time. But al-Julūdī may have had a different notion about 'Alī's age. In the abovementioned statement about the age at which he left Iraq, 'Alī goes on to say that he is speaking sixty-six years after the event. Even if he died within the same year, 'Alī ibn Hujr would appear to have been born in 144/761-2, in which case his audition from Ibn 'Ulayya must be dated before 177/793–4. To any hadīth critic, this chronology suggests that 'Alī ibn Ḥujr heard the tradition from Ibn 'Ulayya earlier than Abū Khaythama may have done.

In all three cases, the original  $isn\bar{a}ds$ , as cited by al-Dānī on the authority of 'Abd al-Malik al-Ṣaqallī  $\rightarrow$  al-Kisā'ī, were reinforced with  $mut\bar{a}bi'\bar{a}t$  of greater reliability that are found in al-Julūdī's version of the  $Ṣah\bar{\iota}h$ . Since both al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī

Maʿrifa, 1407/1987), 1: 448; al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb*, 18: 484–6; Ibn Ḥajar, *Tahdhīb*, 6: 443–4.

<sup>39</sup> About Hajjāj, see al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī, *Tārīkh*, 9: 146–9.

<sup>40</sup> Based on *Kitāb al-Zahra*, Özafşar ("Rivâyet," 296) puts Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb in the second place with 1281 citations. This is one of *al-Zahra*'s most unreliable counts. My count yielded 771 citations, whereas Ta'ṣīl counted 760 citations (Ṣahīḥ, 8:299).

<sup>41</sup> For the earliest articulation of this principle, see al-Ḥākim al-Naysābūrī, *Maˈrifat ˈulūm al-ḥadīth wa-kammiyat ajnāsihi*, ed. Aḥmad ibn Fāris al-Sallūm (Beirut: Dār Ibn Ḥazm, 1424/2003), 122–5.

<sup>42</sup> Al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb*, 20:358; Ibn Ḥajar, *Tahdhīb*, 7:294.

cite Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān on the authority of Muslim, the latter two may hardly be suspected of being responsible for the supplementary lines of transmission. This leads us to conclude that the improvements were made exclusively by al-Julūdī, whereas al-Kisā'ī retained Muslim's original lines of transmission. It also suggests that Ibn Sufyān's transmission reached al-Kisā'ī independently from al-Julūdī.

#### 3.1.3. Improved isnāds

In no. 4, al-Kisāʾī cites the  $isn\bar{a}d$  Muslim  $\rightarrow$  Isḥāq ibn Manṣūr [al-Kawsaj]  $\rightarrow$  Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī  $\rightarrow$  Ibrāhīm ibn Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm  $\rightarrow$  his father, Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān  $\rightarrow$  Abū Hurayra  $\rightarrow$  the Prophet, which is interrupted (munqati ) between the late Successor Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān (b. 55/674–5, d. 127/744–5) and the Companion Abū Hurayra (d. 57–9/678–80). By contrast, al-Julūdī has an  $isn\bar{a}d$  in which the Successor Abū Salama ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān (d. 94/712–13 or 104/722–3 at the age of seventy-two lunar years) is inserted between Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm and Abū Hurayra. This signals mending (waṣl) of an originally interrupted  $isn\bar{a}d$  in which Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm cannot have met Abū Hurayra due to their age difference.

The above tradition is preserved in the partially surviving *Musnad* of Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī (Basra; d. 203–4/818–19). In the Hyderabad edition of the *Musnad*, the tradition's *isnād* includes Abū Salama;<sup>45</sup> in the Dār Hajar edition, the editor, Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Muḥsin al-Turkī, records in a footnote that Abū Salama is absent in the original manuscript.<sup>46</sup> Hence, one may conclude that, in al-Ṭayālisī's lifetime, the tradition's *isnād* was interrupted. Since the interruption is retained in al-Kisā'ī's transmission, Muslim, even though sensitive to *isnād* flaws, would seem to have passed on to Ibn Sufyān the defective line of transmission, which Ibn Sufyān transmitted without modifications. If so, the *isnād* was mended by al-Julūdī.

Another type of *isnād* improvement is the insertion of biographical details concerning some of the transmitters. In no. 17, al-Kisā'ī cites Ya'qūb ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī,<sup>47</sup> whereas al-Julūdī has only "Ya'qūb," followed by the specification ya'nī ("that is") ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī.<sup>48</sup> In this case, al-Julūdī's transmission reflects an early variant of the *isnād*. Originally it included only the name Ya'qūb, but a later transmitter, most likely Muslim, clarified that this Ya'qūb is the son of 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī. Conceivably, al-Julūdī preserved Muslim's expression, whereas

<sup>43</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 1.1: 243, no. 40.

<sup>44</sup> According to the renowned *ḥadīth* critic Ibn al-Madīnī (Iraq; d. 234/849), Sa'd ibn Ibrāhīm did not hear from any of the Companions (Ibn Ḥajar, *Tahdhīb*, 3:464).

<sup>45</sup> Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī, *Musnad* (Hyderabad: Maṭbaʿat Majlis Dāʾirat al-maʿārif al-nizāmiyya, 1321/[1903–4]), 308, no. 2344.

<sup>46</sup> Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī, *Musnad*, ed. Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Muḥsin al-Turkī, 4 vols. (Cairo: Dār Ḥajar, 1420/1999), 4: 103, no. 2465.

<sup>47</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 2.4: 935, no. 496.

<sup>48 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2894 (29) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3005.

al-Kisā'ī removed the verb *ya'nī* between Ya'qūb and Ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī. In this manner, Muslim's supplementary commentary was seamlessly merged into the *isnād*.

This scenario is undermined by the fact that al-Kisā'ī has preserved similar specifications in traditions nos. 8 ( $Ya'q\bar{u}b$ — $ya'n\bar{\imath}$  Ibn'Abd al- $Rahm\bar{a}n$ ), 10 ( $Hamm\bar{a}d$ — $ya'n\bar{\imath}$  Ibn Zayd), 11 ('Abd al- $Rahm\bar{a}n$ — $ya'n\bar{\imath}$  Ibn  $Mahd\bar{\imath}$ ), 13 (= 8), and 25 ('Abd al-' $Az\bar{\imath}z$ — $ya'n\bar{\imath}$  Ibn Muhammad). Hence, we must reckon with the possibility of an error in transmission, which led al-Kisā'ī to omit inadvertently the verb  $ya'n\bar{\imath}$  between Ya'qūb and Ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī. Note, however, that the same verb is absent in the Köprülü manuscript, which is based on the transmission through al-Julūdī  $\rightarrow$  Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān. This may well be an error in transmission, but the possibility should not be discounted that Ibn Sufyān transmitted "Ya'qūb ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī." Both al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī preserved this expression, but a transmitter of al-Julūdī's version added to his text the verb  $ya'n\bar{\imath}$ . After all, "ya'nī" is such a minimal element of expression that it may be added to or removed from a text with an equal ease.

In no. 26, al-Kisā'ī has, 'Āmir ibn Sharāḥīl al-Sha'bī 'an ("from") Fāṭima bint Qays, 49 whereas al-Julūdī reports, "'Āmir ibn Sharāḥīl al-Sha'bī, who hails from the tribe of Hamdān (*sha'b Hamdān*), asked Fāṭima bint Qays." Al-Julūdī's genealogical specification reflects a later development in the *isnād*.

In at least two of the above three cases, we observe how the *isnāds* improved in the course of their transmission by Muslim's students. These improvements reflect the advancement of the science of transmitters ('*ilm al-rijāl*) in the third/ninth century. In nos. 4 and 26, al-Kisā'ī has the less advanced, hence original, version, which may be associated with Muslim.

#### 3.1.4. The same isnād carries a different matn

In no. 1, al-Kisā'ī transmits on the authority of Muslim  $\rightarrow$  Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shayba  $\rightarrow$  Wakī'  $\rightarrow$  Sufyān [al-Thawrī]  $\rightarrow$  al-A'mash  $\rightarrow$  Shaqīq [ibn Salama]  $\rightarrow$  Hudhayfa [ibn al-Yamān] a tradition according to which the Prophet stood in a certain station and foretold everything that would happen in that place until Judgment day. 51 Al-Kisā'ī's matn terminates with Ḥudhayfa's statement that some people memorized the Prophet's words while others forgot them (hafīzahu man hafīzahu wa-nasiyahu man nasiyahu). In al-Julūdī's version, Ḥudhayfa goes on to explain that, even though he forgot some of the Prophet's predictions, he recalls them as soon as they materialize as specific events. 52

<sup>49</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1148, no. 626.

<sup>50 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2942 (119) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3062.

<sup>51</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 1.1: 180-1, no. 2.

