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Abstract:

Like the previous text about the Identification of Abbasid Coins (Manquso 16), this one tries to offer a visual method to identify the coins of the Umayyad Caliphate of Damascus following similar premises as in that one.

Only reference is made in this text to the post-reform coins because the previous ones make up a numismatic group of transition from the previous numerary, mainly Byzantine and Sassanid, but also from other peoples from which they were conquered, with a multitude of types, legends, human and animal representations, etc.

Resumen:

Al igual que el anterior texto sobre la Identificación de las Monedas Abasíes (Manquso 16), éste intenta ofrecer un método visual para identificar las monedas del Califato Omeya de Damasco siguiendo similares premisas que en aquel.

Solamente se hace referencia en este texto a las monedas post reforma debido a que las anteriores conforman un grupo numismático de transición del numerario anterior, principalmente bizantino y sasánida, aunque también de otros pueblos de los que fueron conquistados, con multitud de tipos, leyendas, representaciones humanas y animales, etc.

* **Cover photo:** MORTON 6 EDEN. Umayyad Dinar, AH105 / 713-4 AD, Hisham, (Bernardi 48Ed; Walker ANS.16 = Miles, RIC 66). The mint's name on the back says: Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin bi al-Hijaz "Commander of the Faithful' mine in the Hijaz" which suggests that it was made with gold from the mine in some lands between Mecca and Medina. They were property of Muhammad, "The Caliph's mine".

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In the year AH77 (696 AD) for gold and in AH79 (698 AD) for silver, 'Abd al-Malik carried out a reform of the Umayyad coins and established a series of regulations that put an end to the anarchy of coinage that prevailed in the Caliphate. These new designs remain practically unchanged, maintaining an almost identical structure throughout the half century they represent until the end of the dynasty, with few local exceptions.

All gold and silver coins post-'Abd al-Malik reform and therefore purely Umayyad, are anonymous.

Special mention deserves the fals that are minted in almost any corner of the Caliphate and adopt, sometimes, very varied designs. In these it is frequent that appear the names of the local governors who had them coined and sometimes also appear the name of the ruling caliph at that time. The fals will remain outside the control of the state because, according to Muhammad's mandates, they must be only made of gold and silver, none other metal, but the need for fractional coins allows their local use.

During the Abbasid Revolution, from AH127, before the start of the Abbasid coinage proper, the rebels minted dirhams and fals in some mints¹. Dirhams are usually distinguished because most of them carry verse 42:23 of the Koran or the motto of the Kharijites.

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¹ Mints coins that were minted by rebels: al-Kufa, al-Mawsil, al-Rayy, al-Taymura, Ardashir Khurra, Balkh, Bukara, Darabjird, Jayy, Hamadhan, Herat, Istakar, Jurjan, Mahi, Marw, Ramhurmuz, Sabur, Sijistán y Tawwaj.

The Umayyad Caliphate

After the death of Omar al-Faruq, second of the so-called "orthodox caliphs" or "well-guided", Uthman ibn Affan was elected caliph in AH24, successive husband of two Muhammad's daughters and first member of the Umayyad tribe. He is murdered in AH35 and the Caliphate is for Ali ibn Abi Talib (fourth orthodox caliph), Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law. Mu'awiya ibn Abi Sufyan stands against him, another Umayyad, and after the battle of Siffin, the Islamic doctrine is divided into its three main branches: Sunnis (Orthodox), Shiites (Alis) and Kharijites (Kharijites or dissidents). This is the First Fitna or "Great Civil War" in AH41.

Mu'awiya, the first Umayyad caliph, breaks the previous system of caliph electing by a notable's council, founding a hereditary dynasty of the Umayyad branch of the Sufyanids. Upon his death in AH60 and having appointed Yazid I as his successor, took place a Second Fitna and consequent civil war. After this Fitna, power ends up falling to another branch of the Umayyads, the Marwanids, with Marwan I as its head.

The capital of the Caliphate established in Damascus, in Greater Syria, gives its name to the Caliphate and to this historical period.

Since its inception, the Umayyad Caliphate of Damascus has expanded throughout Asia, North Africa and some regions of Europe to form one of the largest empires that have ever existed.

The Umayyad Caliphate keeps important enemies within its borders, those that emerged after the battle of Siffin that remain active, especially in Iraq. These rebel groups named the Umayyads as impious and will ultimately be responsible for the downfall of the dynasty.

The Umayyads faced the daunting task of organizing an empire that had grown too quickly and was made up of people of different ethnicities and religions, as well as a huge number of new converts who did not always adopt Islamic beliefs in an orthodox way.

The internal struggles and those of the Ali and Kharijite opponents lead to a revolt in AH129 that culminates in AH132 with the rise to power of the Abbasids after exterminating all the members of the Umayyad family with the exception of Abderraman, who ends up calling in al-Andalus where he managed to seize power and establish the Córdoba Independent Emirate, which later, with his descendant Abderraman III, would become the Córdoba Caliphate.

Use of the publication

The ultimate goal of this work is to offer a tool that is as simple and practical as possible to be able to classify the coins of the Abbasid Caliphate and of the dynasties. Their caliphs were recognized, at least by name, by them. It is convenient to follow a few guidelines that we describe below:

1º.- In the first place we must determine the coin's value, It will be useful "Legends" paragraph.

2º.- Decode the minting date using the images on "Dates" pages.

3º.- Locate the area where the mint should appear using the images on "Legends".

4º.- Determine the mint comparing it with the images on paragraph "Umayyad Mints".

5º.- This data will determine which caliph minted the coin following the chronology on "Umayyad Caliphs".

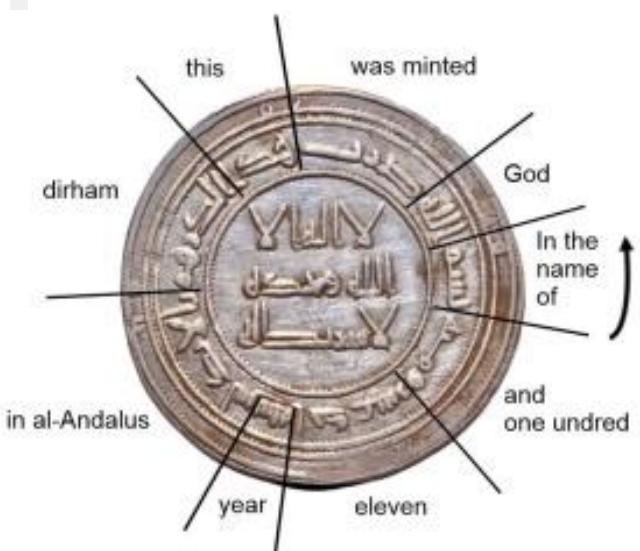
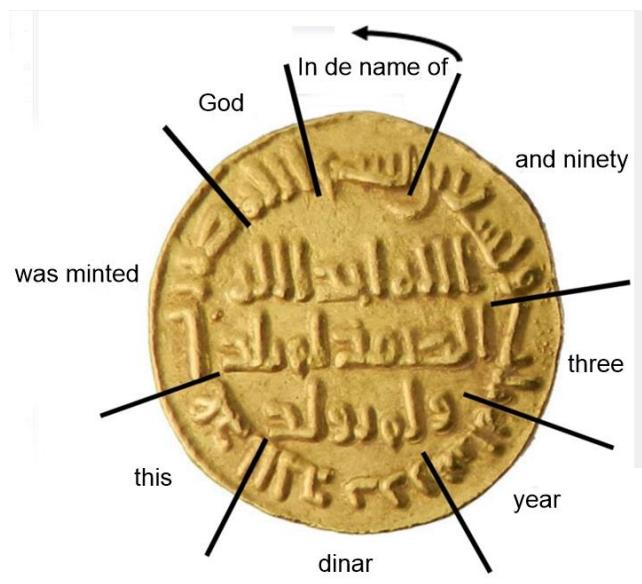
6º.- The names of the governors that appear on some coins, mainly fals, can be found in the "Governors Names" section.

