

وقال (عليه السلام) لما قتل الخوارج ف قيل له: يا أمير المؤمنين، هلك القوم بأجمعهم. فقال:

When Amīr al-mu'minīn was told that the Khārijites had been totally killed, he said :

كَلَّا وَاللَّهِ، إِنَّهُمْ نُطْفٌ فِي أَصْلَابِ الرِّجَالِ، وَقَرَارَاتِ النِّسَاءِ، كُلَّمَا نَجَمَ مِنْهُمْ قَرْنٌ قُطِعَ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ آخِرُهُمْ لُصُوصًا سَلَابِينَ.

By Allāh, no, not yet. They still exist in the loins of men and wombs of women.

Whenever a chief would appear from among them he would be cut down till the last of them would turn thieves and robbers. [1]

Footnote :

[1] This prophesy of Amīr al-mu'minīn also proved true word by word. Every chief of Khārijites who rose was put to sword. A few of their chiefs who were badly put to death are mentioned here:

1) Nāfi' ibn Azraq al-Ḥanafī: the largest group of the Khārijites namely al-Azāriqah is named after him. He was killed by Salamah al-Bāhili during encounter with the army of Muslim ibn 'Ubayy.

2) Najdah ibn 'Amir: the an-Najadāt al-'Ādhiriyyah sect of Khārijites is named after him. Abu Fudayk al-Khārijī got him killed.

3) 'Abdullah ibn Ibad at-Tamimi: the sect Ibadite (Ibadiyyah) is named after him. He was killed during encounter with 'Abdullah ibn Muḥammad ibn 'Aṭiyyah.

4) Abu Bayhas Hayṣam ibn Jābir aḍ-Ḍubā'i: the sect of al-Bayhasiyyah is named after him. 'Uthman ibn Ḥayyan al-Murri the governor of Medina got his hands and feet severed and then killed him.

5) 'Urwah ibn Udayyah at-Tamimi : Ziyād ibn Abīh killed him during the reign of Mu'āwiyah.

6) Qatari ibn al-Fujā'h al-Māzini at-Tamimi : when he encountered the army of Sufyin ibn al-Abrad al-Kalbi in Tabarastān then Sawrah ibn al-Hurr ad-Dārimi killed him.

7) Abu Bilal Mirdas ibn Udayyah at-Tamimi : was killed in encounter with 'Abbas ibn Akhḍar al-Māzini.

- 8) Shawdhab al-Khārijī al-Yashkuri: was killed during encounter with Sa'id ibn 'Amr al-Ḥarashi.
- 9) Ḥawtharah ibn Wadā' al-Asadi: was killed at the hands of a man of Banu Ṭayyī'
- 10) al-Mustawrid ibn 'Ullafah at-Taymi: was killed by Ma'qil ibn Qays ar-Riyahi in the reign of Mu'āwiyah.
- 11) Shabib ibn Yazid ash-Shaybāni: died by being drowned in river.
- 12) 'Imrān ibn al-Ḥarith ar-Rāsibi : was killed in the battle of Dulāb.
- 13, 14) Zaḥḥāf at-Ṭā'i and Qurayb ibn Murrah al-Azdi : were killed in encounter with Banu Ṭāḥiyah.
- 15) az-Zubayr ibn 'Ali as-Saliṭi at-Tamimi: was killed in encounter with 'Attāb ibn Warqā' ar-Riyāḥi.
- 16) 'Ali ibn Bashir ibn al-Māhuz al-Yarbu'i : al-Ḥajjāj ibn Yusuf ath-Thaqafi got him killed.
- 17) 'Ubaydullah ibn Bashir: was killed in encounter with al-Muhallab ibn Abi Sufrah in the battle of Dūlāb.
- 18) Abu'l-Wāzi' ar-Rāsibi : a man in the graveyard of BanūYashkur felled a wall on him and killed him.
- 19) 'Abdu Rabbah aṣ-Ṣaghīr: was killed in encounter with al-Muhallab ibn Abi Ṣufrah.
- 20) al-Walid ibn-Ṭarīf ash-Shaybāni : was killed in encounter with Yazid ibn Mazyad ash-Shaybāni.
- 21-24) 'Abdullah ibn Yahya al-Kindi, al-Mukhtar ibn 'Awf al-Azdi (Abu Ḥamzah ash-Shāri), Abrahah ibn aṣ-Ṣabbah and Balj ibn 'Uqbah al-Asadi: were killed by 'Abd al-Malik ibn 'Aṭīyyah as-Sa'di in the reign of Marwan ibn Muḥammad (the last of Umayyads caliph).