

Chronological List of Prominent Hadīth Scholars

The importance of knowing the dates of birth/death of the scholars cannot be stressed enough, for it holds a high status in Islāmic knowledge in general and in the science of Hadīth in particular. Thus, Imām ‘Alī ibn al-Madīnī mentions, “Comprehension of the meaning of Hadīth is half of knowledge and knowing the transmitters is the other half.” To illustrate this point, let us look at the following incident:

A group of Jews presented a letter from the Messenger of Allāh that supposedly absolves the inhabitants of Khaybar from paying jizyah. This letter contained the testimony of the Companions and had the signature of ‘Alī (Allāh be pleased with him). When it was brought to the head of state, he gave it to al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī to examine it. After examining it, al-Khatīb concluded that the letter was forged. When asked how he came to that conclusion, he replied, “It contains the testimony of Mu‘āwiyah (Allāh be pleased with him) who only accepted Islām during the conquest of Makkah whereas Khaybar was conquered on the seventh year of Hijrah. Further, it contains the testimony of Sa‘d ibn Mu‘ādh (Allāh be pleased with him) who passed away during the battle of Banū Qurayzah, which was two years prior to the conquest of Khaybar.”

In view of this importance, we prepared the following chart, which contains the names, dates of birth/death, and works of prominent hadith scholars, starting from the second century AH until the present century. In this chart, we have sufficed on the relatively prominent hadith scholars; as otherwise, there would be no end to the list. Wherever possible, both the dates of birth and death were mentioned. Otherwise, only the date of death was mentioned, preceded by the abbreviation, “d.” When an approximate date is mentioned, it is preceded by “c.” (circa). The abbreviation “p.” means “post.”

It should be noted that the purpose of this chart is to serve as an easy reference for those searching for the names and dates of birth/death of major hadith scholars. Those who are interested in detailed biographical entries of these scholars should refer to the relevant works, such as *Wafayāt al-A‘yān* of Ibn Khallikān, *Siyar A‘lām al-Nubalā’* of al-Dhahabī, *Tabaqāt al-Shāfi‘īyyah al-Kubrā* of Tāj al-Dīn al-Subkī, *Shadharāt al-Dhabab* of Ibn al-‘Imād, and *al-A‘lām* of al-Ziriklī etc.. To facilitate easy referencing, relevant works for further details have been cited under each entry in the Arabic chart.

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Name	Work/s	Date (AH)
SECOND CENTURY		
1. Āmir ibn Sharāhīl al-Sha‘bī	Kitāb al-Talāq	c. 19-103
2. Muhammad ibn Sīrīn	Ta‘bīr al-Ru’yā	33-110
3. Muhammad ibn Shihāb al-Zuhrī	Al-Maghāzī al-Nabawīyyah	c. 50-124
4. Abd al-Malik Ibn Jurayj	Al-Musnad li Ibn Jrayj	80-150
5. Ma‘mar ibn Rāshid	Al-Jāmi‘ li Ma‘mar ibn Rāshid	95-153
6. Shu‘bah ibn al-Hajjāj		82-160
7. Sufyān al-Thawrī	Al-Jāmi‘ li Sufyān al-Thawrī	97-161
8. Mālik ibn Anas	Al-Muwatta’	93-179
9. Abd Allāh ibn al-Mubārak	Kitāb al-Zuhd	118-181
10. Wakī‘ ibn al-Jarrāh	Kitāb al-Zuhd	129-197
11. Sufyān ibn ‘Uyaynah	Al-Jāmi‘ li Sufyān ibn ‘Uyaynah	107-198
12. Yahyā ibn Sa‘īd al-Qattān		120-198
13. Abd al-Rahmān ibn Mahdī		135-198
THIRD CENTURY		
14. Abū Dāwūd al-Tayālīsī	Musnad Abī Dāwūd al-Tayālīsī	133- 204
15. Abd al-Razzāq ibn Hammām	Musannaf Abd al-Razzāq	126-211
16. Abd Allāh ibn al-Zubayr al-Humaydī	Musnad al-Humaydī	d. 219
17. Abū ‘Ubayd al-Qāsīm ibn Sallām	Kitāb al-Amwāl/al-Gharīb al-Musannaf	157-224
18. Muhammad ibn Sa‘d	Al-Tabaqāt al-Kabīr	168-230
19. Yahyā ibn Ma‘īn	Al-Tārīkh wa al-‘Ilal	158-233
20. Alī ibn al-Madīnī	Al-‘Ilal/al-Asāmī wa al-Kunā	161-234
21. Abū Bakr ibn Abī Shaybah	Musannaf Ibn Abī Shaybah	159-235
22. Ishāq ibn Rahwayh	Musnad Ishāq ibn Rahwayh	161-238
23. Ahmad ibn Hanbal	Musnad Ahmad/Kitāb al-Zuhd	164-241
24. Abd Allāh al-Dārimī	Sunan al-Dārimī	181-255
25. Muhammad ibn Ismā‘īl al-Bukhārī	Al-Jāmi‘ al-Musnad al-Sahīh	194-256