<sup>52 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2891 (23) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3000.1.

The reason for the *matn* difference is clear from the *isnād*. Al-Julūdī cites Muslim → (1) 'Uthmān ibn Abī Shayba and (2) Ibn Rāhwayh → Jarīr [ibn 'Abd al-Ḥamīd] → al-A 'mash  $\rightarrow$  Shaqiq [ibn Salama]  $\rightarrow$  Hudhayfa ibn al-Yamān, which only partially agrees with al-Kisā'ī's isnād (the shared part of the two isnāds is marked in italics). Immediately after this tradition, al-Julūdī has an auxiliary isnād, which is similar to the one found in al-Kisā'ī. 53 Unlike al-Kisā'ī, who cites a full matn, al-Julūdī's auxiliary carries only Muslim's statement that the matn is similar to the preceding one but terminates at wa-nasiyahu man nasiyahu. That is to say, according to al-Julūdī, Muslim knew both the long and the short matn (with each respective isnād), but in the latter case he confined himself to stating the point of difference without repeating the text. Meanwhile, according to al-Kisā'ī, Muslim related the short matn in full. Since al-Dānī does not cite the entire corpus of apocalyptic traditions in Muslim's Kitāb al-Fitan wa-ashrāt al-sā'a, it is unclear whether al-Kisā'ī was familiar with the long variant cited by al-Julūdī. In any case, we may conclude that al-Kisā'ī's isnād-cummatn clusters were not always identical to al-Julūdī's corresponding clusters. Once in a while the two transmitters' identical isnāds on the authority of Muslim carried matns that, although similar in substance, differed considerably in textual scope.

## 4.1. Matn differences

## 4.1.1. Short vs. long matns

As we have seen in section 3.1.4, in no. 1 al-Kisā'ī has a short version of the *matn*, which in al-Julūdī's transmission includes an additional clause. Whereas al-Julūdī alludes to the existence of the short *matn*, al-Kisā'ī's familiarity with the long *matn* is impossible to verify.

In no. 24, al-Kisā'ī transmits a tradition according to which one of the portents of the Hour will be that Persians and Byzantines will withhold tax dues from Muslim authorities in Iraq and Syria. Al-Julūdī has the same tradition, albeit with a concluding part that is absent in al-Kisā'ī's transmission: At end times a munificent caliph will be giving out money without counting it. One of the transmitters, Sa'īd ibn Iyās al-Jurayrī (Basra; d. 144/761–2), then asks his informant, Abū Naḍra al-Mundhir ibn Mālik (Basra; d. 108–9/726–8), and another of his *shaykh*s, Abū al-'Alā' Yazīd ibn 'Abdallāh ibn al-Shikhkhīr (Basra; b. 11/632–3, d. 108/726–7 or 111/729–30), 55

<sup>53 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2891 (23) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3000.2.

<sup>54</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1120, no. 604.

<sup>55</sup> The presence of Abū al-ʿAlāʾ ibn al-Shikhkhīr in al-Jurayrīʾs statement is puzzling. Ibn al-Shikhkhīr is not known as a transmitter of this tradition, nor is he mentioned among those who heard from Jābir ibn ʿAbdallāh, the next lower transmitter in the *isnād*, who cites the Prophetʾs statement. The inclusion of Ibn al-Shikhkhīr along with Abū Naḍra may be one of the errors in transmission that al-Jurayrī committed after the onset of his muddle-headedness (*ikhtilāt*) in 141–2/758–60 (al-Bukhārī, *al-Tārīkh al-kabīr*, 4 vols., 8 parts (Hyderabad: Maṭbaʿat Jamʿiyyat Dāʾirat al-maʿārif al-islāmiyya, 1360–1384/1941–64), 2.1: 456–7, no. 1520; Mughlaṭāy, *Ikmāl*, 5: 261–2, no. 1907).

whether this caliph will be 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz (r. 99–101/717–20), and they answer in the negative. <sup>56</sup> The munificent-caliph ending in al-Julūdī's transmission is unrelated to the preceding part of the *matn* and most likely represents a supplement to the text that once existed as an independent *ḥadīth*. The next tradition in the *Ṣaḥīḥ*, which consists of the munificent-caliph motif alone, lends support to this hypothesis. <sup>57</sup> For this tradition, Muslim cites as his informant 'Alī ibn Ḥujr (Baghdad → Marw; b. 154/770–1, d. 244/858), whereas for the preceding composite *matn* he mentions Abū Khaythama and 'Alī ibn Ḥujr.

As we have seen in section 3.1.2 above, 'Alī ibn Ḥujr is absent in al-Kisā'ī's *isnād*. I argued that al-Julūdī most likely added 'Alī to Ibn Sufyān's original *isnād* because his transmission is higher than Abū Khaythama's transmission. Now we may add to this conclusion that the insertion of 'Alī ibn Ḥujr in the *isnād* became necessary as his munificent-caliph tradition was attached to Abū Khaythama's tax-withholding tradition. Al-Julūdī's composite *matn* gave rise to a collective *isnād*.<sup>58</sup>

Alternatively, al-Dānī may have tailored the *matn* to fit the chapter heading,  $B\bar{a}b$   $M\bar{a}$   $j\bar{a}$  'a  $f\bar{i}$  khur $\bar{u}j$  al- $R\bar{u}m$  (A chapter on the rebellion of the Byzantines), which makes the clause about the munificent-caliph contextually irrelevant. If al-Dānī took out this clause from the *matn*, he would have accordingly removed 'Alī ibn Ḥujr from the  $isn\bar{a}d$ . This scenario contradicts my earlier suggestion that 'Alī was not present in Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān's transmission, and that he was inserted in the  $isn\bar{a}d$  by al-Julūdī, whereas al-Kisā'ī preserved Ibn Sufyān's original version. Now I may have to retract this hypothesis and conclude that both al-Julūdī and al-Kisā'ī transmitted the collective  $isn\bar{a}d$  Muslim  $\rightarrow$  (1) Abū Khaythama and (2) 'Alī ibn Ḥujr  $\rightarrow$  Ibn 'Ulayya, whereas al-Dānī excluded 'Alī ibn Ḥujr from al-Kisā'ī's transmission. Let us first, however, consider an important witness that may tip the scales in favor of one of the two possibilities.

Al-Dānī knew the munificent-caliph tradition.<sup>59</sup> Since it appears as a separate <code>hadīth</code> under the heading <code>Bāb Mā jā a fī al-Mahdī</code> (A chapter on the Messiah), one may argue that al-Dānī detached the munificent-caliph clause from the original <code>matn</code> and transferred it to his chapter on the Messiah. That this is not so is suggested by al-Dānī's <code>isnād</code>: He cites the same informants as Muslim, to the exclusion of Muslim himself. Were al-Dānī splitting Muslim's <code>matn</code> into contextually tailored segments, he would presumably keep Muslim's <code>isnāds</code>. His transmission of the munificent-caliph

<sup>56 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāgī, no. 2913 (67) = Ta'sīl, no. 3025.

<sup>57 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2914 (68) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3025.1.

<sup>58</sup> The mixing of the two traditions was facilitated by their similar *isnāds*. In no. 2913, Muslim cites (1) Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb and (2) ʿAlī ibn Ḥujr → Ismāʿīl ibn Ibrāhīm [ibn ʿUlayya] → [Saʿīd ibn Iyās] al-Jurayrī → Abū Naḍra → Jābir ibn ʿAbdallāh. In no. 2914, he has ʿAlī ibn Ḥujr al-Saʿdī → Ismāʿīl, yaʿnī Ibn ʿUlayya → Saʿīd ibn Yazīd [ibn Maslama al-Azdī] → Abū Naḍra → Abū Saʿīd [al-Khudrī].

<sup>59</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.5: 1053, no. 569.

tradition through an  $isn\bar{a}d$  that excludes Muslim (and al-Kisāʾī and al-Ṣaqallī, for that matter) suggests that al-Dānī received it independently from the tax-withholding  $had\bar{\iota}th$ , which, accordingly, he got from al-Ṣaqallī on the authority of al-Kisāʾī  $\rightarrow$  Ibn Sufyān  $\rightarrow$  Muslim without the munificent-caliph ending. The ending was added to Ibn Sufyān's original transmission by al-Julūdī. This possibility gets indirect support from the fact that Muslim's older contemporary Nuʿaym ibn Ḥammād (Egypt; d. 228/843) transmitted the tax-withholding  $had\bar{\iota}th$  without the munificent-caliph ending.

