

The Stars of Arab Navigation in Ibn Mājid's Works¹

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Ibn Mājid, the famous Arab pilot of the Indian Ocean in the 15th century, wrote some 46 works in poesy and prose, dealing with the sea navigation. More than one hundred years later, in 1574, William Bourne, “The instructor to Navigators”, published his Sea Manual and principal work, the “REGIMENT FOR THE SEA” or “RULES OF NAVIGATION”, explaining what was called “THE NEW NAVIGATION”[1], because it used Mathematics and Astronomy.

As a matter of fact, Ibn Mājid preceded Bourne, promoted the NEW NAVIGATION before him in 1462 and introduced Mathematics and Astronomy in the nautical art. He was also the first pilot who practiced it in the 50 years of his career of seaman: “I am writing a new navigation, he said, a navigation you never heard of before me”[2].

This new navigation of Ibn Mājid required, according to him, a technical knowledge, a good geographical knowledge, a good geographical background, including land and seamarks and especially an astronomical learning.

In fact, astronomy had too many applications in Ibn Mājid New Navigation. Thus, the altitudes of the stars were used:

First, to draw the lines of latitudes;

Second, to determine the position of the ship;

Third, to check the arrival at a known or unknown latitude;

Fourth, to check the exactness of a known altitude (substitute stars);

Besides, the seasons of navigation were computed by the rising of the celestial bodies, and some stars were used to indicate the sailing directions

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We don't intend to examine all these aspects. Our only purpose is to present a comprehensive list of the stars used in Ibn Mājid's navigation and expressly named in his works, we have already published in Arabic, English or French. Precise references are clearly given in the indices of stars made for these publications.

Ibn Mājid's stars of navigation may be classified in four categories:

1. The Magellanic Clouds
2. The Brightest Stars of the Sky
3. The Mansions of the Moon
4. The Stars of Lesser Magnitude.

Magellanic Clouds

Their name is al-Jamamah, or al-Saḥāb, al-Saḥā'ib, or al-Saḥābatān al-Janūbiyyatān[3]. They consist of two clouds:

1. Al-Saḥābah al-Bayḍā' or al-Bīḍ: Nebecula Major, or the Greater Little Cloud.
1. Al-Saḥābah al-Sawdā' or al-Saḥāyib al-Sawdā', or al-Sawdā': Small Magellanic Cloud; Nebula Minor, or Lesser Little Cloud.

Brightest Stars of The Sky

24 out of the 25 stars of the sky[4] were used in Arabic Navigation in the 15th century. They are:

1. Al-Shi'rá: α CMa, Sirius. Also known as al-Shi'r and al-Shi'rā'; more often: al-Shi'rá al-'Abūr or al-Tīr; rarely: al-Bājis or al-Bājis al-Awwal.
2. Suhayl: α Car, Canopus. Also known as Miqdāf al-Safīnah, or Miqdāf al-Safānīn[5].
3. Al-Ma'qil: α Cen, Rigel Kentaurus. Also known as: al-Wazn.
4. Al-Simāk al-Rāmiḥ: α Boo, Arcturus. Also known as al-Rāmiḥ, al-Rāmiḥ al-Janūbī, or al-Mu'talī.
5. Al-Kāsir: α Lyr, Vega. Also known as: al-Nasr al-Kāsir, al-Nasr al-Kabīr, al-Nasr al-Kafīt, al-Nasr al-Wāqi', al-Wāqi', Najm al-Nasr, al-Nasr, Nasr al-Shām.
6. Al-Nājid al-Barrāq: β Ori, Rigel. Other names: al-Barrāq Al-Nājid, Rijl al-Jawzā'
7. Al-'Ayyūq: α Aur, Capella: Other names for this star: al-Bār, Bār al-Thurayyā, 'Ayyūq al-Thurayyā.
8. Al-Shi'rá al-Shāmīyyah: α CMi, Procyon, called: al-Jumayṣah also[6].
9. Al-Muḥannith: α Eri, Achernar, named as al-Sillibār too.

10. Ḥaḍār: β Cen, Hadar or Agena. Synonyms: al-Ẓalīm, Ẓalīm al-Ma‘qil, Ẓalīm al-Ḥimārayn.
11. Al-Ṭā‘ir: α Aql, Altair. It is also known by these other appellations: Shaqqād al-Āfāq, al-Nasr al-Ṣaghīr, al-Nasr al-Ṭā‘ir, al-Nasr al-Ṭalīq, al-Nasr al-Yamānī, al-Ḥirān.
12. Al-Dabarān: α Tau, Aldebaran. It has many other names: al-Burkān, al-Ba‘īr, al-Tālī, Tālī al-Najm, al-Ḥādī, Ḥādī al-Najm, al-Dubayr, al-Miḥdaj, or al-Ḥuhdaj.
13. Al-Murabba‘: α Cru, Acrux. Ibn Mājid said it is called al-Taḥtānī, al-Murabba‘ al-Taḥtānī, al-Murabba‘ al-Taḥtī, al-Najm al-Taḥtānī min al-Murabba‘, Anjum al-Murabba‘ al-Qarībāt min al-mā’.
14. Al-Mirzam: α Ori, Betelgeuse, or Mirzam al-Jawzā’, or Najm al-Jawzā’.
15. Al-Qalb: α Sco, Antares, named also Qalb al-‘Aqrab, al-‘Aqrab and Najm al-Qalb.
16. Al-Simāk al-A‘zal: α Virg, Spica. Also al-’A‘zal, al-A‘zal al-Ṭayyāsh, al-Uḥaymir, and al-Janūbī.
17. Ra’s al-Taw‘am al-Mu’akhhkar: β Gem, Pollux[7].
18. Ākhir al-Nahr: α PisA, Fomalhaut. Known by several other names: Awākhir al-Mā’, Awākhir al-Nahr, Awwal al-Nahr, al-Sākib, Sākib al-Mā’, al-Ḍifḍi‘ al-Awwal, Ḍifḍi‘ al-Sākib, Ḍifḍi‘ Sākib al-Mā’, al-Ḍafāḍi‘, Fam al-Ḥūt al-Janūbī, Fam al-Ḥūt al-Yamānī, Fam Ṣūrat al-Samakah al-Janūbiyyah, al-Ẓalīm al-Fard, al-Ẓalīm Sākib al-Mā’.
19. Al-Ridf: α Cyg, Deneb. Synonyms: Ridf al-Dajājah, Ridf al-Majarrah, al-Ridf al-Munīr, al-Ridf al-Mu’akhhkar, al-Munīr min Nujūm al-Dajājah, Najm al-Dajājah.
20. Najm al-Ṣalīb al-Sharqī: β Cru, Mimosa, or al-Mashriqīyāt min al-Murabba‘.
21. Al-Fu‘ād: α Leo, Regulus. It is named also: Fu‘ād al-Asad, Fu‘ād al-Layth, al-Malakī.
22. Al-Mirzam: γ Ori, Bellatrix.
23. Al-Shawlah: λ Sco, Shaula. Also Shawlat al-‘Aqrab, al-Shawl, al-Ibrah.
24. Kalbā al-Dabarān: β Tau, Elnaḥ.