26. Muhammad ibn Yahyā al-Dhuhlī	Al-Zuhriyyāt	172-258
27. Muslim ibn al-Hajjāj	Al-Musnad al-Sahīh/Kitāb al-Tamyīz	204-261
28. Abū Zur‘ah al-Rāzī	Asmā’ al-Du‘afā’	200-264
29. Abū ‘Abd Allāh Muhammad Ibn Mājah	Sunan Ibn Mājah	209-273
30. Abū Dāwūd Sulaymān ibn al-Ash‘ath	Sunan Abī Dāwūd/al-Marāsīl	202-275
31. Baqī ibn Makhlad al-Andalusī	Musnad Baqī ibn Makhlad	201-276
32. Abū Hātim al-Razī	Tabaqāt al-Tābi‘īn	195-277
33. Abū ‘Īsā al-Tirmidhī	Al-Jāmi‘ al-Kabīr/al-Shamā’il	209-279
34. Abū Bakr al-Bazzār	Al-Bahr al-Zakhkhār	210-292
FOURTH CENTURY		
35. Ahmad ibn Shu‘ayb al-Nasa’ī	Al-Mujtabā/al-Sunan al-Kubrā	215-303
36. Abū Ya‘lā al-Mawsilī	Musnad Abī Ya‘lā	210-307
37. Abū Bishr al-Dūlābī	Al-Asmā’ wa al-Kunā	224-310
38. Abū Ja‘far Ibn Jarīr al-Tabarī	Tahdhīb al-Āthār wa al-Sunan	224-310
39. Abū Bakr Ibn Khuzaymah	Sahīh Ibn Khuzaymah	223-311
40. Abū ‘Awānah al-Isfarā’īnī	Mustakhraj Abī ‘Awānah	p. 230-316
41. Abū Ja‘far Ahmad al-Tahāwī	Sharh Ma‘ānī al-Āthār	239-321
42. Muhammad ibn ‘Amr al-‘Uqaylī	A-Du‘afā’ wa al-Matrūkūn	d. 322
43. Abd al-Rahmān ibn Abī Hātim al-Rāzī	Al-Jarh wa al-Ta‘dīl/‘Ilal al-Hadīth	240-327
44. Abū ‘Alī Ibn al-Sakan	Al-Sahīh al-Muntaqā	294-353
45. Abū Hātim Ibn Hibbān al-Bustī	Al-Taqāsīm wa al-Anwā’/al-Thiqāt	270-354
46. Abu al-Qāsim Sulaymān al-Tabarānī	Al-Mu‘jam al-Kabīr/al-Awsat/al-Saghīr	260-360
47. Abū Bakr al-Ājurrī	Al-Sharī‘ah fī al-Sunnah	280-360
48. Hasan ibn ‘Abd al-Rahmān al-Rāmahurmuzī	Al-Muhaddīth al-Fāsīl	c. 265-360
49. Abū Ahmad Ibn ‘Adī	Al-Kāmil fī Ma‘rifat al-Du‘afā’	277-365
50. Abū al-Shaykh Ibn Hayyān	Kitāb al-‘Azamah/Kitāb al-Sunnah	274-369