No. 26 is a lengthy *hadīth* about Antichrist (al-Dajjāl), reminiscent of the tales of One thousand and one nights. Al-Julūdī's narrative begins with a long biographical account about the original transmitter, the Companion Fāṭima bint Qays ibn Khālid (d. ?). Al-Dānī does not transmit this part of the *matn*. Since he includes the tradition under the heading *Bāb Mā jā a fī al-Dajjāl* (*A chapter on Antichrist*), al-Dānī himself may have removed the introductory part as irrelevant to the Antichrist motif. In this case, the introduction would have been present in al-Kisā Ts transmission on the authority of Muslim. Against this possibility, we may refer to some indirect evidence. Based on an *isnād* largely similar to Muslim's chain of authorities, Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī (act. Basra; b. 202/817–18, d. 275/889), who was Muslim's contemporary, and Abū al-Qāsim al-Ṭabarānī (Syria → Isfahan; 260–360/873–971), who was born a year before Muslim's death, transmit the same *matn* without the biographical introduction.

In no. 18, after citing the *matn*, al-Julūdī transmits Muslim's remark about one of the transmitters in the *isnād*, Abū Bakr 'Abd al-Kabīr ibn 'Abd al-Majīd al-Ḥanafī (Basra; d. 204/819–20), *hum arba 'at" ikhwat<sup>im</sup>—Sharīk wa- 'Ubayd Allāh wa- 'Umayr wa- 'Abd al-Kabīr banū 'Abd al-Majīd* ("They are four brothers, Sharīk, 'Ubayd Allāh, 'Umayr, and 'Abd al-Kabīr, the sons of 'Abd al-Majīd").<sup>64</sup> Al-Dānī does not transmit Muslim's comment.<sup>65</sup> It is equally possible that al-Dānī received from his direct informant, al-Ṣaqallī, a *matn* that did not include Muslim's final remark or, alternatively, that al-Dānī excised this remark from al-Ṣaqallī's *matn* because of its contextual irrelevance to the chapter heading, *Bāb Mā jā a fī-man yalī amr hādhihi al-umma min wulāt al-ʿadl (A chapter on the upright rulers who will discharge the affairs of this community*).

<sup>60</sup> Nuʿaym ibn Ḥammād, *Kitāb al-Fitan*, ed. Samīr al-Zuhayrī, 2 vols. (Cairo: Maktabat al-Tawḥīd, 1412/1991), 2: 684, no. 1931, on the authority of ʿAbd al-Wahhāb ibn ʿAbd al-Majīd → [Saʿīd ibn Iyās] al-Jurayrī → Abū Naḍra → Jābir ibn ʿAbdallāh.

<sup>61 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2942 (119) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3062.

<sup>62</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1148-53, no. 626.

<sup>63</sup> Abū Dāwūd al-Sijistānī, *Sunan*, ed. 'Ādil ibn Muḥammad and 'Imād al-Dīn ibn 'Abbās, 8 vols. (Cairo: Dār al-Ta'ṣīl, 1436/2015), no. 4278; al-Ṭabarānī, *al-Mu'jam al-kabīr*, ed. Hamdī 'Abd al-Majīd al-Salafī, 25 vols. (Baghdad: Wizārat al-awqāf, n.d.), 24: 388–91.

<sup>64 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2911 (61) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3023.

<sup>65</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.5: 963-4, no. 517.

Unlike the previous *matns*, no. 25 is easy to analyze. Al-Julūdī cites a tradition, according to which a host of seventy thousand "sons of Isḥāq" will lay siege to a seacoast city. By their mere cry, "There is no god but Allah, Allah is the Greatest!" one of the city walls, facing the sea, will crumble. A second similar cry, and another wall will fall apart. After the third cry, the host will occupy the city, only to hear, shortly thereafter, that Antichrist has appeared. In al-Mubārakfūrī's edition, al-Dānī's *matn* starts abruptly, "... facing the sea. They will cry for the second time etc." Since the missing part of the *matn* is present in the Zāhiriyya Ms., it is clear that it was omitted in the printed edition due to a typographical error.

With different degrees of certainty, I am inclined to think that, transmitting independently from al-Julūdī, al-Kisā'ī preserved Ibn Sufyān's original formulation in three out of four instances of textual disparity. The fourth instance is an error of the editor or the printer, which has nothing to do with al-Kisā'ī and al-Dānī.

#### 4.1.2. Variant wording

At the level of wording, most of al-Kisā'ī's *matn*s exhibit numerous small differences compared to al-Julūdī's *matn*s. These differences may be summarized in the following five types:

Alternative words with comparable meanings, e.g.  $alq\bar{a}n\bar{a}/arfa'n\bar{a}$ ; 'ayn/buḥayra;  $dh\bar{a}lika/dh\bar{a}ka$ ;  $ghan\bar{a}'im/magh\bar{a}nim$ ; habba/dharra;  $hayth^u/hatt\bar{a}$ ; Ibn Ṣā'id/Ibn Ṣayyād;  $urm\bar{u}/arfa'\bar{u}$ ;  $yal\bar{u}tu/yul\bar{t}tu$ ;  $yasrifun\bar{t}/yasuddun\bar{t}$ .

- Additional words or morphemes, e.g. Ø aqtulu-hu/ḥattā aqtulahu; Banū Isḥāq Ø/Banū Isḥāq wa-Ismā ʿīl; hādhā Ø alladhī/hādhā al-ḥadīth alladhī; al-Masīḥ Ø/al-Masīḥ al-dajjāl; qātalat?/a-qātalahu?; qulnā Ø/qulnā lahu; Ø naṣrānī/rajul naṣrānī; Allāh Ø/Allāh ta ʿālā; wāḥidatan Ø/ wāḥidatan aw wāhidan.
- Alternative prepositions, e.g. 'alā/ 'an.
- Alternative conjunctions, e.g. *thumma/fa-*; *wa-/aw*; *wa-/fa-*; *fa-/*Ø.
- Grammatical variants, e.g. allatī/allātī; andhartukum/undhirukum; fa-yadkhulūnahā/fa-yadkhulūhā; ḥaddathtukum/uḥaddithukum; halumma/halummū; innahā/innahu; laqiya/laqiyat; qāla/qālat; qulnā/qālū; talī/yalīna; tuqātilūna/yuqātilūna; yaqūlu/yaqūlū.

Some of these variants are errors. In no. 25, as he speaks about the seventy thousand soldiers who will lay siege on a seacoast city, al-Julūdī has the subjunctive form of the verb fa-yadkhulūh $\bar{a}$ , which is grammatically unfounded, whereas al-Kisā'ī cites the correct form, fa-yadkulūnah $\bar{a}$ . In no. 28, al-Kisā'ī has, fa-alladh $\bar{a}$  yaq $\bar{a}$ lu

<sup>66 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, 2920 = Ta'sīl, 3035.

<sup>67</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1143-4, no. 623.

innahā al-jannat<sup>u</sup> al-nār<sup>u</sup> ("and that which [masc.] he [scil. Antichrist] pretends is Paradise is Hellfire"). To match the grammatical gender of the feminine predicate nār ("Hellfire"), the nominal subject alladhī ("that which [masc.]") must be in the feminine as well. Al-Julūdī cites the correct variant, allatī ("that which [fem.]"). Such grammatical errors represent departures from Muslim's original wording.

The same applies to specifying and clarifying additions. In no. 26, al-Kisāʾī has, al-Masīḥ al-dajjāl (Antichrist), against only al-Masīḥ (Christ) in al-Julūdī. Since the context is sufficient for the recipient of the tradition to understand that Antichrist is meant, al-Kisāʾī's specification is secondary, whereas al-Julūdī's transmission reflects Muslim's original lectio difficilior. In al-Kisāʾī's variant of the same tradition, Antichrist states with regard to Mecca and Medina, kullamā aradtu an adkhula wāḥidatam minhumā ("whenever I resolve to enter one [fem.] of them"), whereas al-Julūdī has, wāḥidatam—aw wāḥidam—minhumā ("one [fem.]—or one [masc.]—of them"). Al-Julūdī's comment signals the existence of an alternative reading, which, though grammatically possible, may be questionable because of the masculine wāḥid referring to Mecca and Medina, which are feminine. Wāḥid is a clear lectio difficilior, which predates al-Kisāʾī's feminine form and goes back to Muslim's original transmission. It seems that, in this case, both al-Kisāʾī and al-Julūdī emended the original, but only al-Julūdī admitted the emendation, in a not altogether straightforward way.