We must take into account that the images presented of the mints can offer some variations depending on each mint, although in the Umayyad coins, these variations are not usually significant, except in the fals.

The information is completed with the maps on the last pages where the mints can be located geographically.

Legends

We show some examples of the most common legends, in which the necessary data for their classification appear. The mint and date appear on the obverse border in dirhams, but the date appears in the reverse border in dinars and they lack a mint mark (except for al-Andalus, Ifriquiya and Ma'din amir al-Mu'minin²) but it is understood that were minted at Dimasq (Damascus). The fals may or may not have a mint and/or a date on the borders or in the central field, or they may not carry any of these data, their lead is enormous as they are local mintages that sometimes bear the name of the governor of the area.



² Modern counterfeits of dinars exist with Dimasq and Wasit mints.

Dirham:

General IC legends



Not god but

لا إله إلا

God, only Him.

الله وحده

No companion for Him.

لا شريك له

General IIC legends



One God, God

الله احمد الله
الله احمد الله احمد
الله احمد الله احمد
الله احمد الله احمد

eternal. He did not beget and
was not begotten and there is no
equal to Him.

Border IIM

Muhammad sent from God. He was sent with the direction and true religion to make it manifest about religion, the whole of it even though polytheists conceive hatred.

محمد رسول الله. أرسنه بالهدى ودىن الحق ليجعله
ظاهرًا في الدين كله رغم أن المشركيين يتصرفون
الكرامية

Dinar:

Border IM



Muhammad sent from God. He was sent with the address and true religion to make it manifest about religion.

محمد رسول الله. أرسله بالحق وَهُنَّ الْقَوْمُ لِيَجْعَلَهُ
ظَاهِرًا فِي الدِّين كَلَّهُ

General IIC legends



One God, God

eternal. He did not beget

and was not begotten.

الله اكمل الله

الصمد لم يأد

و لم يولده

Abbasid Revolution:³

Verse 42:23



Say: I do not ask you for a reward, but love for your neighbor⁴

قُلْ لَا أَمَالَكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمُوْهَدَةُ فِي الْقَرْبَى



O/ Say: I do not ask you for a reward, but love for your neighbor.

R/ Whoever does a good deed, we will add a good deed. God is forgiving, grateful.

**قُلْ لَا أَمَالَكُمْ عَلَيْهِ أَجْرًا إِلَّا الْمُوْهَدَةُ فِي الْقَرْبَى
وَمَنْ يَقْتَرِفْ حَسْنَةً نَزِدْ لَهُ فِيهَا حَسْنَا اَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ**

³ It is estimated that the revolutionaries also minted coins with identical Umayyads' typologies and therefore indistinguishable.

⁴ There are various interpretations of this verse, such as: "Tell them: I do not ask for any remuneration, only that they love me for the kinship that unites us".

Kharijite motto:



Judgment belongs only to God

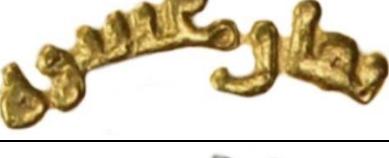
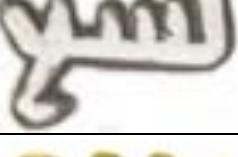
لَا حُكْمَ اِلَّا لِلَّهِ

Alphabet

Took from: Monedas Hispano-Musulmanas of Antonio Medina Gómez

| | | VALOR | NOMBRE | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|----|------|-------|--------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | A, I | álf | ا | ا | | | |
| 2 | B | bā' | ب | ب | ب | ب | ب |
| 3 | T | tā' | ت | ت | ت | ت | ت |
| 4 | T | tsā' | ث | ث | ث | ث | ث |
| 5 | ŷ | chīm | ج | ج | ج | ج | ج |
| 6 | H | hā' | ح | ح | ح | ح | ح |
| 7 | J | jā' | خ | خ | خ | خ | خ |
| 8 | D | dāl | د | د | | | |
| 9 | D | dzāl | ذ | ذ | | | |
| 10 | R | rā' | ر | ر | | | |
| 11 | Z | zay | ز | ز | | | |
| 12 | S | sīn | س | س | س | س | س |
| 13 | š | xīn | ش | ش | ش | ش | ش |
| 14 | š | sād | ص | ص | ص | ص | ص |
| 15 | đ | dhād | ض | ض | ض | ض | ض |
| 16 | T | tā' | ط | ط | ط | ط | ط |
| 17 | ż | thā' | ظ | ظ | ظ | ظ | ظ |
| 18 | ć | cain | ع | ع | ع | ع | ع |
| 19 | G | gain | غ | غ | غ | غ | غ |
| 20 | F | fā' | ف | ف | ف | ف | ف |
| 21 | Q | qāf | ق | ق | ق | ق | ق |
| 22 | K | kāf | ك | ك | ك | ك | ك |
| 23 | L | lām | ل | ل | ل | ل | ل |
| 24 | M | mīm | م | م | م | م | م |
| 25 | N | nūn | ن | ن | ن | ن | ن |
| 26 | H | hā' | ه | ه | ه | ه | ه |
| 27 | W, U | wāw | و | و | | | |
| 28 | Y, I | yā' | ي | ي | ي | ي | ي |

Dates

| | | | |
|---|------------------|--|-------------------|
|  | 1 احدى عشرة |  | 11 احدى عشرة |
|  | 2 اثنتين عشرة |  | 12 اثنتين عشرة |
|  | 3 ثلاث |  | 13 ثلاث عشرة |
|  | 4 أربع |  | 14 أربع عشرة |
|  | 5 خمس |  | 15 خمس عشرة |
|  | 6 ست |  | 16 ست عشرة |
|  | 7 سبعين |  | 17 سبعين عشرة |
|  | 8 ثمان |  | 18 ثمان عشرة |
|  | 9 تسعة |  | 19 تسعة عشرة |
|  | 10 عشر |  | 20 عشريز |

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| | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------|
| | 30 ثلاثين | | 90 تسعين |
| | 70 سبعين | | |
| | 80 ثمانين | | 100 مائة مية |

Umayyad Mints

Many Umayyad mints refer to regions or districts, not to specific cities.⁵

The name of the mint is usually preceded by the preposition “in” (bi):  and on a few occasions by (fi):  a word that can also be found between the mint and “year”.

Figurative images of their own that appear on the fals of some mints are included.

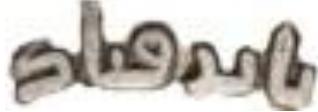
| | |
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|  | Unminted dinars <i>Damascus</i> |
|  | Unminted half dinars <i>Damascus</i> |
|  | Unminted dinar thirds <i>Damascus</i> |
|  | Unminted dirhams <i>?Damascus?</i> |
|  | Unminted fals ⁶ <i>Al-Andalus and north Africa</i> |
|  | ⁷ |

⁵ Stephen Album warns us that dirhams from mints like Makka, al-Bahrayn, Haram, Hims, Mukha, Qumm, etc. are modern forgeries or manipulations.

⁶ The fals without a mint are very frequent throughout the Umayyad Caliphate, mainly in its first years after the reform. The most common types are offered here, organized by region, bearing in mind that their variability is enormous.

⁷ This strange fals is attributed by Walker to Ifriqiya and Frochoso to al-Andalus.

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| | | |
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|  | | <p>Unminted fals <i>Palestine and Syria</i></p> |
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| O/  R/  |  | |
|  |  | |
| O/  R/  ⁸ |  | Unminted fals <i>Central Asia</i> |
|  | | <p>Unminted fals <i>Abbasid Revolution</i></p> |
| O/  R/  |  | |
|  | | <p>ابرقباد Abarqubadh <i>Between Wasisit and al-Basra (Iraq)</i></p> |
|  | | <p>ابرشهر Abarshahr <i>District de Khurasan (Iran)</i></p> |

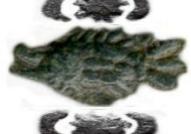
⁸ The lion appears to be in the style of the Tashkent region of Uzbekistan.

