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HAS WHAT BEFELL THEM BEFALLEN US?

AS-SAHEEHAH (no. 2694) of Shaikh al-Albaanee-rahimahullaah:

<<When the term became prolonged for the Banoo Israa.eel, and their hearts became hard, they put together a book which they devised, which their hearts desired, and their tongues made permissible; and the truth used to prevent them from many things which they desired, until they threw Allaah's Scripture behind their backs-as if they had no knowledge. So they said: 'Present this book to the Banoo Israa.eel, and if they follow you upon it then leave them; and if they oppose you then kill them.' He said 'No! Rather send a message to so and so, a man from their scholars, and if he follows you then nobody after him will disagree with you.' So they sent a message to him, calling him. So he took a parchment and he wrote Allaah's Scripture upon it. Then he entered it into a horn. Then he hung it from his neck, and wore his clothes over it. Then he went to them. So they presented the book to him, and said: 'Do you believe in this?!' So he pointed to his chest-meaning the Scripture within the horn, and he said: 'I believe in this, and why should I not believe in this?!' So they let him go.

He said: And he had companions who used to accompany him. So when he died they came to him. So when they removed his clothes they found the horn which had the Scripture within it. So they said: "Do you not see his saying 'I believe in this, and why should I not believe in this?!'" What he meant by it was nothing but this Scripture which was in the horn!"

He said: So the Banoo Israa.eel disagreed and split into seventy odd sects. The best of their sects being the companions of the father of the horn (Abul-Qarn).>>

al-Bayhaqee reported it in 'Shu`abul-Eemaan' (2/439/1-2): Aboo Muḥammad ibn Yoosuf al-Aṣḥabaanee related to us: Aboo Sa`eed ibn al-A`raabee narrated to us: Sa`daan ibn Naṣr narrated to us: Aboo Mu`aawiyah narrated to us: from al-A`mash: from `Umaarah from Rabee` ibn `Umaylah who said: `Abdullaah narrated to us:

"We have not heard a narration finer than it, except for the Book of Allaah-the Mighty and Majestic, or a narration from the Prophet ﷺ". He said: ... and he mentioned it.

I say: And this is a 'Saḥeeh' chain of narration: all of its narrators are reliable..., so the chain is 'Saḥeeh', without a doubt. However I pause with regard to whether it is traced back as a saying of the Prophet ﷺ, since it does not clearly state this. However, whatever the case, it has the ruling of having originated from the Prophet ﷺ.

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