An outstanding emendation is al-Kisāʾī's seemingly unremarkable addition of  $ta \, \dot{a} l \bar{a}$  ("the Most High") after the mention of Allah at the end of no. 21. The tradition describes an eschatological battle between Muslims and Byzantines, which will end with the fall of Constantinople. As the Muslims divide the spoils of war, their swords hung on olive trees, the word will spread that Antichrist has appeared in Syria. The host will hasten back to Syria, where it will ready itself to fight Antichrist. Amidst these preparations, 'Īsā ibn Maryam will descend from heaven. "He [scil., 'Īsā] will lead them—the tradition goes on—and, upon seeing him, God's enemy will melt as salt melts in water, so that if he [scil., 'Īsā] left him [scil., Antichrist], he will melt until he perishes. But Allah, the Most High, will kill him [scil., Antichrist] by his hand (fayaqtuluhu Allāh ta 'ālā bi-yadihi) and show them his blood on his spear."

The only difference between al-Kisā' $\bar{\imath}^{68}$  and al-Julūd $\bar{\imath}^{69}$  is the presence of the glorification formula of Allah, ta ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  ("the Most High"), in the former variant and its absence in the latter. This difference would have been negligent, were it not for the theologically ambiguous grammar of the clause in which it appears. "Allah will kill him by his hand" may refer to either Allah (that is, "Allah will kill him by His own hand") or to ' $\bar{\imath}$ sā ibn Maryam (that is, "Allah will kill him by ' $\bar{\imath}$ sā's hand"). The

<sup>68</sup> Al-Dānī, Sunan, 3.6: 1115, no. 598.

<sup>69 &#</sup>x27;Abd al-Bāqī, no. 2897 (34) = Ta'ṣīl, no. 3008.

former reading is blatantly anthropomorphic, which is, however, its lesser problem. By implying that Jesus Christ is God, it goes against the grain of Muslim theology, according to which Jesus does not partake of divine qualities, and any statement to the contrary amounts to *shirk*, that is, the sin of associating with God other objects of devotion. In order to prevent such a reading, al-Kisā'ī added the verb ta ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  ("the Most High") after the word "Allah." Frequently used in the Qur'ān in expressions, such as *Allāh ta* ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  'ammā yushrikūn ("Allah is high exalted above that they associate"), 70 this verb evokes the notion of God's oneness and bareness of associates. By stating *Allāh ta* ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ , al-Kisā'ī averted possible interpretations that Jesus Crist is God as well as an anthropomorphic conception of divinity. We may conclude that al-Kisā'ī's variant is a theological disambiguation of Ibn Sufyān's transmission. Admittedly, the verb ta ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$  may have been introduced in the *matn* by either al-Ṣaqallī or al-Dānī. This minor issue is immaterial to our more important conclusion: al-Julūdī's transmission, which does not include the verb ta ' $\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ , represents Muslim's original formulation.

In no. 26, to mention another example, we encounter a variant, which may be the result of secondary rhetorical embellishment. In al-Kisāʾī's transmission, the Prophet exclaims twice, *hādhihi Ṭaybat*<sup>u</sup> ("This is Ṭayba!" [meaning Medina]). In al-Julūdī's transmission, the exclamation is repeated three times. In mythic narratives, such as no. 26, the tripartite repletion of acts or statements is a widespread rhetorical figure with mnemonic overtones. It may be thought that Muslim's original version included only two repetitions of the Prophet's exclamation, which al-Julūdī increased to three for rhetorical effect and easier memorization.

Our comparison of al-Kisāʾī's traditions on the authority of Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān  $\rightarrow$  Muslim with al-Julūdī's corresponding material suggests that al-Kisāʾī and al-Julūdī transmitted Muslim's traditions independently from one another. This impression is strengthened by the degree of uniqueness of al-Kisāʾī's variants, by which I mean the absence of similar variants in the manuscripts used for the editions of ʿAbd al-Bāqī and Dār al-Taʾṣīl. Formulations in al-Kisāʾī's matns differ from al-Julūdī's formulations in sixty-nine instances, of which forty-eight instances, that is, 69.5% of all variants, are unique to al-Kisāʾī. Moreover, al-Kisāʾī has eight unique isnād variants. Given that these differences in al-Kisāʾī's isnāds and matns are distributed among thirty-five of the thirty-six traditions included in al-Dānī's Sunan, it is clear that al-Kisāʾī knew variants of Muslim's traditions that, in many of their isnāds and matns, departed considerably from al-Julūdī's narration of the Ṣaḥīḥ. Thus, al-Hakim al-Naysābūrī's contention that al-Kisāʾī copied al-Julūdī's records with the Ṣaḥīḥ seems unfounded with regard to the present body of traditions.

<sup>70</sup> Q. 7:190; 10:18; 16:1, 3; 23:92; 27:63; 28:68; 30:40; 39:67. I used A.J. Arberry's translation of the expression.

## 5. Conclusion

In the present study, I examined an unprecedented set of thirty-six apocalyptic traditions transmitted by Muhammad ibn Ibrāhīm al-Kisā'ī on the authority of Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān → Muslim ibn al-Ḥajjāj al-Naysābūrī. For the first time, we encounter texts from Ibn Sufyān's transmission of Muslim's Sahīh that pass through an  $isn\bar{a}d$  other than al-Julūdī  $\rightarrow$  Ibn Sufyān. The collation with al-Julūdī's version of the Saḥīḥ, bears a clear witness to the uniqueness of al-Kisā'ī's material. On the one hand, the chains and texts of al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī agree in a manner that indicates that they emanate from a single source; on the other hand, they differ to an extent that signals two independent paths of transmission from Ibn Sufyān. Considered individually, many differences may seem to represent copyist variants and errors that are insufficient to argue the independence of al-Kisā'ī's transmission from that of al-Julūdī. Taken together, these differences are of a quantity, distribution, and substance that decisively militate against al-Hākim al-Naysābūrī's claim that, after losing his original record with the Sahīh, al-Kisā'ī copied al-Julūdī's version. If this were the case, we would have observed a far greater degree of agreement with only minor mismatches, as between the manuscripts with al-Julūdī's transmission of the Sahīh.

In most instances of *isnād* difference, al-Kisā'ī's chains would seem to be earlier than al-Julūdī's chains. Al-Julūdī's *isnād*s on the authority of Ibn Sufyān include elements of improvement, such as mending an interruption or adding parallel transmissions to originally single-strand chains. Attested in four out of thirty-six traditions, al-Julūdī's perfection of Muslim's *isnāds* accompanied the elevation of the *Ṣaḥīḥ* to canonical status in Naysābūr during the fourth/ninth century. The *matn* differences reflect a process of textual redaction of Muslim's traditions in the course of their early transmission. On three occasions, al-Kisā'ī's *matn* variants appear to have been originally shorter than al-Julūdī's corresponding *matns*. Al-Julūdī expanded one of these *matns* because he mixed it with the next tradition; in two other *matns*, he inserted prosopographical notes of different lengths. Once, al-Kisā'ī added to the *matn* an ostensibly insignificant textual detail in order to preclude a theologically perilous misinterpretation of the wording. On balance, al-Kisā'ī appears to have the more archaic transmissions, which stand closer to Muslim's original *isnāds* and *matn* formulations.

Did al-Dānī excerpt al-Kisā'ī's corpus of traditions from a complete version of Muslim's Ṣaḥīḥ that he got from al-Ṣaqallī in Qayrawān in 397/1006–7? The biographical sources do not record al-Dānī as a transmitter of the Ṣaḥīḥ, and he never identifies the traditions he heard from al-Ṣaqallī as part of this work. However, James Robson was able to discover a manuscript in which 'Abdallāh ibn Muḥammad al-Ḥajrī (Almeria, Murcia, Ceuta; 505–91/1112–95) cites the *isnād* of what, he asserts,

<sup>71</sup> About the early period of canonization of the *ḥadīth* collections of Muslim and al-Bukhārī, see Brown, *Canonization*, 99–206.

is al-Dānī's transmission of the Ṣaḥīḥ on the authority of al-Ṣaqallī.<sup>72</sup> Al-Ḥajrī's report is one of a kind. Since he does not provide details about the contents of al-Dānī's version, it is not to be excluded that al-Ḥajrī knew only the  $isn\bar{a}d$  without the text of the collection.

One must note that al-Dānī transmits only thirty-six apocalyptic traditions on the authority of al-Ṣaqallī  $\rightarrow$  al-Kisā'ī  $\rightarrow$  Ibn Sufyān  $\rightarrow$  Muslim, whereas Muslim's *Kitāb al-Fitan*, in al-Julūdī's version, comprises seventy-five  $u s \bar{u} l$  and ninety-one  $m u t \bar{a} b i$  ' $\bar{a} t$ , according to 'Abd al-Bāqī, and eighty-four  $u s \bar{u} l$  and ninety-seven  $m u t \bar{a} b i$  ' $\bar{a} t$ , according to Dār al-Ta'  $s \bar{1} l$ . Al-Dānī was familiar with other traditions included in Muslim's  $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ - $k i t \bar{a} b a l$ -

It will be recalled that, according to al-Ḥākim al-Naysābūrī, al-Kisā'ī was able to recover a part of his lost transmission of the Ṣaḥīḥ, which he refused to show to al-Ḥākim's critical eye. It stands to reason that al-Kisā'ī's reluctance was the result of his realization that this was an incomplete and likely disordered set of traditions, which would elicit al-Ḥākim's criticism. Al-Kisā'ī, nevertheless, may have passed on his partial record from the Ṣaḥīḥ to al-Ṣaqallī, who, in his turn, transmitted it to al-Dānī. Granting that al-Dānī's thirty-six traditions reflect the entire content of al-Kisā'ī's juz', it would have included only about a fifth of Muslim's Kitāb al-Fitan.