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| | اَذْرِبَيْجَان Adharbayjan <i>Azerbaijan</i> |
| | AFRK / AFRC Africa ⁹ <i>Ifiqiya</i> |
| | |
| | اَهْنَاس Ahnas <i>In Egypt</i> |
| | عَكْكَة 'Akka <i>Acre (Israel)</i> |
| | |
| | الْعَال al-'Al <i>In Syria</i> |
| | الْأَنْبَار al-Anbar <i>West Baghdad</i> |
| | |
| | الْأَنْدُلُس al-Andalus <i>Iberian Peninsula</i> |
| O/ R/ | |
| | |
| O/ R/ | |
| | |

⁹ Byzantine-style dinars with latin Africa and Hispania legends are included because they were made after the reform of Abd al-Malik in AH77.

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| O/  | R/  | Fals |
| O/  | R/  | Fals |
|  | | Fals |
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الإسكندرية
al-Iskandariya¹⁰
Alexandria (Egypt)

الباب
al-Bab
Port of Derbend on the Caspian Sea

البصرة
al-Basra
Basra (Iraq)

¹⁰ Appears abbreviated as: al-Is / riyā. (إس / رية)

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| | |
|----------------|---|
| | الداساكير al-Dasakir <i>Unknown</i> |
| | الديبل al-Daybul <i>al-Daybul, Sind province (India)</i> |
| O/ R/ Fals | مصر - الفيوم al-Fayyum – Misr <i>In Cairo (Egypt)</i> |
| | الفرات al-Furat <i>Near Basra (Iraq)</i> |
| O/ R/ Fals | مصر - الفسطاط al-Fustat – Misr <i>Misr (Egypt)</i> |
| | الحيرة al-Hira <i>al-Hira, south of Kufa (Iraq)</i> |
| | الجزرية al-Jazirah <i>al-Jazeera (Northern Iraq and Syria)</i> |
| | الجسر al-Jisr <i>Unknown</i> |
| | الجوزجان al-Juzjan <i>On the route between Marw and Balkh (Iran)</i> |
| | الكوفة al-Kufa <i>Kufa (Iraq)</i> |
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| | اللود al-Ludd <i>Lod (Palestine)</i> |
| O/ R/ Fals | |

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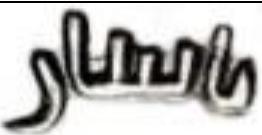
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| | المدينة العتيقة al-Medinat al-'Atiqah <i>Shadib Hurmuz District, Baghdad, Iraq</i> |
| | المغرب al-Maghreb <i>Maghreb, North Africa</i> |
| | المحفوظة al-Mahfuza <i>In Pakistan</i> |
| | المنصورة al-Mansura <i>Next to Brahminabad (Pakistan)</i> |
| | المسيس al-Masisa <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |
| | الموصل al-Mawsil <i>Mosul (Iraq)</i> |
| | المباركة al-Mubaraka (Balkh) <i>In Afghanistan</i> |
| | |

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| | |
|------------------|--|
| | النیو / النینوا al-Naynuwa / al-Sawa ¹¹ <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |
| | القندل al-Qandal <i>Unknown</i> |
| | القيصرة al-Qaysara (Qaythara) <i>Caesarea in Palestine</i> |
| Fals | الرملة al-Ramla <i>Ramla (Israel)</i> |
| O/ R/ | Fals |
| | الري al-Rayy <i>Ray (Iran)</i> |
| | الرها al-Ruha <i>Urfa (Turkey)</i> |
| | الرسافة al-Rusafa <i>Resafa, eastern Syria</i> |
| | السامية al-Samiyya <i>Near Wasit (Iraq)</i> |
| | الموس al-Sus <i>Shush (Iran)</i> |
| | التيمرة al-Taimura <i>In Isfahan (Iran)</i> |

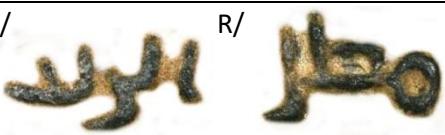
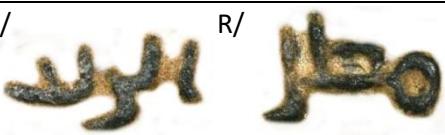
¹¹ Unknown mint and to which it has not been possible to assign a name because no city is known that may correspond to it. It is not even known if after the article there is a letter «s» or a group of three letters.

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| O/  R/  | السلقان al-Taliqan <i>Ghurmach (Afghanistan)</i> |
|  Fals | الترمذ al-Tirmidh <i>Termez (Uzbekistan)</i> |
|  Fals | الاردن al-Urdunn (Tabariya) <i>Tiberias (Israel)</i> |
|  Fals | البنق Alvanaq ¹² <i>Alvank (Caucasus)</i> |
|  Fals | الزواہی al-Zawabi ? |
|  Fals | عمان 'Amman <i>Aman (Jordan)</i> |
|  Fals | انبیر Anbir <i>Sar-i-Pul (Afghanistan)</i> |
|  Fals | أنبياس Anbiyas <i>Baniyas (Arabian Peninsula)</i> |
|  Fals | بانیاس / انبلس Anbulus / Baniyas <i>Nablus? in Palestine</i> <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |
|  Fals | البيان / انبار Anbar / al-Bayan <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |

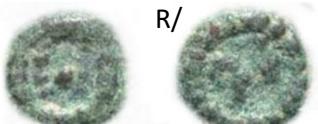
¹² It had many interpretations, the most used being al-Niq and also al-'Ush.

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|---|------|---|
|  | Fals | انطاكية Antakiya <i>Antioch (Turkey)</i> |
|  | | ارد Ard ¹³ <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |
|  | | ارداشیر خررا Ardashir Khurra <i>Firuzabad (Iran)</i> |
|  | | ارمينية Arminiya / Irminiya <i>Armenia</i> |
|  | | اران Arran <i>Erran (Azerbaijan)</i> |
|  | Fals | عسقلان 'Asqalan <i>Ashkelon (Palestine)</i> |
|  | | استان Astan <i>Unknown</i> |
|  | Fals | اطربولس Atrabulus <i>Tripoli (Libya)</i> |
| O/  R/  | Fals | مسر - اتريب Atrib - Misr <i>In Cairo (Egypt)</i> |
|  | | او Awd <i>Unknown and uncertain reading</i> |
|  | Fals | بعالبک Ba'albak <i>In Lebanon</i> |
|  | Fals | بسکھشان Badakhshan <i>Faizabad (Afghanistan)</i> |

¹³ It is debated whether it could be an abbreviation for Ardashir Kurra or Ardabil, or could be read as "Urdu" camp.

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| | | |
|---|------------|---|
|  | Fals | بَلِخ Balikh <i>In Syria</i> |
|  | | بَلْخ Balkh <i>Balj (Afghanistan)</i> |
| O/  | R/ Fals | |
|  | Fals | |
|  | Fals | بَرْقَة Barqa <i>Barqa (Libya)</i> |
|  | | بَهْرَاسِير Bahrasir / Bahrusir <i>In front of al-Madnat al-'Atiga</i> |
|  | | بَرْدَسِير Bardasir <i>In the province of Kirman (Iran)</i> |
|  | | بَرْدَحَاءُ Bardha'a <i>In Arran (Azerbaijan)</i> |
|  | Fals | |
|  | Fals Fals | بَيْصَانٌ Baysan <i>In Palestine</i> |
|  | Fals | بَيْتُ جَبْرِين Bayt Jibrin <i>Beit Guvrin (Israel/Palestine)</i> |

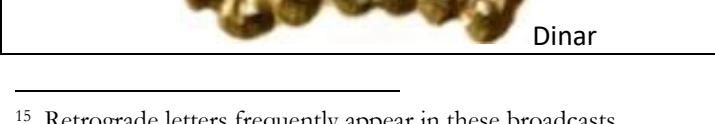
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| | بازيجا خسرا Bazijakhusrā <i>Bazija Khusra (Iraq)</i> |
| | بھقباد الاھفل Bihqubadh al-Asfal <i>Lower Bihqubad (Iraq)</i> |
| | بھقباد الاعلی Bihqubadh al-A'la <i>Upper Bihqubad (Iraq)</i> |
| | بھقباد الاوھسات Bihqubadh al-Awsat <i>Middle Bihqubad (Iraq)</i> |
| | بزمقباڈ Biranqubad / Bizamqubad <i>Arrajan in Fars (Iran)</i> |
| Fals | بصرى Busra / Bosra <i>In Syria</i> |
| | دَبِيل Dabil <i>Tunvin (Armenia)</i> |
| Fals | درعات Dar'at / Adhar'at <i>Dar'at (Syria)</i> |
| | درېبرید Darabyird <i>In the province of Fârs (Iran)</i> |
| | درد Dard ¹⁴ <i>Darabyird?</i> |
| | دشتاق Dashtaq <i>Mistake by Dimashq?</i> |

¹⁴ It could be an error or an abbreviation for Darabyird.