51. Abū Bakr al-Ismā'īlī	Al-Mustakhraj 'alā Sahīh al-Bukhārī	277-371
52. Abū Ahmad al-Hākīm al-Kabīr	Al-'Ilal/al-Asmā' wa al-Kunā	285-378
53. Abū Hafs Ibn Shāhīn	Al-Targhīb fī Fadā'il al-A'māl	297-385
54. Abū al-Hasan al-Dāraqutnī	Sunan al-Dāraqutnī/Kitāb al-'Ilal	305-385
55. Abū 'Abd Allāh Ibn Mandah	Tasmiyat al-Mashāyikh	310-395
FIFTH CENTURY		
56. Abū Mas'ūd al-Dimashqī	Atrāf al-Sahīhayn/al-Ajwibah	d. 401
57. Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Hākīm al-Naysābūrī	Al-Mustadrak 'alā al-Sahīhayn	321-405
58. Abū Bakr al-Barqānī	Su'ālāt al-Barqānī	336-425
59. Abū Nu'aym al-Asfahānī	Hilyat al-Awliyā'/Dalā'il al-Nubuwwah	336-430
60. Abū Muhammad Ibn Hazm	Al-Muhallā/Marātib al-Ijmā'	384-456
61. Abū Bakr Ahmad al-Bayhaqī	Al-Sunan al-Kubrā/Shu'ab al-Īmān	384-458
62. Abū 'Umar Ibn 'Abd al-Barr	Al-Tamhīd/al-Istidhkār	368-463
63. Abū Bakr al-Khatīb al-Baghdādī	Tārīkh Baghdād/al-Kifāyah	392-463
64. Abū al-Walīd al-Bājī	Al-Istifā'/Ihkām al-Fusūl	403-474
65. Abū Nasr Ibn Mākūlā	Al-Ikmāl fī Raf' al-Irtiyāb	421- c. 475
66. Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Humaydī	Al-Jam' bayn al-Sahīhayn	420-488
SIXTH CENTURY		
67. Abu al-Fadl al-Maqdisī	Shurūt al-A'imma al-Sittah	448-507
68. Abū Shujā' Shīrawayh al-Daylamī	Firdaws al-Akhbār bī Ma'thūr al-Khitāb	445-509
69. Al-Husayn ibn Mas'ūd al-Baghawī	Sharh al-Sunnah/Masābīh al-Sunnah	c. 436-516
70. Abū Bakr Ibn al-'Arabī	'Āridat al-Ahwadhī/Ahkām al-Qur'ān	468-543
71. Al-Qādī 'Iyād ibn Mūsā	Al-Ilmā'/Ikmāl al-Mu'lim	476-544
72. Abū Manūr Shihradār al-Daylamī	Musnad al-Firdaws	483-558
73. Abū S'ad 'Abd al-Karīm al-Sam'ānī	Al-Ansāb	506-562
74. Abū al-Qāsim Ibn 'Asākir	Tārīkh Dimashq	499-571

75. Abū Tāhir Ahmad al-Silafī	Mu‘jam Mashyakhat Asbahān	472-576
76. Abd al-Haqq al-Ishbīlī	Al-Jam‘ bayn al-Sahīhayn	510-581
77. Abū Bakr al-Hāzimī	Al-I‘tibār fī al-Nāsikh wa al-Mansūkh	548-584
78. Abū al-Faraj Ibn al-Jawzī	A-Mawdū‘āt/al-‘Ilal al-Mutanāhiyah	510-597

SEVENTH CENTURY

79. Abd al-Ghanī al-Maqdisī	Al-Kamāl fī Asmā’ al-Rijāl	541-600
80. Majd al-Dīn Ibn al-Athir	Jāmi‘ al-Usūl/al-Nihāyah	544-606
81. Abū al-Hasan Ibn al-Qattān	Bayān al-Waham wa al-Īhām	562-628
82. Abū Bakr Ibn Nuqtah	Al-Taqyīd/Dhayl al-Ikmāl	579-629
83. Izz al-Dīn Ibn al-Athīr	Usd al-Ghābah/al-Kāmil fī al-Tārīkh	555-630
84. Diyā’ al-Dīn al-Maqdisī	Al-Mukhtārah/Fadā’il al-A‘māl	569-643
85. Abū ‘Amr ‘Uthmān Ibn al-Salāh	‘Ulūm al-Hadīth	577-643
86. Abū al-‘Abbās al-Qurtubī	Al-Mufhim	578-656
87. Abd al-‘Azīm al-Mundhirī	Al-Tarḡīb wa al-Tarhīb	581-656
88. Abū Shāmah al-Maqdisī	Khutbat al-Kitāb al-Mu’ammal	599-665
89. Abū Zakariyyā al-Nawawī	Riyād al-Sālihīn/al-Adhkār	631-676
90. Nāsir al-Dīn Ibn al-Munayyir	Al-Mutawārī ‘alā Tarājim al-Bukhārī	620-683
91. Zayn al-Dīn Ibn al-Munayyir	Sharh al-Jāmi‘ al-Sāhīh lī al-Bukhārī	629-695