The results of the present study are based on a limited set of traditions and need to be checked against evidence from other surviving transmissions of the  $Sah\bar{\iota}h$ . A promising avenue of research would be to compare Ibn Sufyān's transmission on the authority of Muslim with several hundred traditions passing through Ibn Māhān  $\rightarrow$  Ahmad ibn Muḥammad ibn al-Ashqar  $\rightarrow$  Aḥmad ibn 'Alī al-Qalānisī  $\rightarrow$  Muslim, which are preserved in Ibn Ḥazm's (Cordoba; 384–456/994–1064) al-Muḥallā bi-lāthār. Presently considered as lost, al-Qalānisī's (Naysābūr; b. c. 245/859?, d. after 300/913?) transmission will afford us a glimpse into the earliest period of collection of Muslim's hadīth corpus.<sup>74</sup>

<sup>72</sup> Robson, "Transmission," 56.

<sup>73</sup> While enumerating the number of  $u s \bar{u} l$  in the edition of Dār al-Ta's̄īl, I counted as a single tradition five instances in which Dār al-Ta's̄īl introduces, inexplicably, a double numbering of a single a s l (e.g. 3002, 3003). If we count each of these traditions as two, the number of usūl in Dār al-Ta's̄īl will increase to eighty-nine.

<sup>74</sup> A comparison between the transmissions of al-Qalānisī (widely known as the transmission of Ibn Māhān) and Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān has been done in an unpublished MA thesis by Muṣaddiq al-Dūrī (*Riwāyat Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim min Tariq Ibn Māhān muqāranatan bi-riwāyat Ibn Sufyān*, MA Thesis, Tikrit: Tikrit University, 1432/2010). For his study, al-Dūrī used descriptions of the differences, found in later works, such as al-Jayyānī's *Taqyīd al-muhmal* and al-Qādī 'Iyād's *Ikmāl al-Mu'lim*.

Table 1. The transmissions of al-Kisā'ī and al-Julūdī on the authority of Ibrāhīm ibn Sufyān compared

No.	Al-Dānī, Sunan = al-Kisā'ī	Muslim, Şaḥīḥ, ʿAbd al-Bāqī/Dār al-Taʾṣīl = al-Julūdī	Degree of correspondence (the points of difference are marked in boldface)
-	1.1: 180–1, no. 2	No. 2891 (23)/No. 3000.1	Al-Kisā'ī cites the <i>isnād</i> Muslim <b>Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shayba Awakī</b> ' <b>Sufyān A</b> al-A'mash <b>Ashaqīq A</b> Hudhayfa. Al-Julūdī cites Muslim <b>Ali</b> ' (1) 'Uthmān ibn Abī Shayba and (2) Isḥāq ibn Rāhwayh <b>Jarīr A</b> al-A'mash Shaqīq <b>B</b> Hudhayfa.  Al-Kisā ī's <i>main</i> tells us how the Prophet stood in a certain station and foretold all that was going to happen in that place until Judgment day. The <i>main</i> terminates with Ḥudhayfa's statement that some people memorized the Prophet's words while others forgot them. In al-Julūdī's <i>main</i> , Ḥudhayfa goes on to say that, even though he forgot some of the Prophet's predictions, he recalls them as soon as they materialize as specific events.  Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
74	1.1: 191–2, no. 7	No. 2890 (20)/No. 2999	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shayba qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā 'Abdallāh ibn Numayr—qāla Muslim: wa-ḥaddathanā Ibn Numayr—wa-al-laf‡ lahu—qāla: Ḥaddathanā abī qāla: Ḥaddathanā abī qāla: Ḥaddathanā bū Ḥaddathanā 'Uthmān ibn Ḥakīm qāla: Akhbaranī 'Āmir ibn Sa'ā.  Abd al-Bāqī does not have the four instances of qāla, but they are present in Ta'ṣīl.  Al-Kisā'ī specifies qāla Muslim before the auxiliary <i>isnād</i> .  Al-Kisā'ī svariant is unique.  In the <i>matn</i> :  - al-Kisā'ī has, <i>thumma inṣarafa</i> . Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <i>thumma inṣarafa ilaynā</i> .  - al-Kisā'ī has, wa-sa'altu rabbi 'azza wa-jalla. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <i>fa-sa</i> 'altuhu.  The Ibn Khayr and Köprülü manuscripts, which were consulted by the Ta'ṣīl's editors, share al-Kisā'ī's wording.

3	1.1: 223, по. 23	No. 2908 (56)/No. 3020.1	The <i>isnād</i> and the <i>matn</i> are identical, including Muslim's concluding comment about a specificity of a transmitter's expression.  At the very end of the tradition, al-Kisā'ī omits the word "ibn" before Abān, which is an error <u>unique</u> of al-Kisā'ī's variant.
4	1.1: 243, no. 40	No. 2886 (12)/No. 2993.1	In the <i>isnād</i> :  - al-Kisā'ī has, <i>Ishāq ibn Manṣūr qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī qāla. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have the two instances of qāla, but they are present in Taʾṣīl.  - al-Kisā'ī has, Muslim ≯ Ishāq ibn Manṣūr al-Kawsaj ≯ Abū Dāwūd al-Ṭayālisī ≯ Ibrāhīm ibn Saʿd ≯ his father, Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān (b. 55/674-5; d. 127/744-5) → Ø ≯ Abū Hurayra (d. 57-9/678-80). Al-Julūdī has Abū Salama ibn ʿAbd al-Raḥmān (d. 94/712-13 or 104/722-3) between Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm and Abū Hurayra. This is a sign of mending ( <i>waṣl</i> ) of an originally interrupted <i>isnād</i> in which Saʿd ibn Ibrāhīm cannot have met Abū Hurayra due to their age difference. Al-Kisāʿī's variant is unique.  The <i>matn</i> s are identical.
S	1.1: 248–9, no. 45	No. 2905 (50)/No. 3016.5	The <i>isnāds</i> are identical.  In the <i>matn</i> , al-Kisā'ī has <i>awmā</i> , whereas al-Julūdī has <i>awma'a</i> . <i>Awmā</i> is also present in the Princeton manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣII.  The <i>matns</i> are otherwise identical, including Muslim's concluding comment about a specificity of a transmitter's expression.
9	2.3: 526–7, no. 220	No. 2908 (55)/No. 3020	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has <i>ḥaddathanā Ibn Abī 'Umar al-Makkī <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā Marwān.</i> 'Abd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl. The <i>mat</i> ns are identical.

1	2.3: 564–5, no. 250	No. 2894 (31)/No. 3005.3	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, <i>ḥaddathanā Sahl ibn 'Uthmān <b>qāla</b>: Akhbaranā 'Uqba ibn Khālid.'</i> Abd al-Bāqī and the Ibn Khayr manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl, have, <i>ḥaddathanā Sahl ibn 'Uthmān <b>ḥaddathanā</b> 'Uqba ibn Khālid.</i> In the <i>matn</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>an yaḥsira 'alā jabal'</i> <sup>III</sup> min dhahab, whereas al-Julūdī has, <i>an yaḥsira 'an jabal</i> <sup>III</sup> min dhahab.  Al-Kisā'ī's variant, which may be an error, is unique.
∞	2.3: 687, no. 323	No. 2904 (44)/No. 3015	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has <i>ḥaddathanā Qutayba ibn Sa'īd <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā Ya'qūb. 'Abd</i> al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl.  The <i>matn</i> is identical, including Muslim's specification about the name of Ya'qūb ( <i>ya'nī</i> Ibn 'Abd al-Raḥmān).
6	2.4: 761–2, no. 374	No. 2951 (135)/No. 3071.4	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Dānī has, <i>wa-ḥaddathanā Abū Ghassān al-Misma</i> ʿī <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Mu'tamir. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.
10	2.4: 762–3, no. 375	No. 2953 (138)/No. 3073.1	In the isnād, al-Kisāʿī has, akhbaranā Ḥajjāj ibn al-Shāʾir qāla: ḥaddathanā Sulaymān ibn Ḥarb.  'Abd al-Bāqī has wa-ḥaddathanī Ḥajjāj ibn al-Shāʾir: Ḥaddathanā Sulaymān ibn Ḥarb. Taʾṣīl shares with al-Kisāʾī the use of qāla, but does not share with him the use of akhbaranā, which is unique of al-Kisāʾīs variant.  In the matn:  - al-Kisāʾī (and the Princeton manuscript, consulted by Taʾṣīl) has, matā Ø al-sāʿa. Al-Julūdī has, matā taqīmu al-saʿa.  - al-Kisāʾī has, fa-sakata rasūl Allāh, against, qālaː fa-sakata rasūl Allāh, in al-Julūdī.  - al-Kisāʾī has, wa-dhātika al-ghulām, whereas al-Julūdī has dhāka.