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| | دَسْتَاوا Dastawa <i>In Iran</i> |
| | دَشْت مَيْسان Dasht-Maysan <i>Maysan District</i> |
| | دِمْشَق Dimashq <i>Damascus (Syria)</i> |
| O/  R/  Fals | |
| | فَسَا Fasa <i>Furs (Iran)</i> |
| | فَلْ / قَبْل Fil / Qibal <i>Unknown of uncertain reading. In Isfahan (Iran)</i> |
| | فِلَسْطِين Filastin / Filistin <i>Jerusalem (Palestine)</i> |
| | غَرْصِنْتَان Gharsintan <i>In Harat of Khurasan (Afghanistan)</i> |
| | غَزَّة Ghazza <i>In Palestine</i> |
| | حَلَب Halab <i>Aleppo (Syria)</i> |
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|  | | همدان Hamadan <i>Hamadan (Iran)</i> |
|  | | همس Hims <i>Hims (Emesa, Syria)</i> |
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| SPN / SPAN ¹⁵ Hispania <i>Iberian Peninsula</i> | | |

¹⁵ Retrograde letters frequently appear in these broadcasts.

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| | هر Hr ¹⁶ Hera? |
| | حلوان Hulwan In Iraq |
| | إفريقية Ifriqiya Africa (Tunisia) |
| | Dinar |
| | Fals |
| | Fals |
| | Iliya Jerusalem (Palestine/Israel) |
| | Fals |
| | يسبهان Isbahan Isfahan (Iran) |
| | Istakhr Istajr (Iran) |
| | جانة Janza Kirovabad (Azerbaijan) |

¹⁶ Could be the abbreviation for Herat.

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| | جی Jayy <i>In Isfahan (Iran)</i> |
| Fals | جرش Jerash <i>Gerasa (Jordan)</i> |
| Fals | جبرین Jibrin <i>Beit Gurvin (Israel/Palestine)</i> |
| Fals | جيروفت Jiroft <i>In Iran</i> |
| | جور Jur <i>Firouzabad (Iran)</i> |
| جران | جران Jurjan <i>Gorgan (Iran)</i> |
| | كاسکر Kaskar <i>In Iraq</i> |
| خناصر Fals | خناصر Khunasisir <i>Near Homs (Syria)</i> |
| خسرو شادھ هرمز | خسرو شادھ هرمز Khusraw-Shadh Hurmuz <i>In Iraq</i> |
| كيرمان | كيرمان Kirman <i>Kerman (Iran)</i> |
| لود Fals | لود Ludd <i>Lod (Palestine)</i> |

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| | Fals | مَارِثَةُ الْمَسْرِينَ Ma'arrat Misrin <i>In Syria</i> |
| | Dinar | مَدْيَنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ Ma'din amir / al-Mu'minin <i>(Commander of the Faithful's Mine)</i> ¹⁷ |
| | Dinar | مَدْيَنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِالْهِجَازِ Ma'din / amir al-Mu'minin / bi'l-Hijaz <i>(Commander of the Faithful's Mine in Hijaz)</i> |
| | | مَاه Mah <i>In Media (Iran)</i> |
| | | مَاهُ الْبَصَرَةِ Mah al-Basra <i>Nibawand (Iraq)</i> |
| | | مَاهُ الْكُوفَةِ Mah al-Kufa <i>Dinavar (Iran)</i> |
| | | مَاهِي Mahi <i>In Media (Iran)</i> |
| | | مَيْسَان Maisan <i>Messene (Iraq)</i> |
| | | مَنَادِير Manadir <i>al-Manadir (United Arab Emirates)</i> |
| | Fals | مَنْبِيج Manbij <i>Northern Syria</i> |
| | | مَارِنَان Marinan <i>Unknown</i> |

¹⁷ This denomination and the following one do not seem to refer to a specific mint but to the origin of the gold used, and may actually have been minted in Damascus, although the researchers do not agree. Miles identifies it with Ma'dan southeast of Medina and northwest of Mecca. The name does not appear on the border but on IC and IIC respectively.

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| | مارو Marw <i>Marw (Iran)</i> |
| | مارو Marw <i>Marw (Iran)</i> |
| | مارو mrwrwt (<i>in pahlavi</i>) ¹⁸ Marw al-Rudh <i>Near Bala Murghab (Afghanistan)</i> |
| | ماصبدان Masabadhan <i>In the province of Jibal (Iran)</i> |
| | مسكن Maskan <i>In Syria</i> |
| | ماسان Maysan <i>Near Basra (Iran)</i> |
| | مدينة البيدا Medinat al-Bayda <i>Balj (Afghanistan)</i> |
| | مدينة بلخ البيدا Medinat Balkh al-Bayda <i>Balj (Afghanistan)</i> |
| | مدينة معدب امير المؤمنين Medinat Ma'din amir al-Muminin <i>(City The Faithful Commander's Mine)</i> |
| | مهرجان قدق Mihrijanqudhaq <i>In the province of Jibal (Iran)</i> |

¹⁸ Mint's name is misspelled in Arabic. It is written full in Pahlavi.

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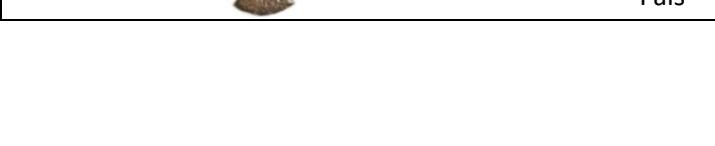
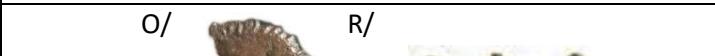
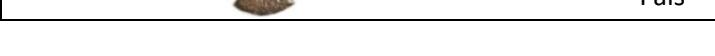
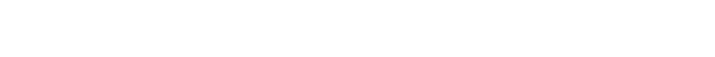
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| | مسر Misr <i>In Cairo (Egypt)</i> |
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| | نهر بوق Nahr Buq <i>Near Bagdad</i> |
| | نهر تير Nahr Tira <i>Nahr Tira (Iran)</i> |
| | ناسف Nasaf <i>Qarsu (Uzbekistan)</i> |
| | ناسفين Nasabin <i>Nusaybin (Turkey)</i> |
| | نيشاپور Naysabur <i>Nishapur (Iran)</i> |
| | قیثارة Qaythara (al-Qaysara) <i>Caesarea in Palestine</i> |
| O/ | قندرين Qinnasrin <i>Qinnasrin (Syria)</i> |
| R/ | قومیس Qumis <i>Qumis (Iran)</i> |
| | قرص Qurus <i>North of Aleppo</i> |
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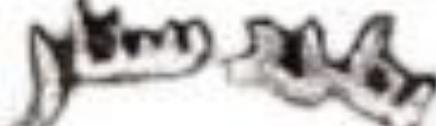
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| | رَادْهَن Radhan <i>Near Baghdad (Iran)</i> |
| | رَامْهُرْمُز Ram Hormuz / Ramhormuz <i>Ramhormoz (Iran)</i> |
| | رِيشَة Risha ¹⁹ <i>Ras al-Ayn (Syria)</i> |
| | سَابُور Sabur <i>Sabur (Iran)</i> |
| | سَفُورِيَا Saffuriya <i>Sepphoris, near Nazareth (Palestine)</i> |
| | سَرَاقِحَة Sarakhs <i>In Khurasan (Iran)</i> |
| | سَارْمِين Sarmin <i>Sarmin (Syria)</i> |
| | شَاقُ الْتَّمِيرَة Shaq al-Taimura <i>In the province of Jibal</i> |
| | سِجِستان Sijistan <i>Sistan (Afghanistan)</i> |
| | سُرْرَق Surraq <i>In Khuzistan (Iran)</i> |
| | سُوقُ الْأَهْوَز Suq al-Ahwaz <i>Ahvaz (Iran)</i> |

¹⁹ Formerly read as Ralsa.