EIGHTH CENTURY

92. Abu al-Fath Ibn Daqīq al-‘Īd	Sharh al-Ilmām/Ihkām al-Ahkām	625-702
93. Badr al-Dīn Ibn Jamā‘ah	Al-Manhal al-Rawī	639-733
94. Abū al-Fath Ibn Sayyid al-Nās	Al-Nafh al-Shadhī/‘Uyūn al-Athar	671-734
95. Abū al-Hajjāj al-Mizzī	Tuhfat al-Ashrāh/Tahdhīb al-Kamāl	654-742
96. Sharaf al-Dīn al-Tībī	Al-Kāshif ‘an Haqā’iq al-Sunan	d. 743
97. Abū ‘Abd Allāh Ibn ‘Abd al-Hādī	Tanqīh al-Tahqīq/Fadā’il al-Shām	705-744
98. Shams al-Dīn al-Dhahabī	Mīzān al-‘Itidāl/Tadhkirat al-Huffāz	673-748

99.Ālā' al-Dīn Ibn al-Turkumānī	Al-Jawhar al-Naqī/Bahjat al-Arīb	683-750
100.Taqī al-Dīn al-Subkī	Shifā' al-Siqām/al-Sayf al-Saqīl	683-756
101.Abū Sa'id al-'Alā'ī	Jāmi' al-Tahsīl	694-761
102.Jamāl al-Dīn 'Abd Allāh al-Zayla'ī	Nasb al-Rāyah/al-Is'āf	c. 720-762
103.Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Mughlatāi	Ikmāl Tahdīb al-Kamāl	689-762
104.Salāh al-Dīn al-Safadī	Al-Wāfi bī al-Wafayāt	696-764
105.Tāj al-Dīn al-Subkī	Tabaqāt al-Shāfi'iyyah al-Kubrā	727-771
106.Imād al-Dīn Ibn Kathīr	Jāmi' al-Masānid wa al-Sunan	700-774
107.Badr al-Dīn al-Zarkashī	Al-Nukat 'alā Kitāb Ibn Salāh	745-794
108.Zayn al-Dīn Ibn Rajab al-Hanbalī	Jāmi' al-'Ulūm wa al-Hikam	736-795
NINTH CENTURY		
109.Sirāj al-Dīn Ibn al-Mulaqqin	Al-Badr al-Munīr	723-804
110.Sirāj al-Dīn al-Bulqīnī	Mahāsin al-Istilāh	724-805
111.Zayn al-Dīn al-'Irāqī	Al-Tabsirah wa al-Tadhkirah	725-806
112.Nūr al-Dīn al-Haythamī	Majma' al-Zawā'id	735-807
113.Abū Zur'ah al-'Irāqī	Tarh al-Tathrīb	762-826
114.Muhammad ibn Khilfah al-Ubbī	Ikmāl Ikmāl al-Mu'lim	d. 827
115.Shihāb al-Dīn al-Būsīrī	Ithāf al-Khiyarah al-Maharah	762-840
116.Muhammad Ibn al-Wazīr al-Yamānī	Al-'Awāsīm wa al-Qawāsīm	775-840
117.Ibrāhīm Sibṭ Ibn al-'Ajamī	Al-Tabīn/Ball al-Himyān	753-841
118.Muhammd Ibn Nāsir al-Dīn al-Dimashqī	Jāmi' al-Āthār/Ithāf al-Sālik	777-842
119.Abu al-Fadl Ibn Hajar	Fath al-Bārī/Nuzhat al-Nazar	773-852
120.Badr al-Dīn al-'Aynī	'Umdat al-Qārī/Nukhab al-Afkār	762-855
121.Abū al-Fadl Ibn Fahd	Lahz al-Alhāz/Nihāyat al-Taqrīb	787-871
122.Taqī al-Dīn al-Shumunni	Al-'Ālī al-Rutbah	801-872
123.Qāsīm ibn Qutlūbughā	Munyat al-Alma'ī/Tāj al-Tarājim	802-879

