

Table 3.3 – *The Non-Twelve Narrative Elements and Interpretive Frameworks*

	al-Tabarī (d. 301/922)	al-Iḥḥānī (d. 356/967)	al-Khaṭīb (d. 463/1071)	Ibn al-Jawzī (d. 591/1201)	Ibn al-Athīr (d. 630/1233)	Ibn Khallikān (d. 681/1282)
Introductory Descriptions						
'Abd Sālḥ/piercy (E)			X			X (al-Khaṭīb)
Proverbial generosity (E)		X	X			X (al-Khaṭīb)
Kindness to enemies (E)		X	X	X		X (al-Khaṭīb)
Life as a Free Man						
Descendant of 'Umar (E)		X	X			
Debt collector (E)			X			
Cucumber farmer/focusus (E)			X			
Freed slave (E)			X	X		
Release from Prison						
al-Mahdī and Q47:22 (K)	X (no dream)		X (dream)	X (dream)	X (no dream)	X (dream/al-Khaṭīb)
<i>Ḥaṭaṣhī</i> dream (E)						X
Final Imprisonment and Death						
Prophet's grave (K)			X	X	X	X (al-Khaṭīb)
Caliph and mule (E)		X				
al-Sindī's sister (E)			X		X	
Prison letter (E)			X	X	X	
Short death accounts	X (no poison)		X (prison, no poison)	X (prison, no poison)	X (prison, no poison)	X (prison, maybe poison)
Barmakid plot (CP)		X				
Interpretive Framework	Kinship	Court politics/ Exemplar	Exemplar/ Kinship	Kinship/Exemplar	Kinship/Exemplar	Kinship/Exemplar

Historical chronicles are highlighted in dark gray, biographies and prosopographies in light gray. The narratives are categorized as pertaining to the frameworks of exemplariness (E), kinship (K), and court politics (CP).