11	2.4: 808, no. 410	No. 2949 (131)/No. 3069	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā ʿAbd al-Raḥmān—ya 'nī</i> Ibn al-Mahdī— <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Shu ʿba. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Taʾṣīl. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.
12	2.4: 830–1, no. 426	No. 2907 (52)/No. 3018	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Dānī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Khālid ibn al-Ḥārith</i> <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā 'Abd al-Ḥamīd ibn Ja'ʃar. 'Abd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl.  In the <i>matn</i> : - Al-Kisā ī and Ta'ṣīl have Q. 9:33 abridged, whereas 'Abd al-Bāqī has it in full Al-Kisā ī (and the Ibn Khayr and Köprülü manuscripts, which were consulted by Ta'ṣīl) has <i>anna dhālika tāmm</i> ": al-Julūdī has, <i>anna dhālika tāmm</i> " Al-Kisā ī (and the Köprülü manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl) has <i>tatawaffā kull</i> " <i>man</i> . Al-Julūdī has, <i>fa-tawaffā kull</i> " <i>man</i> . The grammar suggests that al-Kisā ī's variant is correct. On the other hand, <i>fa-tawaffā</i> may be a shortened variant of <i>fa-tatawaffā</i> , in which case it could be the earlier <i>lectio difficilior</i> .
13	2.4: 870, no. 448	No. 2922 (82)/No. 3037	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>haddathanā Qutayba ibn Sa'īd <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā Ya'qūb</i> . ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl. In the <i>matn</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>fa-yaqūlu al-ḥajar wa-al-shajar</i> against <i>aw al-shajar</i> <sup>u</sup> in al-Julūdī. Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
14	2.4: 871–2, no. 450	No. 2912 (66)/No. 3024.4	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Abū Kurayb <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā Wakī' wa-Abū Usāma.</i> ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.

			In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Julūdī has a first part, wa-ḥaddathanā Muḥammad ibn Bashshār qāla: Ḥaddathanā Muḥammad ibn Ja ˈfar  Ghundar  qāla: Ḥaddathanā Shu ba, which is not present in al-Kisā'ī. The
			verb <i>qāla</i> is absent in 'Abd al-Bāqī.
			Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
7	2 4.880 20 158	No. 2891 (24)/No.	In the second part of the isnād, which is present in both collections, al-Kisā'ī has, ḥaddatha-nī Abū
	2.4. 009, IIO. 430	3000.3	Bakr ibn Nāfiʿ <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Ghundar <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Shu ba.ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have
			either instance of $q\bar{a}la$ , but Ta'ṣīl has both of them.
			In the <i>matn</i> , al-Dānī's manuscript has, <i>ilā yawm al-qiyāma</i> , which the editor of al-Dānī's <i>Sunan</i>
			emended to ilā an taqūm al-sā 'a, according to a marginal note in the manuscript and 'Abd al-Bāqī. The
			Escorial manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl, has ilā yawm al-qiyāma aw ilā an taqūm al-sā'a.
			In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, Øḥaddatha <i>-nī Ḥarmala ibn Yaḥyā <b>qāla</b>: Akhbara<b>nī</b> Ibn Wahb <b>qāla</b>:</i>
			Akhbaranī Yīnus.
	7 1. 805 6 20	N/05/0000 SM	'Abd al-Bāqī has wa-haddathanī Ḥarmala ibn Yaḥyā Ø: Akhbaranā Ibn Wahb Ø: Akhbaranī Yūnus.
16	2.4. 693-0, IIO. 463	3021 1	Against 'Abd al-Bāqī, Ta'ṣīl shares with al-Kisā'ī the use of qāla and the absence of wa- at the isnād's
	2	1:11	beginning.
			Akhbaranī Ibn Wahb is unique of al-Kisā'ī's variant.
			The matns are identical.
			In the isnād, al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have ḥaddathanā Qutayba ibn Sa'īd <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Ya'qūb Ø ibn
			ʻAbd al-Raḥmān al-Qārī.
			ˈAbd al-Bāqī has ḥaddathanā Qutayba ibn Sa ĩd Ø: Ḥaddathanā Ya ˈqūb—y <b>a ˈnī</b> ibn ˈAbd al-Raḥmān
			al-Qārī.
17	7 1. 035 20 106	No. 2894 (29)/No.	Against 'Abd al-Bāqī, Ta'ṣīl shares with al-Kisā'ī the use of qāla. Against al-Kisā'ī, Ta'ṣīl shares with
1	2.4. 233, IIO. 420	3005	Abd al-Bāqī the use of ya 'nī. Ya 'nī is absent in the Köprülü manuscript, which was consulted by
			Taˈṣil.
			Al-Kisā'ī's version is a secondary emendation that transformed Muslim's comment ya 'nī ibn 'Abd al-
			Raḥmān al-Qārī into a part of the isnād.
			The matns are identical.

In the <i>isnād</i> , Taʾṣīl has ḥaddathanā Muhammad ibn Bashshār al-ʿAbdī <b>qūla</b> : Ḥaddathanā ʿAbd al-Kabīr ibn ʿAbd al-Majīd Abū Bakr al-Ḥanafī <b>qūla</b> : Ḥaddathanā ʿAbd al-Ḥamīd ibn Jaʾṣar.  The verb <i>qāla</i> is not present in al-Kisāʾī and ʿAbd al-Bāqī. This absence is exceptional for al-Kisāʾī.  Taʾṣīl has both instances of <i>qāla</i> .  At the <i>main</i> 's end, ʿAbd al-Bāqī and Taʾṣīl have Muslim's comment about Muḥammad ibn Bashshār's informant, ʿAbd al-Kabīr ibn ʿAbd al-Majīd, hum arbaʾar'' ikhwar'': Sharīk wa- ʿUbayd Allāh wa- ʿUmayr wa- ʿAbd al-Kabīr banī ʿAbd al-Majīd. <u>Al-Kisāʾī does not have this comment, which is unique of his variant</u> .	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Umayya ibn Bistām al-ʿAyshī qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Yazīd ibn Zuray ˈØ: Ḥaddathanā Shu ʾba.  'Abd al-Bāqī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Umayya ibn Bistām al-ʿAyshī</i> Ø: Ḥaddathanā Yazīd ibn Zuray ʿØ: Ḥaddathanā Shu ɓa.  Ta'ṣīl has, <i>ḥaddathanā Umayya ibn Bistām al-ʿAyshī qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Yazīd ibn Zuray ʿqāla: Ḥaddathanā Shu ɓa. Similarly to no. 18, Ta'ṣīl has an additional <i>qāla</i> , which is not present in al-Kisā'ī. In the <i>matn</i> , al-Kisā'ī (and the Escorial and the Princeton manuscripts, which were consulted by Ta'ṣīl) has, <i>bādirū bi-al-ʿamal sitt</i> " against, <i>bādirū bi-al-ʿamal sitt</i> " in al-Julūdī.	ZIN/27/ C00C ZIN
3.5: 963-4, no. 517	3.5: 984, no. 526	3.5: 1081, no.
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3.6: 1114–5, no. No. 2897 (34)/No. 3.6: 1117–18, no. No. 2898 (35)/No. 601 3009 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			instances of $q\bar{a}la$ , but they are present in Ta'ṣīl. In the $matn$ :
3.6: 1117–18, no. No. 2898 (35)/No. 601 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602	Č	No.	- al-Kisā'ī has, <i>fa-tuqātilūnahum</i> against <i>fa-yuqātilūnahum</i> in al-Julūdī.
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3.6: 1117–18, no. No. 2898 (35)/No. 601 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			qital, according to 'Abd al-Bāqī.
3.6: 1117–18, no. No. 2898 (35)/No. 601 3009 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			<u>Al-Kısa ı's variant ıs unıque.</u> - al-Kisā'ī has. <i>vaatululu Allāh ta'ālā</i> . whereas al-Julūdī does not have <i>ta'ālā</i> .
3.6: 1117–18, no. No. 2898 (35)/No. 601 3009 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			Al-Kisā'ī's variant is a unique exegetical gloss.
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2898 (33)/No. 602 3.007			In the isnād, al-Kisā'ī has, ḥaddathanā ʿAbd al-Malik ibn Shuʻayb ibn al-Layth <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddatha-nī
601 3009 3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602 3007	22		ˈAbdallāh ibn Wahb <b>qāla</b> : Akhbaranī al-Layth ibn Sa ˈd <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanī Mūsā ibn ʿAlī. ʿAbd al-Bāqī
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602	1	3009	does not have the three instances of $q\bar{a}la$ , but they are present in Ta $\sin la$ .
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			The <i>matns</i> are identical.
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			In the isnād, al-Kisā'ī has, ḥaddathanā 'Ubayd ibn Ya'īsh wa-Isḥāq ibn Ibrāhīm—wa-al-lafz Ii 'Tiband' azīn Haddathanā Valmā ibu Adam ibu Salamažu mandā Vlāīla ibu Vlāīla azīn.
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602			н- Овауа— <b>-дана</b> : Нааааанала заңуа 16n Ааат 16n миаутан тамга клана 16n клана <b>дан</b> а: Наддагралд Zuhavr:
3.6: 1118–19, no. No. 2896 (33)/No. 602 3007			AI-Julūdī has haddathanā 'Ubayd ibn Ya'īsh wa-Ishāq ibn Ibrāhīm—wa-al-lafz li-'Ubayd— <b>qālā</b> :
602 3007	ç	No.	Haddathanā Yahyā ibn Ādam ibn Sulaymān mawlā Khālid ibn Khālid Ø. Haddathanā Zuhayr.
that it was Muslim's original expression. The dual form <i>qālā</i> which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl. Al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have the Bāqī.	72	3007	Against 'Abd al-Bāqī, Ta'ṣīl shares with al-Kisā'ī the use of the first qāla in singular, which suggests
which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl. Al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have the Bāqī.			that it was Muslim's original expression. The dual form $q\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ is present in the Köprülü manuscript,
Bāqī. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.			which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl. Al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have the second qāla, which is absent in 'Abd al-
The <i>matn</i> s are identical			Bāqī.
			The matns are identical.