124. Abū al-Hasan al-Biqā'ī	Al-Nukat al-Wafiyyah	809-885
TENTH CENTURY		
125. Shams al-Dīn al-Sakhāwī	Fath al-Mughīth/al-Daw' al-Lāmi'	831-902
126. Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūti	Tadrīb al-Rāwī/al-Bahr alladhī Zakhar	849-911
127. Shihāb al-Dīn al-Qastallānī	Irshād al-Sārī/al-Mawāhib al-Ladunniyyah	851-923
128. Abū Yahyā Zakariyyā al-Ansārī	Fath al-Bāqī/Fath al-'Allām	c. 823-926
129. Shams al-Dīn Muḥammad al-Sālihī	Subul al-Hudā wa al-Rashād	d. 942
130. Muḥammad Ibn Tūlūn al-Dimashqī	Dhakhā'ir al-Qasr	880-953
131. Nūr al-Dīn Ibn 'Arrāq al-Kinānī	Tanzīh al-Sharī'ah al-Marfū'ah	907-963
132. Radī al-Dīn Ibn al-Hanbalī	Al-Far' al-Athīth/Qafw al-Athar	908-971
133. Abū al-'Abbās Ibn Hajar al-Haytamī	Al-Fatāwā al-Hadīthiyyah	909-973
134. Alā' al-Dīn Ali al-Muttaqī al-Hindī	Kanz al-'Ummāl	888-975
135. Jamāl al-Dīn Muḥammad Tāhir al-Fattanī	Majma' Bihār al-Anwār	913-986
136. Qutb al-Dīn al-Nahrawālī	Al-Jam' bayn al-Kutub al-Sittah	917-990
ELEVENTH CENTURY		
137. Mullā Alī al-Qārī	Mirqāt al-Mafātīh/al-Masnū'	c. 930-1014
138. Abd al-Ra'ūf al-Munāwī	Fayd al-Qadīr/al-Ithāfāt al-Saniyyah	952-1031
139. Burhān al-Dīn al-Laḡānī	Qadā' al-Watar/Bahjat al-Mahāfil	c. 970-1041
140. Abd al-Haq al-Dihlawī	Muqaddimah fī Mustalah al-Hadīth	959-1052
141. Umar al-Bayqūnī	Al-Manzūmah al-Bayqūniyyah	d.1080
TWELVTH CENTURY		
142. Ibrāhīm ibn Hasan al-Kūrānī	Al-Amam li Īqāz al-Himam	1025-1101
143. Muḥammad ibn Abd al-Bāqī al-Zurqānī	Talkhīs al-Maqāsid al-Hasanah	1055-1122
144. Abd Allāh ibn Sālim al-Basrī	Diya' al-Sārī/al-Imdād fī 'Uluw al-Isnād	1049-1134
145. Abu al-Hasan al-Sindhī	Al-Hāwāshī 'alā al-Usūl al-Sittah	d. 1139
146. Abū al-Fidā' al-'Ajlūnī	Kashf al-Khafā' wa Muzīl al-Iltibās	1087-1162

