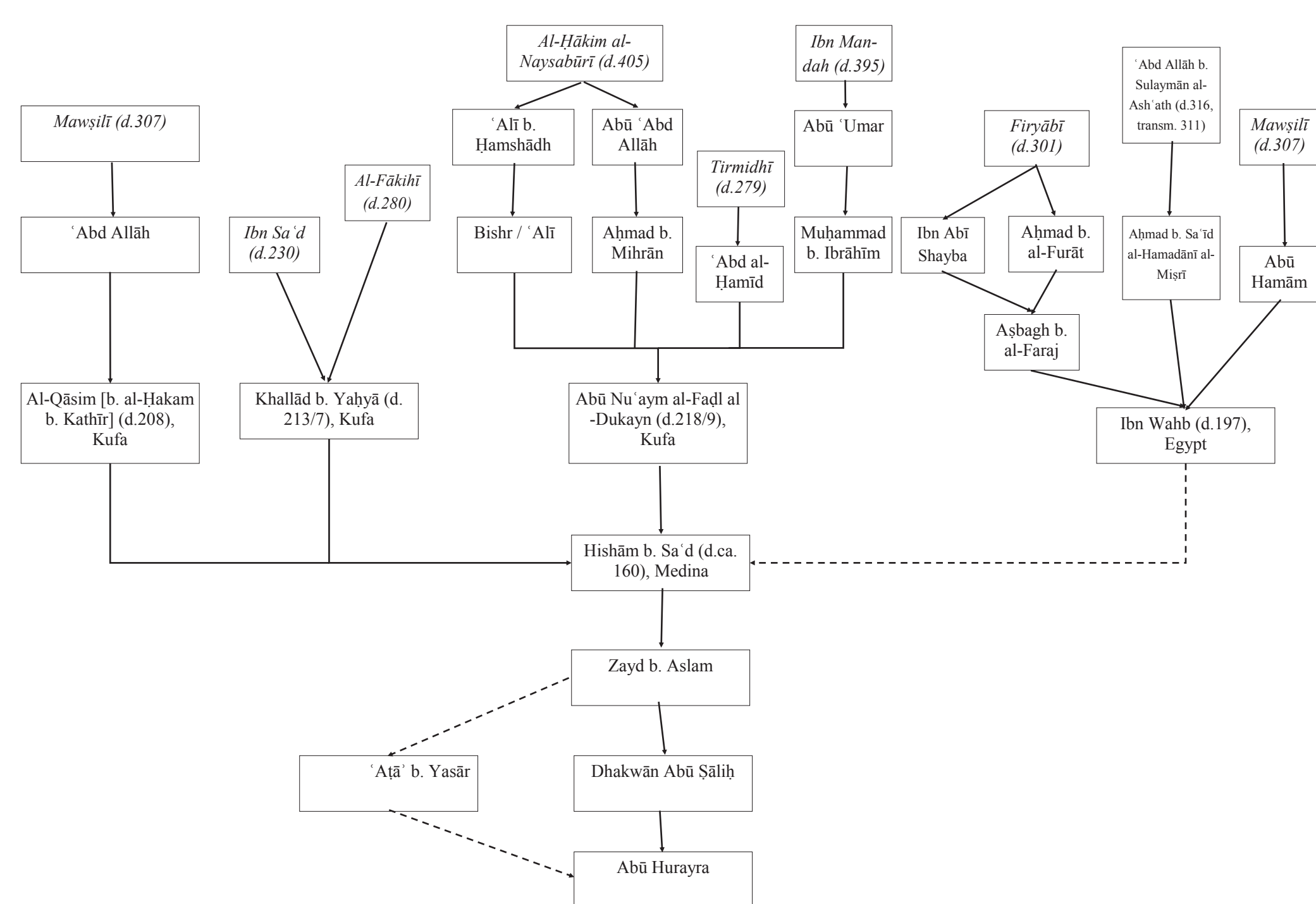
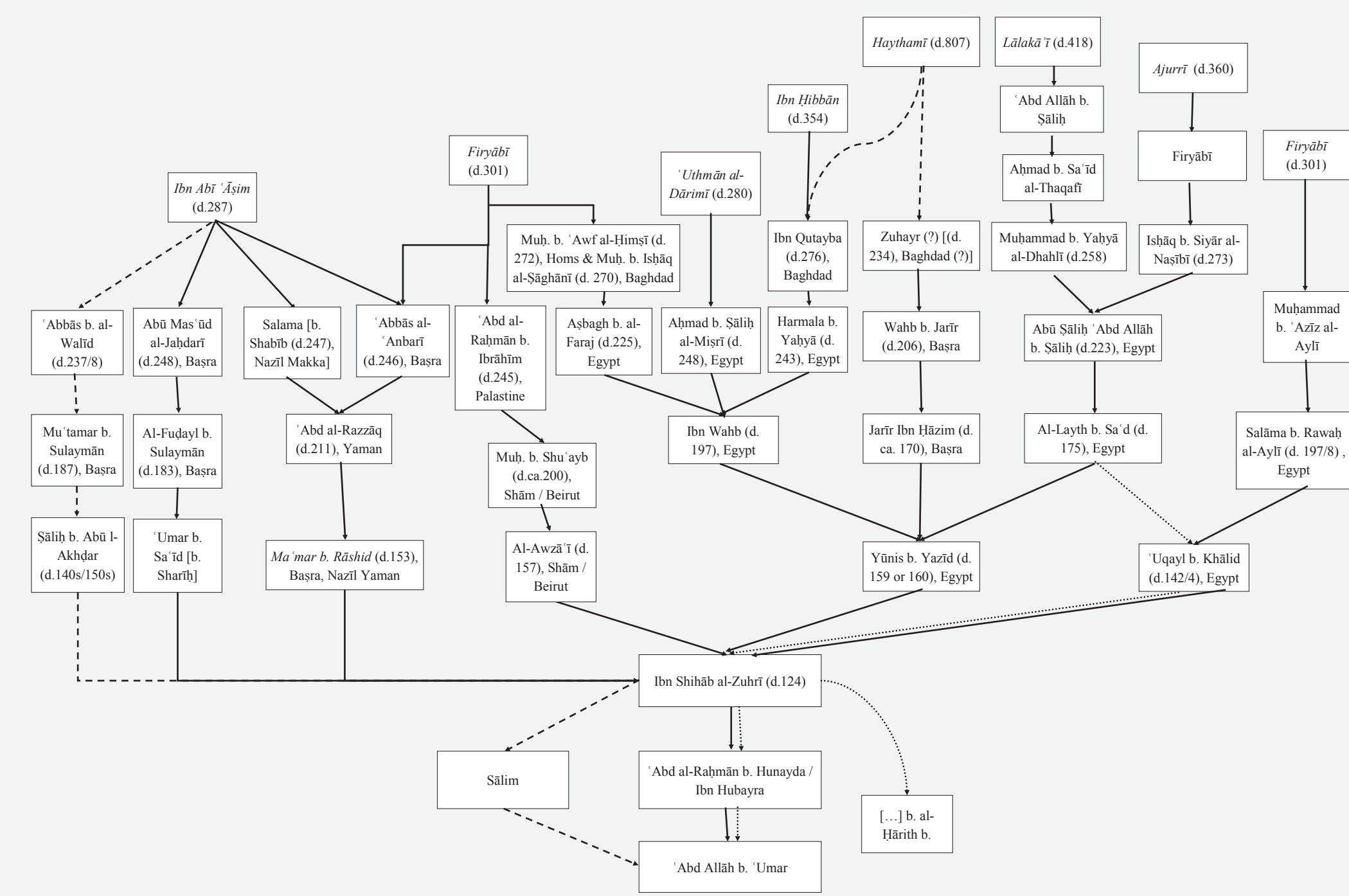


An angel approaches the unborn: an isnad-cum-matn analysis

When God creates / created [wants to create] the *nasama*, the angel of the uterus – showing up – says / said: Oh Lord, male or female? So God ordains his order. Then he says: Oh Lord, wretched or blessed? So God ordains his order. [Then he writes on his forehead what is attached - even the misfortune that reaches it].



When God created Adam he ran his hand over his [Adam's] back (*zuhr*). And out of his back fell each *nasama*, of which he is the creator of [Adam's] progeny until the day of resurrection. And he put on the forehead of each human (*insān*) of those a flash (*wabīs*) of light. Then he presented them to Adam, who then said: Oh Lord, who are those? He said: Those are your progeny. He saw one man among them and the flash on his forehead astonished him and he said: Oh Lord, who is this? He said: This is a man from the last of communities from your progeny, he is called David (...).

God has assigned an angel for the uterus. And he says: Oh Lord! Semen (*nutfā*), oh Lord, blood-clot (*alaqa*), oh Lord, lump of flesh (*mudgha*).

And if God wants to complete its creation [ordain a creation] says the angel: Oh Lord! Male or female? Wretched or blessed?

[And what is his sustenance? And what is his time of death?]

So he writes likewise in the belly of his mother.