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|  | Fals | تنوخ Tanukh <i>Region near Aleppo</i> | |
|  | Fals | توج Tawwaj <i>In Fars (Iran)</i> | |
|  | | تفليس Tiflis <i>Tbilisi (Georgia)</i> | |
| O/  | R/  | Fals | تلمسان Tilimsan <i>Tlemeen (Algeria)</i> |
|  | | سلاکر استان Tukharistan <i>Eastern Balkh District (Afghanistan)</i> | |
|  | Fals | شستار Tustar <i>Shushtar (Iran)</i> | |
|  | |  | عمان 'Uman <i>Oman</i> |
| | | وباء Waba'a ²⁰ <i>Unknown</i> | |
|  | |  | واسط Wasit <i>Wasit (Iraq)</i> |
| | Fals | | |

²⁰ Herat interpreted it as a typing error.

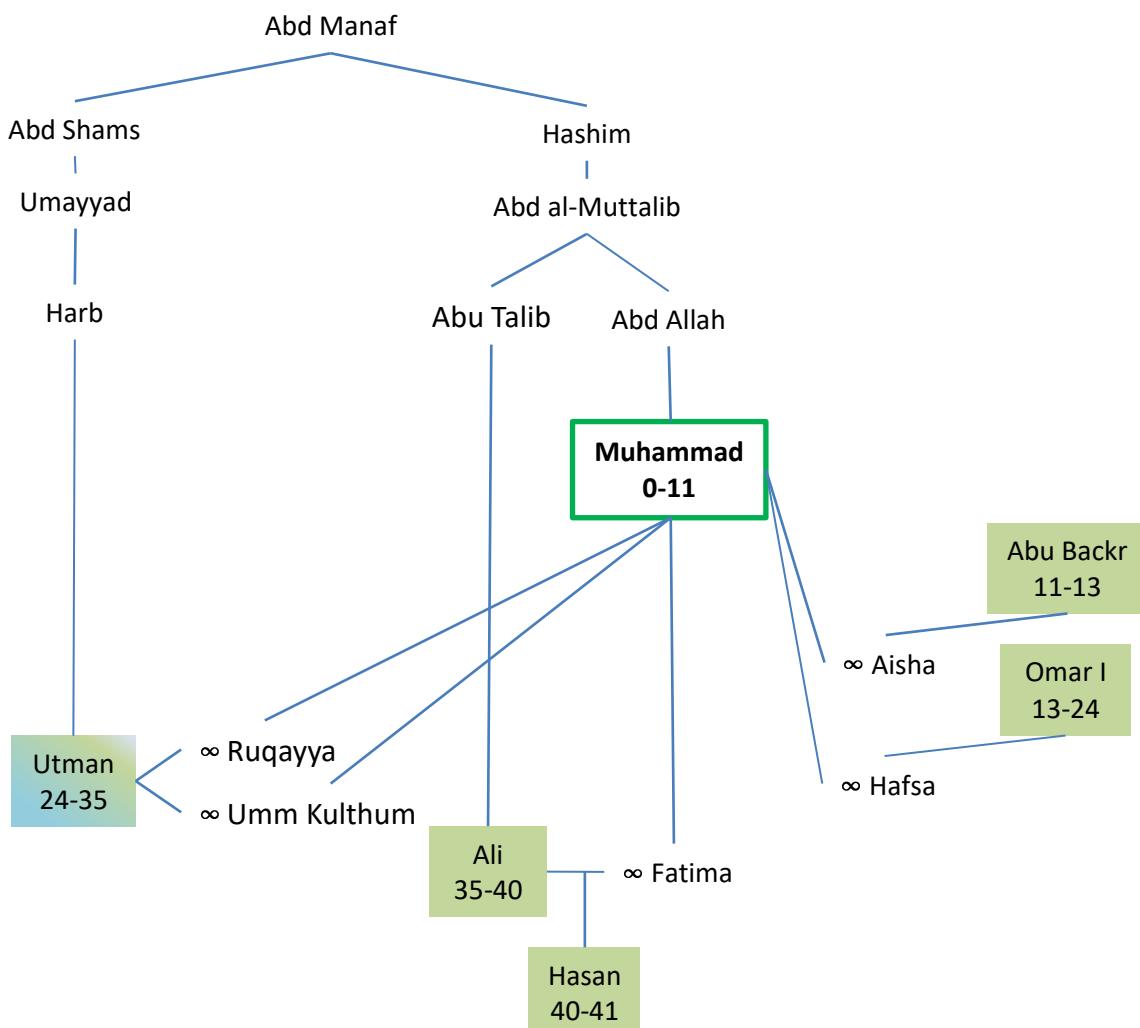
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|  Fals | يُبْنَى Yubna <i>In Palestine</i> |
|  | جَنْدِي سَابُور Yunday Sabur <i>In Kuzistan (Iran)</i> |
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|  Fals | زَرَانج Zaranj <i>Zaranj (Afghanistan)</i> |

Orthodox Caliphs

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| Abu Bakr al-Siddiq | أبو بكر الصديق | AH 11-13 632-634 AD |
| Omar I ben al-Jattab | عمر بن الخطاب | AH 13-24 634-644 AD |
| 'Utman ben 'Affan | عثمان بن عفان | AH 24-35 644-656 AD |
| Abu al-Hasan 'Ali ben Abi Talib | أبو الحسن علي بن أبي طالب | AH 35-40 656-661 AD |
| al-Hasan ben 'Ali ben Abi Talib | الحسن بن علي بن أبي طالب | AH 40-41 661 AD |