147. Abd Allāh al-Amāsī	Najāh al-Qārī/‘Ināyat al-Mun‘im	1085-1167
148. Muhammad Hāshīm al-Tatawī	Fākihat al-Bustān/Ithāf al-Akābir	1104-1174
149. Muhammad Ibn Himmāt al-Dimashqī	Al-Tankīt wa al-Ifādah	1091-1175
150. Muhammad Sa‘īd Sunbul	Al-Awā’il al-Sunbuliyyah	c. 1100-1175
151. Shāh Walī Allāh al-Dihlawī	Hujjat Allāh al-Bālighah/Izālat al-Khafā’	1110-1176
152. Izz al-Dīn al-Amīr al-San‘ānī	Tawdīh al-Afkār/Thamarāt al-Nazar	1099-1182
THIRTEENTH CENTURY		
153. Murtadā Zabidi	Ithāf al-Sādat al-Muttaqīn	1145-1205
154. Abd al-‘Azīz al-Farīhārī	Kawthar al-Nabī/al-Nibrās	1209-1239
155. Abd al-Azīz al-Dihlawī	Al-‘Ujālah al-Nāfi‘ah	1159-1239
156. Muhammad al-Shawkānī	Nayl al-Awtār/al-Badr al-Tāli‘	1173-1250
157. Muhammad ‘Ābid al-Sindī	Al-Mawāhib al-Latīfah	1190-1257
158. Ahmad ‘Alī al-Sahāranfūrī	Ta‘līqāt ‘alā Sahīh al-Bukhārī	d. 1297
FOURTEENTH CENTURY		
159. Abd al-Hayy al-Laknawī	Al-Raf‘ wa al-Takmīl	1264-1304
160. Muhammad al-Sanbhalī	Tansīq al-Nizām	1263-1305
161. Zahīr Ahsan al-Nīmawī	Āthār al-Sunan	1278-1322
162. Tāhir ibn Sālih al-Jazā’irī	Tawjīh al-Nazar	1268-1338
163. Muhammad ibn Ja‘far al-Kattānī	Al-Risālah al-Mustatrafah	1274-1345
164. Khalil Ahmad al-Sahāranfūrī	Badhl al-Majhūd	1269-1346
165. Anwar Shāh al-Kashmīrī	Fayd al-Bārī/al-‘Arf al-Shadhī	1292-1352
166. Abd al-Rahmān al-Mubārakfūrī	Tuhfat al-Ahwadhī/Tahqīq al-Kalām	1283-1353
167. Abd al-‘Azīz al-Punjābī	Bughyat al-Alma‘ī	1303-1359
168. Shabbīr Ahmad al-‘Uthmānī	Fath al-Mulhim/al-Fawā’id al-Tafsīriyyah	1305-1369
169. Muhmmad Zāhid al-Kawtharī	Al-Nukat al-Tarīfah/Ta’nīb al-Khatīb	1296-1371
170. Ahmad Muhammad Shākīr	‘Umdat al-Tafsīr/Abhāth fī Ahkām	1309-1377

171.Ahmad ibn al-Siddīq al-Ghumārī	Fath al-Wahhāb/al-Mudāwī	1320-1380
172.Abd al-Hayy al-Kattānī	Fihris al-Fahāris/al-Rahmah al-Mursalalah	1302-1382
173.Badr-e ‘Ālam al-Mirathi	Al-Badr al-Sārī/Tarjumān al-Sunnah	1316-1385
174.Abd al-Rahmān al-Mu‘allimī	Al-Anwār al-Kāshifah/al-Tankīl	1313-1386
175.Zafar Ahmad al-‘Uthmānī	I‘lā’ al-Sunan/Imdād al-Ahkām	1310-1394
176.Idrīs al-Kāndhlawī	Al-Ta‘līq al-Sabīh/Minhat al-Mughīth	1317-1394
177.Mahdī Hasan al-Jīlānī	Al-Sayf al-Mujallā/Qalā’id al-Azhār	1300-1396
178.Yūsuf al-Bannūrī	Ma‘ārif al-Sunan/Nafhat al-‘Anbar	1326-1397

FIFTEENTH CENTURY

179.Zakariyyā al-Kandhlawī	Awjaz al-Masālik/al-Abwāb wa al-Tarājim	1315-1402
180.Yāsīn al-Fādānī	Tashnīf al-Asmā’/Nihāyat al-Matlab	1335-1410
181.Habīb al-Rahmān al-A‘zamī	Nusrat al-Hadīth/Tahqīq Ahl-e Hadīth	1319-1412
182.Abd al-Fattāh Abū Ghuddah	Safahāt min Sabr al-‘Ulamā’/Qīmat al-Zaman	1336-1417
183.Ahmad Radā’ al-Bijnorī	Anwār al-Bārī	1324-1418
184.Abd al-Rashid Nu‘mānī	Al-Imām Ibn Mājah wa Kitābuhu al-Sunan	1333-1420
185.Abd Allāh Sirāj al-Dīn	Sharh al-Manzūmah al-Bayqūniyyah	1342-1422