In the isnād, al-Kisāʿī has, haddathanā Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb Ø qāla: Ḥaddathanā Ismāʾīl ibn Ibrāhīm. Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾāl) has, ḥaddathanā Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb wa-ʿAlī ibn Ḥujr—wa-al-lafz li- Zuhayy—qālā: Ḥaddathanā Ismāʾīl ibn Ibrāhīm. Al-Kisāʿīs variant is unique. In the matn: - In two places, al-Kisāʿī has, min ayna dhālika, against, min ayna dhāka, in al-Julūdī. Al-Kisāʿī a variant is unique al-Kisāʿī a variant is unique al-Kisāʿī a variant is unique al-Kisāʿī a variant is unique al-Kisāʿī a des not include the concluding part of the ḥadīnh, ṭhumma sakata hunayyar''' thumma qāla: Qāla rasul Allāh (ṣ): Yakānu fī ākhir' ummatī khalīfat''' yaḥthī al-māl ḥathy''' lā ya 'udduhu 'adad'''. Qāla: Qultu li-Abī Naḍra wa-Abī al-ʿAlāʿ: A-tarcyāni annahu 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-ʿAzīz'? Fa-qālāː Lā. Al-Kisāʿī's variant is unique.	
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3.6: 1120, no. 604	
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			In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Qutayba ibn Sa'īd <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā 'Abd al- ʿAzīz.</i> 'Abd al- Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl. In the <i>matn</i> :
			- al-Kisāʿī has, sab ʿūna alf <sup>on</sup> min banī Isḥāq <b>wa-IsmāʿTi</b> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, sab ʿūna alf <sup>on</sup> min banī Isḥāq Ø.
			Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique. - al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, thumma yaqūlu al-thāniyar", against, thumma yaqūlū al-thāniyar", in 'Abd
			al-Bāqī. Neither variant fits well with the preceding part of the tradition. In 'Abd al-Bāqī's variant, the subjunctive form of the verb is irregular; in al-Kisā'ī and Ta'sīl, the singular form of the verb is
			unusual, given the plural grammatical subject. The expected form of the verb is *yaqūlūna. In the
25	3.6: 1143–4, no. 623	No. 2920/No. 3035	manuscript with al-Dānī's Sunan, the adverb al-thāniyat <sup>a</sup> was added to al-Kisā'ī's text in a marginal note by a later hand.
			- al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, <i>thumma <b>yaqūlu</b> al-thālithat</i> ", against, <i>thumma <b>yaqūlū</b> al-thālithat</i> ", in 'Abd al-Bāqī.
			- al-Kisā'ī has the grammatically correct <b>fa-yadkhulūnahā</b> , whereas al-Julūdī has the subjunctive <b>fa-</b>
			<b>yearning m</b> , which is grammateanty unformed. The typiqua and the following manuscripts, which were consulted by Ta'sīl, have <i>fa-yadkhulūnahā</i> .
			- al-Kisā'ī does not have the subjunctive $fa$ - $yaghnam\overline{u}$ , which is present in al-Julūdī. The Köprülü and
			the Ibn Khayr manuscripts, which were consulted by Ta'sīl, have $fa$ -yaghnamūna.
			ı ne absence o <i>i Ja-yagınıamu</i> is unique to al-Kısa ı s Variant. - al-Kisā´ī has <i>al-ghanā´im</i> against <i>al-maghānim</i> in al-Julūdī.
			Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.

	- al.Kisaiihas nala daa aliassasa 'Ahd al.Baaihas fanalat daa aliassasa Ta'silhas nalat
	Al-Julūdī's variant is grammatically correct. The criterion of frequency of occurrence points to Ta'sīl's
	variant, which is based on at least three manuscripts, as the original one.
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, <b>qāla</b> : Ayyuhā al-qawm". Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <b>qālat</b> : Ayyuhā al-qawm".
	Al-Julūdī's variant is grammatically correct.
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, Ø fa-intalaqnā sirā '''. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <b>qāla</b> : fa-intalaqnā sirā ''''.
	Qāla is absent in the Köprülü manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl.
	- al-Kisā'ī has <b>qulnā</b> : Naḥnu unās" min al- 'arab. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <b>qālū</b> : Naḥnu
	unās" min al- arab.
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisa'ī has, thumma alqānā ilā jazīratika. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, thumma arfa'nā
	ilā jazīrat-ka.
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, fa-laqiyanā dābbat'''. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, fa-laqiyatnā dābbat''',
	which is grammatically correct.
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, <i>qulnā</i> Ø: <i>Na'am</i> . Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <i>qulnā lahu</i> : <i>Na'am</i> .
	Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.
	- al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, ammā innahā yūshiku. 'Abd al-Bāqī has ammā innahu yūshiku. Both are
	grammatically correct. The Köprülü and the Princeton manuscripts, which were consulted by Ta sīl,
	have innahu.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, ' <b>ayn</b> al-Ṭabariyya. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <b>buḥayrat</b> al-Ṭabariyya.
	Although unique, al-Kisa'T's variant is likely an error caused by textual interference with the mention
	of 'ayn Zughar a few lines below.
	- al-Kisā'ī has, Ø inna mā'ahā yūshiku. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, ammā inna mā'ahā
	yūshiku. Ammā is absent in the Escorial manuscript, which was consulted by Ta ṣīl.