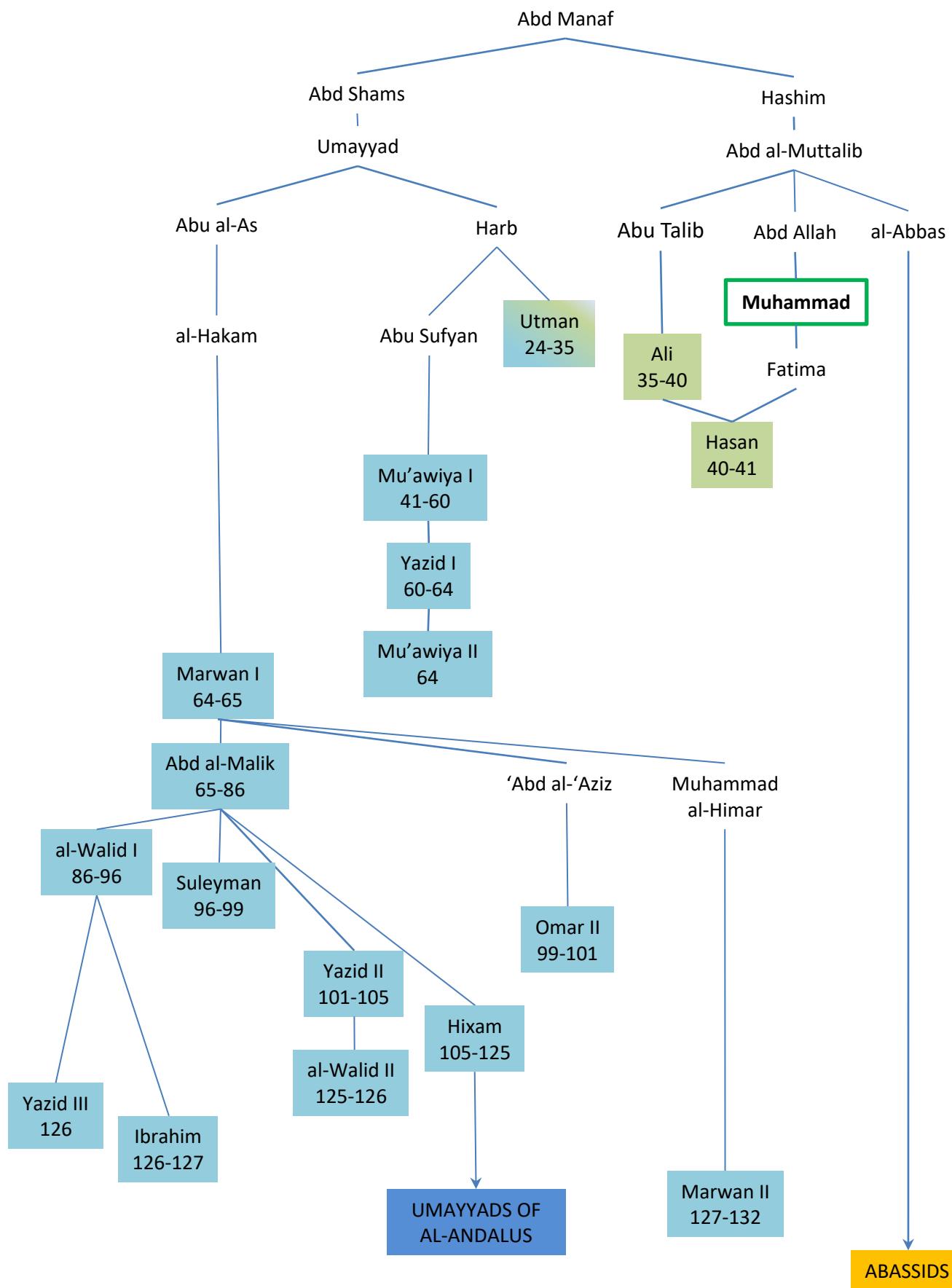
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| 'Utman ben 'Affan | عثمان بن عفان | AH 24-35 644-656 AD |
| Mu'awiya I ben Abu Sufyan | معاوية بن أبي سفيان | AH 41-60 661-680 AD |
| Yazid I ben Mu'awiya | يزيد بن معاوية | AH 60-64 680-683 AD |
| Mu'awiya II ben Yazid | معاوية بن يزيد | AH 64 683-684 AD |
| Marwan I ben al-Hakam | مروان بن الحكم | AH 64-65 684-685 AD |
| 'Abd al-Malik ben Marwan | عبد الملك بن مروان | AH 65-86 685-705 AD |
| al-Walid I ben 'Abd al-Malik | الوليد بن عبد الملك | AH 86-96 705-715 AD |
| Suleyman ben 'Abd al-Malik | سليمان بن عبد الملك | AH 96-99 714-717 AD |
| 'Umar II ben 'Abd al-'Aziz | عمر بن عبد العزيز | AH 99-101 717-720 AD |
| Yazid II ben 'Abd al-Malik | يزيد بن عبد الملك | AH 101-105 720-724 AD |
| Hisham ben 'Abd al-Malik | هشام بن عبد الملك | AH 105-125 724-743 AD |
| al-Walid II ben Yazid | الوليد بن يزيد | AH 125-126 743-744 AD |
| Yazid III ben al-Walid | يزيد بن الوليد | AH 126 744 AD |
| Ibrahim ben al-Walid | ابراهيم ابن الوليد | AH 126-127 744 AD |
| Marwan II ben Muhammad | مروان بن محمد | AH 127-132 744-750 AD |

Umayyad Caliphs Chronology



Governors Names ²¹

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| | 'Abd al-'Ala b. Ayyad <i>al-Mawsil</i> | عبد العلاء بن عياد |
| | 'Abd al-Hamid (b. 'Abd al-Rahman) <i>al-Kufa, AH 99-102</i> | عبد الحميد |
| | 'Abd Allah (al-Saffah) ²² <i>Revolution, Tawwaj, AH 132</i> | عبد الله |
| | 'Abd Allah al-Walid (I) <i>Dimasq, AH 87</i> | عبد الله الوليد |
| | 'Abd Allah b. Busayr <i>AH 95</i> | عبد الله بن بسیر |
| | 'Abd Allah b. 'Umar <i>Revolution, Zaranj, AH 128</i> | عبد الله بن عمر |
| | 'Abd Allah b. 'Umar <i>Revolution, al-Kufa, AH 126-128</i> | عبد الله بن عمر |
| | 'Abd Allah b. 'Uqba <i>Iraq or southern Iran</i> | عبد الله بن عقبة |
| O/ | 'Abd Allah b. Salih 'Abd al-Karim b. Habib <i>Khunasir</i> | عبد الله بن صالح عبد الكريم بن حبيب |
| R/ | 'Abd Allah Marwan (II) <i>Fustat</i> | عبد الله مرwon |

²¹ Except for one case, always in fals.

²² Coined by the revolutionaries in the name of the first Abassi caliph.

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| | 'Abd al-Malik <i>al-Kufa, AH 100</i> | عبد الملك |
| | 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan <i>Misr al-Fustat, al-Iskandariya and Atrib, 132 AH</i> | عبد الملك بن مروان |
| O/ | 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan (II) amir al-Mu'minin <i>al-Fustat</i> | عبد الملك بن مارون امير المؤمنين |
| | 'Abd al-Malik b. Yazid <i>Revolution, Misr, AH 133</i> | عبد الملك بن يزيد |
| | Abú Muslim ('Abd al-Rahman b. Muslim) <i>Revolution, al-Rayy, AH 131</i> | ابو مسلم |
| | Ahmad b. Harun <i>al-Masisa</i> | احمد بن هرون |
| | Ahmad b. 'Umar | احمد بن عمر |
| | al-Dahhak b. Qays <i>Revolution, al-Mawsil, circa AH 127-130</i> | الدحاء بن قيس |
| | al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf <i>Bishapur, circa AH 74-93</i> | الحجاج بن يوسف |
| | al-Hakam b. 'Awana (al-Kalbi) <i>Sind, circa AH 111-115</i> | ال Hakam بن عونه |
| | al-Hudda wa Din al-Haqq | الهدا و دين الحق |

²³ Son frecuentes los errores de escritura en muchas series de feluses en este periodo. Tal vez por falta de experiencia con la escritura árabe de los grabadores.

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| | al-Hurr b. Yusuf <i>al-Mawsil, circa AH 106-114</i> | الحر بن يوسف |
| | al-Junayd b. 'Abd al-Rahman <i>Marw, AH 112</i> | الجنيد بن عبد الرحمن |
| | al-Junayd b. ('Abd al-Rahman) | الجنيد بن ... |
| | al-Kirmani b. 'Ali ²⁴ <i>Revolution, Marw, AH 127-128</i> | الكرماني بن علي |
| | al-Qasim b. 'Ubaid Allah <i>Egypt, circa AH 116-124</i> | القاسم بن عبید الله |
| | al-Qatirán b. Akama <i>al-Mawsil, AH 127-128</i> | القطيران بن أكمة |
| | al-Walid (I) <i>Dimasq, Tabariya, AH 87</i> | الوليد |
| | al-Walid b. 'Abd Allah <i>Jurjan, AH 112</i> | الوليد بن عبد الله |
| | al-Walid b. Bukair <i>al-Mawsil, AH 121-122</i> | الوليد بن بکیر |
| | al-Walid b. Talid <i>al-Mawsil, AH 120-121</i> | الوليد بن تلیه |
| | 'Amara b. Huzaym <i>Marw, AH 116</i> | عمارة بن حزيم |

