



History of Dammaj

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In the Name of Allâh, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. All Praise is for Allaah, we thank Him, we praise Him, and we ask Allah to bestow His Blessings on His beloved Messenger Muhammad *sallallahu `alayhi wasallam*, and his household and companions. This is a lecture from *fadheelatush* Shaykh `Abdul-Ghani Al-Omari, in which he began thanking and praising Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa* and mentioning the Khutbatul-Haajah (the sermon of necessity), and then going on and saying to us:



My dear respected brothers in faith, brothers in Islaam, and you are all living in the West, you are far away, those in which are seeking information and actual knowledge of what is taking place in the Islaamic countries abroad, the different fitan, trials and tribulations and calamities that befall the Muslim Ummah - the Muslim civilization as we speak. What is going on between them and what is taking place; the different wars, clashes, the differences, the crimes and atrocities. The ones in which aren't even recognized by most as even criminals - atrocities and crimes against humanity.

Yemen are also a part of this Islaamic civilization and what is taking place around the world. And Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa* has blessed us

in this land of Yemen with the honorable, the noble, the wise, the defender of the Sunnah, the protector of the proper creed, the one who would do away with the bi`dah – the innovation, the reviver, (and all of this is after the will of Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa*), Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee Al-Waadi`ee. He is from a town, from the village of Dammaaj. He is from the east of the city of Sa`adah in Yemen. The Shaykh *rahimahu Allaah* was raised as an orphan and his father had passed away when he was young. He stayed with his mother who used to urge him to go out and work, like the people around him – the people of his village. He used to say, “I don't want to, however I would like to seek knowledge.” And she would ask that Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa* guide him.



And we are a part of that Muslim world, we in

Shaykh Muqbil *rahimahu Allaah* grew up in the midst of the shee`ah mashaa`ikh – shee`ism – this



ideology that is overwhelmed with polytheism, heathenism, paganism, and sorcery, magic and innovation. This place, which was established as a capital of Al-Haadee Yahyaa ibnu Ma`een the mutazeed (Zaydi shee`ah) and he made Sa`adah his capital with his polytheism, heathenism and disbelief and a place of innovation. They used to call upon (what they called) “the five nobles”, meaning they called upon them other than Allaah saying, “O Muhammad,” and “O `Alee,” and call upon the rest of the household of the Messenger Muhammad

sallallaahu `alayhi wasallam. So the Shaykh, Muqbil ibn Haadee Al-Waadi`ee may Allaah have mercy upon him, began his voyage of seeking knowledge at the hands of these shee`ah. And he stayed for awhile studying with them in the school of Al-Haadee, and then he went to the sacred land in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and he started learning the proper and true `Aqeedah, the true, proper creed and sound methodology under different scholars of Islaam, the Sunnah and Salafiyyah.



Then he went to Yemen, however he found many hardships when he reached Yemen. When he left



the Islaamic University of Madeenah and he travelled to Yemen, the people there would not allow him to enter there with his books. They did not allow him to enter with his materials in which they would say that, “these are the books of the ‘Wahhaabiyyah’.” Because these books were upon the Creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa`ah. And so the Shaykh, in his words *rahimahu Allaah*, said, “I felt as if the whole world was against me, and it was me against the world, and I would say that Allaah is All-Sufficient for me and He is the best One to put my dependence upon.” And so the Shaykh, he used to say, “I used to go to Sana`a, Ta`izz, Dhamaar, Al-Hudaydah and other places in

Yemen, calling to Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa* also visiting my fellow brothers in faith.”

Because Sa`adah was a place filled with these problems and filled with hardships, and they would restrict the Shaykh *rahimahu Allaah* from doing or saying anything - making it hard upon him to spread this Deen of Islaam – this proper Deen of the Qur’aan and the Sunnah, until it reached the level such that they used to make death threats. However, the Shaykh *rahimahu Allaah* continued with teaching the Qur’aan and the Sunnah, teaching from the Tafseer of Ibn Katheer, also from the books explaining the Saheeh of the Imaams Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim, the books of At-Tirmidhee and the books of the Sunnah, the books of Ibn Khuzaymah, and the different books of `Aqeedah and Creed, of Methodology, Fiqh



(Jurisprudence), and explaining the books of Ibn `Aqeel in regards to the acquired linguistics of the Arabic language.

