

Prophets and Scriptures in the Islamic Piety of the 3rd/9th Century

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In my paper I will examine the role of prophetic models in Islamic piety in the 3rd/9th century. Pre-Islamic prophets frequently occur in traditions contained in *ḥadīṭ* compilations dedicated to various forms of piety and asceticism (*ẓuhd*, *warāʿ*). I will examine a corpus of traditions where pre-Islamic prophets appear, with special emphasis on Mūsā, Dāwūd and ʿIsā. My main focus will be determining the type of narratives in which they occur, as well as trying to answer the question whether they are models of particular virtues (as it is the case with David and repentance). My main source will be Ibn Ḥanbal's *Kitāb al-ẓuhd* (entirely dedicated to prophets). I will also use other pietistic compilations of the 3rd/9th century, e.g. Ibn Abī al-Dunyā's *Kitāb al-warāʿ*.