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|  | Ghalib b. Qays <i>Jurjan, AH 117</i> | غالب بن قيس |
|  | Asad b. 'Abd Allah <i>Marr, AH 116</i> | أسد بن عبد الله |
|  | Hisham b. 'Umar <i>Al-Mawsil</i> | هشام بن عمر |
|  | 'Imran b. Isma'il <i>Sijistan, AH 136</i> | عمران بن إسماعيل |
|  | Ishaq b. Muslim <i>Arminiya, AH 132</i> | إسحاق بن مسلم |
|  | Mansur b. Jumhur (al-Kalbi) <i>Zaranj, AH 126</i> | منصور بن جمھور |
|  | Mansur (b. Jumhur al-Kalbi) <i>Sind</i> | منصور |
|  | Marwan b. Bashir <i>Hims</i> | مرwon بن بشير |
|  | Marwan b. Muhammad <i>al-Bab, AH 115</i> | مرwon بن محمد |
|  | Muhammad 'Abd Allah <i>Hims</i> | محمد عبد الله |
|  | Muhammad b. ?Hamim? b. Hasan | محمد بن حميم؟ بن حسن |

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| O/  | R/  | Muhamad Yazid <i>Tawwaj</i> | محمد يزيد |
| | | Muhammad b. Yazid <i>Ifriqiya, AH 97-99</i> | محمد بن يزيد |
|  | | ؟Musa? -- Ahmad <i>al-Anbar</i> | امحمد - موسى |
|  | | Musa b. Ka'b <i>Kirman</i> | موسى بن كعب |
|  | | Nasr b. Sayyar <i>Herat, AH 120 y Balk, AH 122</i> | نصر بن سيار |
|  | | Salm b. al-Musayyib <i>Istkhār</i> | سلم بن المسيب |
|  | | Sulaymán <i>Balk, AH 100</i> | سليمان |
|  | | Sulaymán <i>Jurjan</i> | سليمان |
|  | | Sulaymán b. 'Abd Allah (al-Kindi) <i>Revolution, Sijistán</i> | سليمان بن عبد الله |
|  | | Tamim b. Zayd (al-'Utbi) <i>Sin, circa AH 109-111</i> | تميم بن زيد |
|  | | 'Udayy b. Arta <i>al-Basra, AH 100</i> | عدي بن ارطاة |
|  | | 'Uyayna (b. Musa b. Ka'b) <i>Sind</i> | عيينة |

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| | <p>Yahya b. Muhammad <i>al-Mawsil, After AH 121</i></p> | يحيى بن محمد |
| | <p>Yazid b. 'Umar <i>al-Rayy, AH 130</i></p> | يزيد بن عمر |
| | <p>Yazid b. 'Umar Habib b. Budayl <i>al-Rayy, AH 130</i></p> | يزيد بن عمر حبيب بن بديل |
| | <p>Yazid b. 'Umar Nabata b. Hanzala <i>Jurjan, AH 130</i></p> | يزيد بن عمر نبطليا بن حنظلة |
| | <p>Yusuf b. 'Umar <i>Zaranj (Sijistan), circa AH 120-126</i></p> | يوسف بن عمر |
| | <p>Zuhayr b. Abi 'Alqama <i>Revolution, al-Mawsil, b. AH 127</i></p> | زهير بن أبي علقمة |