And from these books that the students benefitted greatly from of the noble Shaykh may Allaah have mercy upon him. And so the students began to gather from near and far from the lands of the Arabs, even from the lands of Europe, America, Africa and Australia, and the islands of Southeast Asia and other places after the recommendations were given from the different scholars of Islaam at that time, from the likes of them Shaykhs Al-Albaanee, Ibn Baaz,



and Ibn `Uthaymeen, as they would mention and accredit this noble scholar and his manhaj and his creed as he was upon the true Salafiyyah, upon the “eye” of the Salafiyyah. And so he established the Institute of hadeeth in Dammaaj: Darul-Hadeeth, and so the Sunnah was wide spread in Yemen and it became the strongest place for Da`wah in the country and maybe in the land.

And it stayed like so even after he passed away, which was about ten years ago, and it continued after him with his deputy whom he appointed, the Shaykh, our noble scholar, the `alaamah, the one who is struggling and fighting for the sake of Islaam and the Sunnah, removing the innovations and its



people, and the different misnomers and false ideologies, Shaykh Yahyaa Ibn `Alee Al-Hajooree. And so until this good spread so much, and the students of knowledge grew in abundance: they went from 6,000 to 10,000 students, until the shee`ah; the raafidhah houthis began to take heed of this and began to plot and scheme against this markaz, its students and its mashaa`ikh that are there. They became aware of its presence and they especially took notice of it after this last war that took place in which the government and the people that were in charge went to war with them. The government was against these houthis – shee`ah raafidhah.



And so with this latest chain of events that took place, the head of the houthis began to plan a scheme in which he benefitted from those who were also ...word unclear... to him, ...word unclear... the different types of artillery and whoever had political or self interests, in regards to what has taken place between the government and these so-called revolutionaries and so forth. He took advantage of what has taken place in the country with regards to the different protests, revolts, rebellion and lack of security and chaos, and so he began, from two or three years trying to do away with the students and do away with their zeal for travelling to the land of Dammaaj and studying in this markaz.



Trying to hinder their actual existence in the place by not allowing them to go through peacefully, making it hard at the check points to reach this markaz. So he began with “search and seizure” of their materials; their trucks and books, and when that was of no avail, he went and took a further step and began even searching the women; their materials and what they had – this was something that was unheard of in our land of Yemen from those who have any type of wisdom.



And the patience was still with the students – they were very patient, but then he went to a further step, taking their books and burning them. Their books would sometimes cost millions of riyals, however

they would take these books, confiscate them, burn them, throw them in the trash saying, “These are the books of the Wahhaabi’s!” trying to use that as an excuse.



He was trying to instigate the emotions of the tulaab. So, he could have an excuse to shoot them and kill them or persecute them and torture them. And they continued with their zeal; their persistence in going to this land of Dammaaaj and to this school to learn the Qur’aan and the Sunnah, and the understanding of the Salaf and righteous predecessors of this Ummah. And it got to the point where the officers at the

checkpoint would put their faces right in front of the faces of the women when they were searching the materials of the students if they were with their families; they would do so disrespectfully and out of total disrespect trying to spur any type of violence so they could have a reason to shoot and kill. All of this and the patience that the students were upon were great. Then it got to the point where they would make threats and death threats, and sometimes beat the students and sometimes they would take them to far places and interrogate them, confiscate what they have of materials and would even sometimes shave their beard and take their clothes and allow them just to walk along. They took their cars and forms of transportation. They even killed some of the students



of knowledge.



And so when he gave up in regards to all these means that he was trying to instigate and spur this quarrel with the people of Dammaaaj and the markaz and the students of knowledge, he was not able to repel the students from constantly going to seek this knowledge and being in the markaz. When all of this failed, the houthis then put this markaz under siege. They deprived it and cut off all types of circulation in regards to the food supply, basic kerosene and matters that they would need to have for their stoves and cook their food, basic

necessities and supplies, be they medical and so forth, till it got to the point where many of the people of Dammaaaj were afflicted with great harm.

How many children have passed because they would not provide them and were not allowed any type of medicine or medical attention, even the milk they did not have. The woman who would need to go to the hospital because she was giving birth and going into labor - she would maybe die and pass away - the postpartum bleeding and her husband or mahram wouldn't have anything to take her to a place where she could receive medical attention except that he would put her in a wheel barrel and push her. All of this was done and all of these people living under this atrocity and under these war crimes in front of a silent national and international basis. More than 12,000 human souls - Muslimeen upon the Sunnah - were under siege from these criminals - these shee'ah rawaafidh where they would use snipers ...words unclear... artillery. They even sniped a ten year old - he was the first to die in this cause. He was the first of the casualties – a ten-year-old boy – a student of knowledge, was shot and killed - sniped. And it got to the point where they didn't have any type of supplies left over.



