

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE COMPASSIONATE
THE MERCIFUL

Has Ibn Abbass double-crossed Imam Hassan
(peace be upon him)?

THE DIFFERENT GROUP

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THE ELABORATION OF THE QUESTION

In the time of the war between Imam Hasan (peace be upon him) and Moavia; was Ibn Abbass the commander of the army or one of the commander of the army of Imam Hasan (peace be upon him)? And has Ibn Abbass handed his army to Moavia in order to save the life of his own sons? (it means that what has been shown in the serial of Imam Hassan (the loneliest fighter) is true or not?)

Thank you

RESPONSE

Abbass the uncle of the holy prophet of GOD (peace and bless of GOD be upon him and his progeny) has some sons. Ibn Abbass called as Abd Allah Ibn Abbass is the most well-known son of Abbass who has quoted various narration from the holy prophet of GOD and the commander of the faithful (peace be upon him)

But the son of Abbass who was appointed as the commander of the army of Imam Hasan (peace be upon him) was Obayd Allah Ibn Abbas

And also it has to be mentioned that his two sons were martyred by Bosr Ibn Artat one of the commanders of Moavia in the age of the commander of the faithful (peace be upon him) and it was not due to his sons who have been taken hostage by Moavia he intended to leave the commandership of Imam Hasan (peace be upon him) army and has betrayed His Holiness

أخبرني أبو الحسن علي بن محمد الكاتب قال : أخبرنا الحسن بن عبد الكريم الزعفراني قال : حدثنا أبو إسحاق إبراهيم بن محمد الثقفي قال : حدثنا جعفر بن محمد الوراق قال : حدثنا عبد الله بن الأزرق الشيباني قال : حدثنا أبو الجحاف ، عن معاوية بن ثعلبة قال : لما استوثق الأمر لمعاوية بن أبي سفيان أنفذ بسر بن أرطاة إلى الحجاز في طلب شيعة أمير المؤمنين علي بن أبي طالب عليه السلام ، وكان على مكة عبيد الله بن العباس بن عبد المطلب ، فطلبه فلم يقدر عليه ، فأخبر أن له ولدين صبيين ، فبحث عنهما فوجدتهما وأخذهما فأخرجهما من الموضع الذي كانا فيه ... فأمر بذبحهما ، وبلغ أمهما الخبر ، فكادت نفسها تخرج ... قال : ثم اجتمع عبيد الله بن العباس من بعد وبسر بن أرطاة عند معاوية ، فقال معاوية لعبيد الله : أتعرف هذا الشيخ قاتل الصبيين ؟ فقال بسر : نعم ، أنا قاتلتهما فمه ؟ فقال عبيد الله : لو أن لي سيفاً ! قال بسر : فهك سيفي وأوماً بيده إلى سيفه فزبره معاوية وانتهره وقال : أف لك من شيخ ، ما أحمرقك ! تعمد إلى رجل قد قتلت ابنيه ، تعطيه سيفك ؟ كأنك لا تعرف أكباد بني هاشم ! والله لو دفعته إليه لبدأ بك وثنى بي . فقال عبيد الله : بل والله كنت أبدأ بك ثم أثني به .

-Amali Sheikh Mofid, p 306, No 4

When the power of Moavia has extended he sent Bosr Ibn Artat to Hejaz in order to kill the Shiites of the commander of the faithful and Obayd Allah Ibn Abbas was the representative of His Holiness in Mecca and he came after Aobayd Allah but he could not find him then he was informed that Obayd Allah has two little sons and he sent someone to find them and took them out of their own hidden place and then he ordered to cut off their heads and when their mother heard what has happened to them she was about to die and after a while Obayd Allah met Bosr in the presence of Moavia then Moavia turned to Obayd Allah and said to Bosr that; do you know this old man O you have killed those two sons? He said; Yes, I have killed them, Big deal. Obayd Allah said that; you would realized if I have had a sword and Bosr said; come and take this sword while he was pointing with his own finger to a sword but Moavia stopped him and prevented to do that and said that; woe to you O the old man, you want to

give sword to whom you have killed his sons? As if you do not know the brave hearted men of Bani Hashem I swear to GOD if you give that sword to him then he will kill you first and then he will kill me next and Obayd Allah said; No, at first I will kill you and then I will go after him

But according to some of the weak narrations he has betrayed Imam Hasan (peace be upon him) and has joined to the army of Moavia as a result of taking one million Drachma

And this point has been quoted in the below books

ثم إن معاوية لما أقبل على الحسن بن علي عليهما السلام وصالحه عبيد الله بن العباس بمسكن ودخل في طاعة معاوية فأكرمه معاوية وأدناه وأوفى له بصلحه وما ضمن له من المال

-Al-Gharat Sofi ,v 2 p 644, Bahman Edition, p 662

When Moavia confronted to Hasan Ibn Ali and made peace with Obayd Allah Ibn Abbas in Maskan and he accepted to obey Moavia then Moavia paid tribute him and held him among his own near companions and implemented the peace contract pertaining to him and granted him what has been promised to him

فلما كان الليل أرسل معاوية إلى عبيد الله بن عباس أن الحسن قد راسلني في الصلح ، وهو مسلم الامر إلى ، فإن دخلت في طاعتي الان كنت متبوعا ، وإلا دخلت وأنت تابع ، ولك إن أحببني الان أن أعطيك ألف ألف درهم ، أعجل لك في هذا الوقت نصفها ، وإذا دخلت الكوفة النصف الآخر ، فانسل عبيد الله إليه ليلا ، فدخل عسكر معاوية ، فوفى له بما وعده ، وأصبح الناس ينتظرون عبيد الله أن يخرج فيصلى بهم ، فلم يخرج حتى أصبحوا ، فطلبوه فلم يجدوه

-Sharh Nahjol Al-Balaghe Ibn Abi Al-Hadid ,v 16, p 42, Edition Dar Ahya Al-Kotob Al-Arabi

And when night came then Moavia sent a man to Obayd Allah Ibn Abbas and said to him that Hasan Ibn Ali was writing letters to me to make peace and he handed this job over to me and if you now accept my leadership then you will be a close man to me even closer than Hasan Ibn Ali unless he will take your place and if you now accept my order then I will give you

one million Drachma and now I am going to send you its half and I will give you the next half when I arrived at Kufeh and in the midnight Obayd Allah left the army and went to the camp of Moavia and Moavia granted to him what he has promised to. And at dawn the army was waiting to the arrival of Obayd Allah Ibn Abbas to pray with them but he did not come out until the sunrise then they were looking for him but they did not find him

It is worth-mentioning that according to the remarks of some of the historians this narration not only is weak due to its proof but also has concept problem as well and they are going to accuse the commander of the faithful (peace be upon him) and Imam Hasan's companions, commanders and governors of being weak and careless pertaining to the religious orders

You can refer to the book of Solh Al-Hasan by the late Sharaf Al-Din pertaining to this issue

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