- al-Kisāʾī has. <i>aulnā</i> Ø: <i>Na ʿan</i>	al-Kisā'ī has. <i>aulnā o\: Na 'am.</i> Al-Iulūdī ('Abd al-Bāaī + Ta'sīl) has. <i>aulnā lahu: Na 'am</i> .
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, <i>qātalat al-ʿara</i>	al-Kisā'ī has, <i>qātalat al-ʿarab?</i> Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>a-qātalahu al-ʿarab?</i>
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, qāl oālo and has dhālika instead o	- al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, <i>gāla</i> : <i>Qāla lahum: Qad kāna d<b>hāka</b>? 'Abd al-Bāqī does not have the first adla and has <b>dhālika</b> instead of <b>dhāka</b>. Ta'ṣīl took the first <i>adla</i> form the manuscrints of Escorial and</i>
Ibn Khayr.	
- al-Kisā'ī has, innī anā al-Ma	al-Kisā'ī has, innī anā al-Masīḥ al-dajjāl. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) does not have al-dajjāl.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is a secondary specification.	ıry specification.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, fī <b>al-</b> arbaʿīna l	- al-Kisā'ī has, fi <b>al-</b> arba īna laylat". Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, fī Øarba īna laylat". The
Köprülü manuscript, which wa	Köprülü manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'şīl, has, <i>al-arba 'ma</i> .
- al-Kisā'ī has, kullamā aradtu	- al-Kisā'ī has, kullamā aradtu an adkhula wāḥidat‴ Ø minhumā. Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl)
has, kullamā aradtu an adkhul	has, <i>kullamā aradtu an adkhula wāḥidat<sup>m</sup>—aw wāḥid</i> m—minhumā. Al-Julūdī has added a comment
reflecting his knowledge of a c	reflecting his knowledge of a different grammatical variant. Köprülü has wāḥidat", while Princeton has
$war{a}hid^{an}$ .	
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisā'ī has, yaṣrifunī 'anhċ	- al-Kisā'ī has, <b>yaṣrifu</b> nī 'anhā. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, <b>yaṣuddu</b> nī 'anhā.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, <i>qāla</i> : <i>Qāla ras</i> ;	- al-Kisā'ī has, <i>qāla: Qāla rasūl Allāh</i> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>qālat: Qāla rasūl Allāh</i> ,
which is grammatically correc	which is grammatically correct, given that the story is told by a female being.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, hādhihi Ṭaybat	- al-Kisā'ī has, <i>hādhihi Ṭaybat"</i> twice. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has it trice. Al-Julūdī's
tripartite repetition may be a la	tripartite repetition may be a later rhetorically embellished variant.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, <b>wa</b> -innahu a ja	- al-Kisā'ī has, <b>wa</b> -innahu a jabanī. Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taˈṣīl) has, <b>fa</b> -inna-hu a jabanī.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisāʾī has, wāfaqa alladhī	al-Kisā'ī has, <i>wāfaqa alladhī kuntu <b>ḥaddathtu</b>kum ʿanhu</i> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has,
wāfaqa alladhī kuntu <b>uḥaddithu</b> kum ʻanhu.	ukum ʻanhu.
Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.	
- al-Kisā'ī does not have mā h	- al-Kisā'ī does not have mā huwa after the third repetition of min qibal al-mashriq, which is unique to
his variant.	

27	3.6: 1153–4, no. 627	No. 2942 (121)/No. 3062.2	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Dānī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Wāhb ibn Jarīr <b>qāla</b></i> : Ḥaddathanā abī qāla: Sami 'tu Ghaylān ibn Jarīr. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have the first instance of <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Taʾṣīl. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.
58	3.6: 1159–60, no. 633	No. 2936 (109)/No. 3056	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanī Muḥammad ibn Rāfi</i> ' <i>qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Ḥusayn ibn Muḥammad <i>qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Shaybān. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have the two instances of <i>qāla</i> , but they are present in Taʾṣīl.  In the <i>matn</i> : - al-Kisā'ī has, <i>fa-alladhī</i> yaqūlu innahā al-jannat" al-nār". Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>fa-alladhī</i> yaqūlu. Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique al-Kisā'ī has, <i>innī undhirukum</i> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>innī andhartukum</i> . In al-Julūdī's variant, the perfect form of the verb agrees with the perfect in the following clause, <i>kamā andhara Nūḥ</i> " qawmahu, but such an agreement is by no means grammatically required. Both variants are stylistically sound. <i>Innī undhirukum</i> is present in the Princeton manuscript, which was consulted by Taʾṣīl.
29	3.6: 1169–70, no. 645	No. 2933 (102)/No. 3052.1	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Mu'ādh ibn Hishām <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanī abī 'an Qatāda <b>qāla</b>: Ḥaddathanā Anas ibn Mālik. 'Abd al-Bāqī does not have the two instances of <i>qāla</i>, but they are present in Ta'ṣīl. The <i>matn</i>s are identical.</i>
30	3.6: 1170, no. 646	No. 2933 (103)/No. 3052.2	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā Zuhayr ibn Ḥarb qāla</i> : Ḥ <i>addathanā ʿAffān qāla</i> : Ḥ <i>addathanā ʿAbd al-Wārith ibn Sa īd</i> . ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have the two instances of <i>qāla</i> , but they are present in Ta ṣīl. The <i>matn</i> s are identical.

31	3.6: 1192, no. 660	No. 2932 (98)/No. 3050	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>ḥaddathanā ʿAbd ibn Ḥumayd qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Rawḥ ibn ʿUbāda qāla: Ḥaddathanā Hishām. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have the two instances of <i>qāla</i> , but they are present in Taʾṣīl.  The <i>matn</i> s are identical.
32	3.6: 1192–3, no. 661	No. 2924 (85)/No. 3040	The <i>isnāds</i> are identical.  In the <i>matn</i> :  - al-Kisā T has, <i>fīhim Ibn Ṣāʾid</i> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>Ibn Ṣayyād</i> .  Al-Kisā T's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā T and Taʾṣīl have, <i>wa-jalasa Ibn al-Ṣayyād</i> . ʿAbd al-Bāqī and the Escorial manuscript, which was consulted by Taʾṣīl, have <i>Ibn @Ṣayyād</i> .  - al-Kisā T has, <i>dharnī yā rasūl Allāh @ aqtulu-hu</i> . Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, <i>dharnī yā rasūl Allāh ḥattā</i> aqtulahu.  Al-Kisā Ts variant is unique.
33	3.6: 1194–5, no. 662	No. 2925 (87)/No. 3041	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>haddathanā Muhammad ibn al-Muthannā qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Sālim ibn Nūḥ. 'Abd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Ta'ṣīl.  The <i>matns</i> of al-Kisā'ī and 'Abd al-Bāqī are identical. Ta'ṣīl has, Ø <i>tashhadu ann</i> ī, in Ibn Ṣayyād's reply, whereas al-Kisā'ī and 'Abd al-Bāqī have, <i>a-tashhadu</i> .
34	3.6: 1195, no. 663	No. 2927 (89)/No. 3043	In the <i>isnād</i> , al-Kisā'ī has, <i>haddathanā ʿAbd al-A ʾiā qāla</i> : Ḥaddathanā Dāwūd. ʿAbd al-Bāqī does not have <i>qāla</i> , but it is present in Taʾṣīl.  In the <i>matn</i> : - al-Kisāʾī has, ṣaḥibtu ibn Ṣayyād. Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has ṣaḥibtu Ibn Ṣāʾid.  Al-Kisāʾī's variant is unique al-Kisāʾī has, @ qāla lī fī ākhir⁴ qawlihi. Al-Julūdī (ʿAbd al-Bāqī + Taʾṣīl) has, qāla [Abū Saʾīd al-Khudrī]; Thumma before this clause.  Al-Kisāʾī's variant is unique.

35	3.6: 1274; no. 715	No. 2941 (118)/no. 3061	In the <i>isnād</i> , Taʾṣīl has, ḥaddathanā Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shayba <b>qāla</b> : Ḥaddathanā Muḥammad ibn Bishr. Al-Kisāʾī and ʿAbd al-Bāqī do not have <i>qāla</i> , which is exceptional for al-Kisāʾī. The matns are identical.
36	3.6: 1288–90; no. 725	No. 2940 (116)/No. 3060	In the isnād, Ta'ṣīl has, haddanhanā 'Ubayd Allāh ibn Mu'ādh al-'Anbarī qāla: Ḥaddanhanā abī qāla: Ḥaddanhanā Shu ba. Al-Kisā'ī and 'Abd al-Bāqī do not have the two instances of qāla, which is exceptional for al-Kisā'ī.  - al-Kisā'ī.  In the mann:  - al-Kisā'ī.  Al-Kisā'ī.  Al-Kisā'ī.  Al-Kisā'ī.  Al-Kisā'ī.  Al-Kisā'ī.  - al-Kisā'ī nat Ta'ṣīl has, mā hādhā Ø alladhī tuḥaddithu bihi? Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, mā hādhā al-hādhī tuḥaddithu bihi? Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, aw lā.  Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā'ī nat Ta'ṣīl have, 'Īsā ibn Maryam 'alayhi al-salām. 'Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, nithqāl' al-Kisā'ī has, mithqāl' labbat' min khaym' min īmān. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, palāṇ haw miān. Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā'ī has, yalāu ḥawq² ibilihi. Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has, yalāṇ hawḍ² ibilihi.  Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā'ī has, fa-dā yasma 'uhu aḥad²' ilīā aṣghā līt²' var-aḍa' a līt²', afler the second blow in the apocalypṭte horn, whereas Al-Julūdī ('Abd al-Bāqī + Ta'ṣīl) has it afler the first blow.  Al-Kisā'ī's variant is unique.  - al-Kisā'ī and Ta'ṣīl have, halummā ilā rabbikum. 'Abd al-Bāqī and the Princeton manuscript, which was consulted by Ta'ṣīl, have halumma ilā rabbikum.

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