They even began eating from that which they had thrown away of the food which had decayed and become spoiled - all of this at the hands of the raafidhah – the shee'ah. They continued their onslaught - their RPG fire, mortar shells and heavy artillery. They continued and twenty-five students of



knowledge were killed, and tens of others of those students of knowledge were killed. All of this in front of a national and international audience who could care less about what is taking place. And so the people of Yemem went out and began to help and aid their fellow brethren in faith from the people of Dammaaj, and the students of knowledge there in the markaz. They sent a truck filled with some supplies, however this truck was denied entry in a place called Al-Buqa` (it is outside of Dammaaj).

They lied to the people and the media, continuing their lies saying that there is nothing like that taking place and that the people are fine and so forth and so on, saying that the truck has been made available. They are trying to lie to the people! However, Shaykh Abdul-Ghani Al- Omari *hafithahu Allah* tells us, reminds us, and them that they might be able to lie to the people but they cannot lie in front of Allaah! All of this that is taking place and matters, which we did not mention, Allaah Knows what happened about them. They are not able to have even salt or oil to make their food.

This is the status of the scholars and mashaa'ikh and the students of knowledge in Dammaaj! They have killed old women and infants! This is what is now taking place! They just killed a child of 8 months old! However, we say and remind you that even if the raafidhah do this, we give glad tidings to our fellow brothers in Islaam that the people of the Sunnah and the lions of the Sunnah are coming collectively from every walks of this land. Aid and Help is coming from (other cities in Yemen). They are answering the call of Allaah Subhaanahu wa Ta'Aalaa. And with all of these revolts that are taking place in the lands of Islaam - the beneficiaries are the shee`ah! The shee`ah are the greatest beneficiaries of what is taking place in the Muslim world and as we saw now what is taking place in Egypt and Tunis where they are setting up for themselves groups and organizations and political strength and so forth, and like it is taking place here in Yemen.



And so the Shaykh, Abdul-Ghani Al-Omari *hafithahu Allah* said, “We remind ourselves and you that



we should give anything that we can for this cause. We give our lives, our wealth, and at least make du'aa for our brothers in Islaam. We give our brothers glad tidings and we shouldn't be baffled by the news which comes and which is false. It is true that our brothers in Dammaaj and in the markaz are living in very harsh conditions, however they have high morals, which shake the actual ground that we walk on. And so we give you glad tidings that the raafidhah shee`ah in Yemen also were exposed of their evil and atrocities against mankind and against humanity. They have actually exposed to themselves the reality of themselves and so

the people began to know about them and know about their reality and became more abundant in supplicating against them and asking Allaah *Subhaanahu wa Ta'Aalaa* to do away with them and their evil, especially when the fatwa came out from our beloved Shaykh Yahyaa Al-Hajooree in regards to declaring war against these evil ones and repelling this evil away from the people! He was saying this while mortar shells and tanks RPG's and bullets were flying over his head and at the markaz!”

The Shaykh *hafithahu Allah* advises us, and you to keep our du'aa for them and also giving whatever it is that we can give of our wealth or whatever it is that we are able to provide for our brothers in the

land of Dammaaj, our brothers in Islaam and the Sunnah. For the raafidhah just want to spread evil and lies and deception, trying to lie to the people saying to them that these are mere individuals who are terrorists - they spread these lies even when the United Nations envoy – Jamal ibn Omar came to Yemen and went to the houthis in Sa`adah, they lied to him – he wanted to go and see the markaz, and see the reality of how the people were living there but they lied to him saying that if you go to them they will kill you because they say that you wear pants and live in the land of the non-believers, so they will kill you if you go. However, when he went back to Sana`a it was clarified to him and he knew the reality of what these people (in Dammaaj) were upon and that they only want to spread Islaam and the Sunnah, and they had nothing to do with these false claims and this evil that was attributed to them. And so he then mentioned their case and made a case for them with the United Nations. This is where the Shaykh Al-Omari concluded and the translator ended with du`aa for us all.