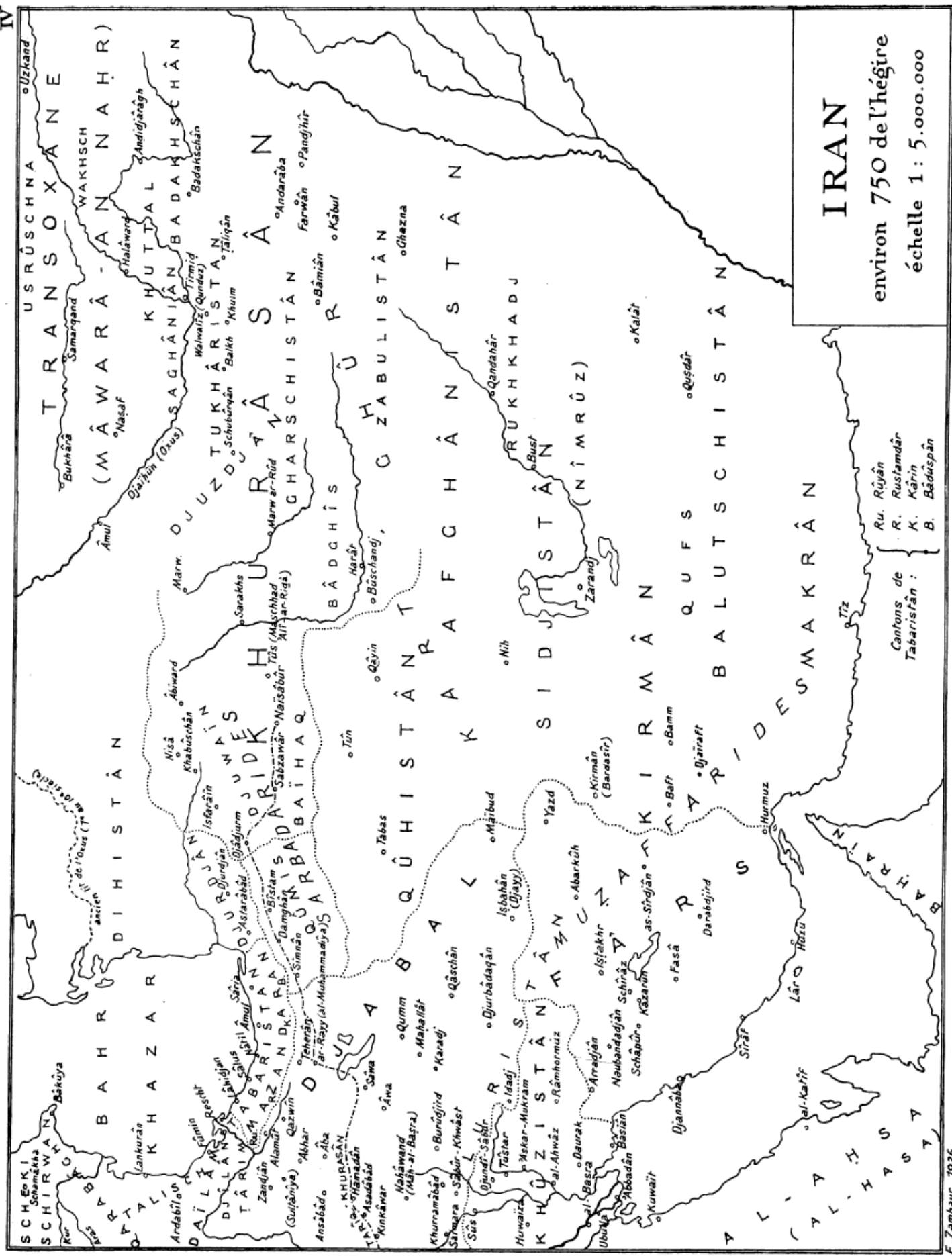
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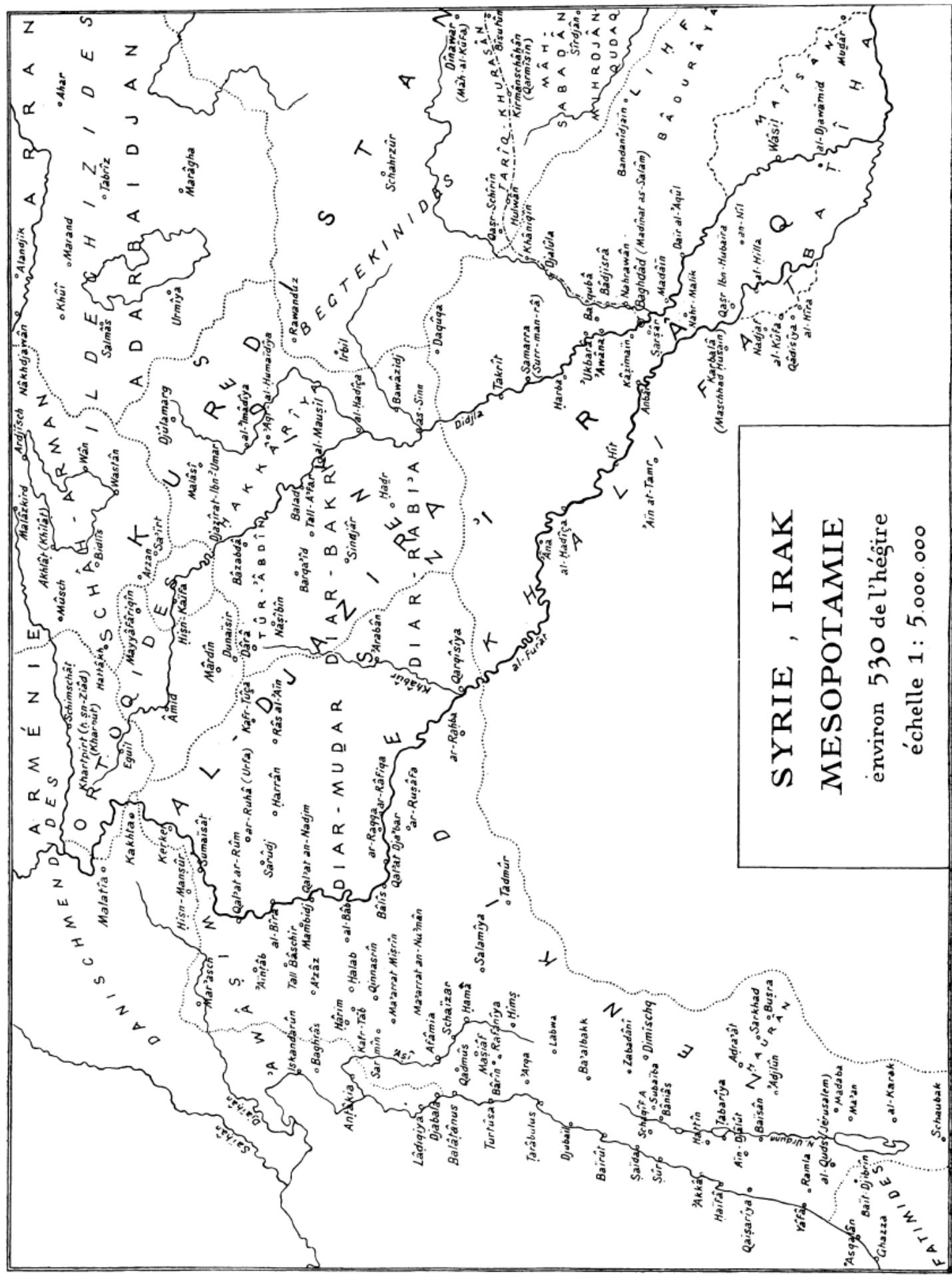
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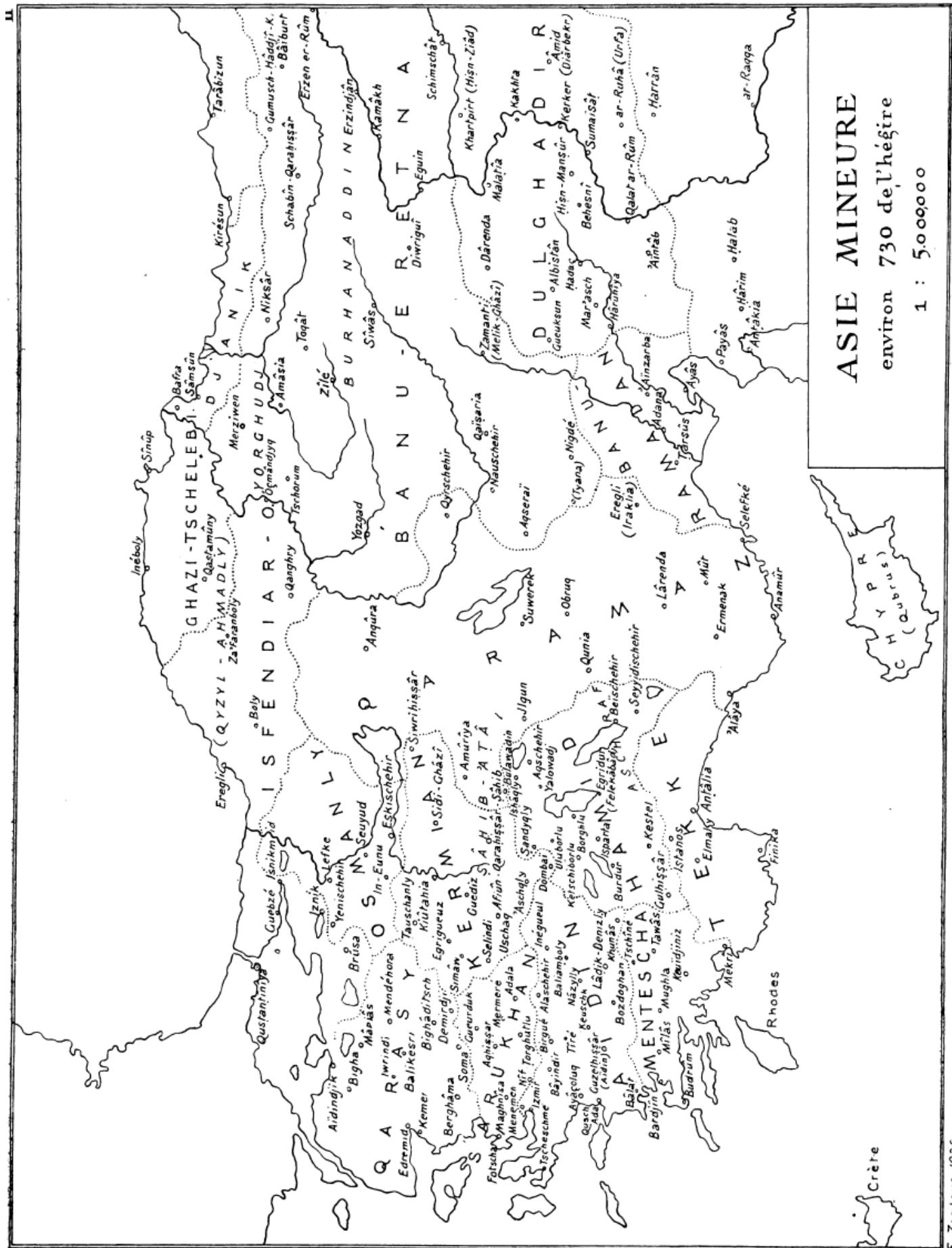
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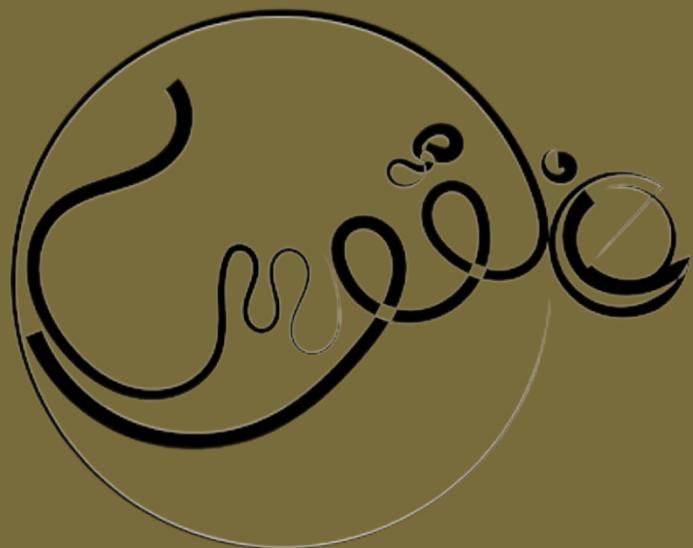
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