

## **The Story of Joshua ben Nun according to al-Maqrīzī (d. 845/1442)**

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One of the major works of the famous Egyptian historian Taqī al-Dīn Abū'l-‘Abbās Aḥmad b. ‘Alī al-Maqrīzī (d. 845/1442) is *al-Khabar ‘an al-bashar* (*The History of Humankind*). This work, which still awaits proper scholarly analysis, contains a substantial section dealing with the early prophets and the Israelites in which the author combines Qur’ānic verses and the accounts of well-known Muslim authorities such as Muqātil b. Sulaymān, Abū Ja‘far al-Ṭabarī and Ishāq b. Bishr with biblical materials. After some general comments about the biblical sections of the work, the paper will examine salient aspects of al-Maqrīzī’s description of the battles of Joshua ben Nun who, though not mentioned by name in the Qur’ān, is regarded by Muslims as divinely inspired.