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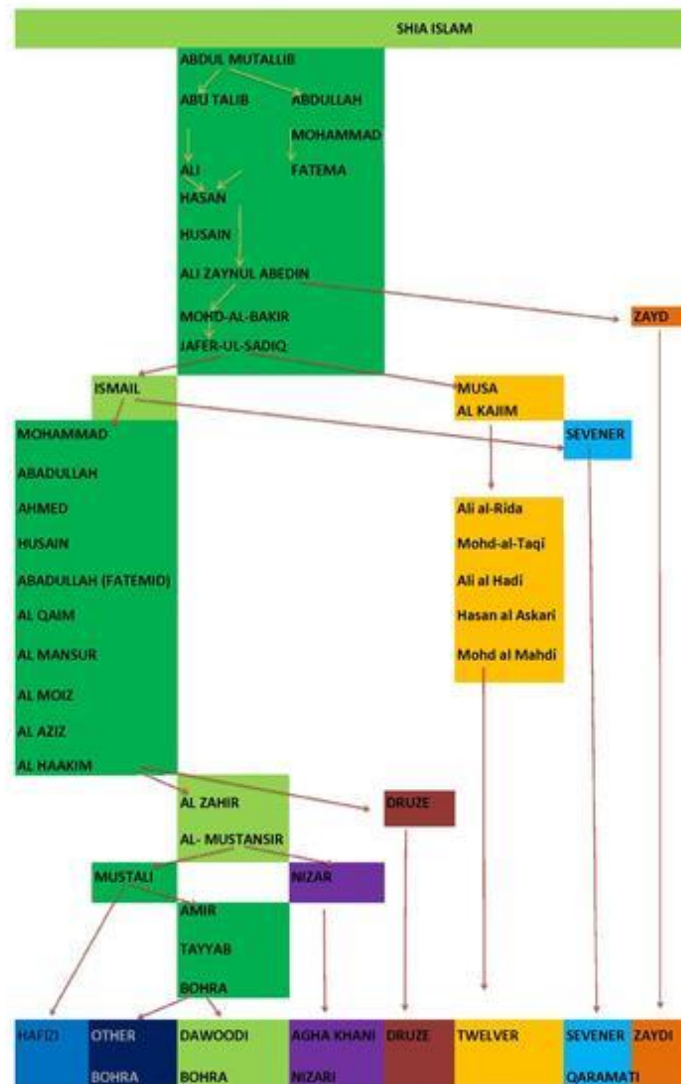
Both Shi‘i and Sunni reports indicate the Prophet ﷺ said: *“There are twelve Imams, all of whom are from the Quraysh.”* The Prophet also said, to Jabir al-Ansari: *There are twelve Imams.* Then he mentioned their names one by one, including that of Imam Musa al-Kazim عليه السلام. Shaykh Al-Mufid describes in his book *Kitab al-Irshad* how Imam Ja‘far as-Sadiq designated his son Musa as his successor after him. Despite this, the Shi‘i community split into sects after the death of al-Sadiq عليه السلام. This course will cover the origin of schism within Shi‘i Muslims, as well as the life and teachings of the seventh Imam عليه السلام.

Division within the Ismailis -2

1) Nizari Isma'īlis believed in the imamate of Nizar (d. 1097) s/o Mustansir (d. 1094). They are Shī'a Imami Ismā'īlī Tariqah or simply the Agha Khanis; are the second largest Shi'i group; though less than 10% of the majority Shi'i group, the Ithna 'Asharis. Prince Shah Karim al-Husayni (b. 1936 in Geneva), the Aga Khan IV, is the 49th Nizari Imam.

2) Musta'ali Isma'īlis – believed in the imamate of Musta'ali (d.1101). Its sub-sect is Dawood Bohra community. In 1592 there was a split in Tayyib sect, & they supported Dawood b. Qutubshah. Their spiritual leader is the *Dā'ī l-Muṭlaq (absolute missionary)* Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (b. 1915).

List of Ismaili Imams & division



Al-Kazim عليه السلام : title & sayings

He had calluses (hardened skin) due to lot of sajdah, like al-Sajjad (a) who had title ذو الثغفات

- كانت له ثغفات من كثرة السجود لله

He said: Humility means behave with people be in the same way as you expect them to behave.

(التواضع أن تُعطي الناس مَ تُحِبُّ أَنْ تُعْطَاهُ)

The best way to get near to Allah, besides having His *ma'rifah*, is thru praying, doing good to parents and abandoning envy, conceit & pride.

أَفْضَلُ مَا يَتَقَرَّبُ بِهِ الْعَبْدُ إِلَى اللَّهِ، بَعْدَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ بِهِ، الصَّلَاةُ وَبِرِّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَتَرْكُ الْحَسَدِ وَالْعُجْبِ وَالْفَخْرِ

Al-Kazim عليه السلام & the Abbasid

Imamate of al-Kazim from 148 – 183 AH

Abbasid rulers during his imamate were: Mansoor, Mahdi, Hadi and Haroon.

Mansoor (AH 136/754 CE – 158/775). Imam spent 10 years under his rule. He poisoned Imam al-Sadiq Mahdi (AH 158/775 – 169/785). Imam spent 11 years under his tyranny.

Hadi (AH 169/785- 170/786) – Imam spent only one year under Hadi.

Haroon (170/786 – 193/809)- the rest of the Imamate was under Haroon who poisoned the Imam. Born in Rayy & died in Toos, both places in Iran.

Remember the marhumeen

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