

Table 4.5 – *The Zaydī Interpretive Frameworks for Yahyā b. ‘Abd Allāh*

Narrative element	al-Rāzī	al-Isbahānī	al-Nāṭiq	‘Alī b. Bīlāl
Yahyā’s Rebellion				
Kūfan opposition		Personal		
Rebellion organization ^a	Activist	Activist	Activist	Activist
Betrayal by local notables ^a	Activist/lineage			Activist/lineage
<i>Amān</i> stipulations ^a	Activist	n/a	n/a	Activist
Return to Baghdad ^a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Activist
al-Rashīd’s Turn				
Medinan activities	Personal	Activist	Activist	Personal
Zubayrid encounter ^a	Lineage	Lineage	Lineage	
Companion naming ^a	Activist	Activist (personal)	Personal	
Lineage comparison		Lineage		Lineage
<i>Amān</i> break ^a	Activist	Activist	Activist	Activist

Narrative element	al-Rāzī	al-Isbahānī	al-Nāṭiq	‘Alī b. Bilāl
Prison Life and Death				
Barmakids’ fall [±]	Personal	Activist (personal)	Personal	
Cooked food	Activist			Personal
White patch			Personal	Personal
Death by starvation	Lineage			
Death by starvation, told on boat	Lineage			
Survival thanks to gravediggers	Lineage			
Slow starvation		Personal (sympathy)		
Starvation and poisoning			Personal (sympathy)	
Buried alive (column)				Personal (sympathy)
Buried alive (torture chamber)				Personal (sympathy)
Dominant Interpretive Framework				
	Activist/lineage	Activist	Personal	Personal

[±] Narrative elements found also in the Sunni sources.