The Mansions of the Moon

As usual, Ibn Mājid divides the Mansions into Northern and Southern and gives the number of stars in each of them.

A. The Northern Mansions

They are fourteen:

1. Al-Sharaṭān: In 11:2[8], he says that they are composed of three stars disposed in a curve line: $\alpha\beta\gamma$ Ari. This statement contradicts *Ṣuwar al-Kawākib* (Uranometry) of al-Ṣūfī[9]. Ibn Mājid does not apparently distinguish al-Sharaṭān from al-Naṭḥ as the astronomers do. For him, al-Naṭḥ is called al-Fard al-Kabīr, and corresponds to α Ari alone[10]. In *al-Fawā'id*, al-Sharaṭān are made of two stars only[11]. Al-Ashrāt is another name for them.
2. Al-Buṭayn: $\epsilon\delta\rho$ Ari. It is related in 11:3 that this mansion contains three stars, and this agrees with al-Ṣūfī[12].
3. Al-Thurayyā, the Pleiades. The poem 11 does not cite the number of stars in that mansion. But *al-Fawā'id* seems to believe they are 13 and gives a synonym for it: al-Najm[13].
4. Al-Dabarān: α Tau. It is a single star in 11:5. So it is in *al-Fawā'id* where nine synonyms for it are given[14]. For details, see the Brightest Stars in the Sky, no. 12.
5. Al-Haq'ah or al-Haq': $\lambda\phi^{1-2}$ Ori. It is described in 11:7-11 and said to appear as three small stars almost connected. This is similar to the wording of al-Ṣūfī[15].
6. Al-Han'ah or al-Han': In 11:12-13, it consists of a group of six stars in a straight line curved at its end: $\eta\mu\nu\xi\iota$ (H) Gem. In fact, Ibn Mājid contradicts al-Ṣūfī who says that al-Han'ah is composed of two stars only: $\gamma\xi$ Gem; the other stars being al-Taḥāyī: $\eta\mu\nu\iota$ (H) Gem[16].

7. Al-Dhirā': αβ Gem, Castor and Pollux. Synonyms: al-Dhirā' al-Shāmī, al-Dhirā' al-Mabsūṭah, al-Shāmī, al-Dhirā' al-Mush'am. In 11:15, Ibn Mājid thinks that al-Dhirā' al-Yamānī is the mansion. *Al-Fawā'id* and *al-Ḥāwīyah* do not settle this question and are not clear.
8. Al-Nathrah: ε Cnc, Praesepe. One can find two other names for it in Ibn Mājid's works: al-Nathr and Nathrat al-Asad[17]. In 11:16, Ibn Mājid thinks it is composed of two faint stars.
9. Al-Ṭarf: χ Cnc + λ Leo, named Ṭarf al-Asad also.
10. Al-Jabhah: ζγηα Leo, named Jabhat al-Asad, too.
11. Al-Zubrah: δν Leo. Synonyms: Zubrat al-Asad, al-Khirātān and al-Kharatān
12. Al-Ṣarfah: β Leo, named al-Ṣarf and Dhanab al-Asad[18].
13. Al-'Awwā': βηγδε Vir. Ibn Mājid adds οπ Vir to make it seven stars: cf. 11:21.
14. Al-Simāk al-A'zal: α Vir, Spica. For more details, see the Brightest Stars of the Sky, no. 16.

B. The Southern Mansions:

They are fourteen also.

15. Al-Ghafr: ιχλ Vir.
16. Al-Zubānah: αβ Lib. Synonyms: al-Zabn, al-Zubān, al-Zubānayān, al-Zubānān. Ibn Mājid seems to believe it is a group of connected stars: 11:25.
17. Al-Iklīl: βδπ Sco, named also: Iklīl al-Janūbī, Iklīl al-'Aqrab, Iklīl al-'Aqrabī
18. Al-Qalb: α Sco, named Qalb al-'Aqrab too. Cf. no. 15 of the Brightest Stars in the Sky.
19. Al-Shawlah: λστλ? Sco, named al-Shūl, Shawlat al-'Aqrab and Ibrah. But Ibn Mājid says that al-Shawlah is a group of stars like the Arabic letter *nūn*, whose two eastern ones are called Ibrah: 11: 32-35. Al-Ṣūfī makes no

difference between al-Shawlah and al-Ibrah (p. 209): for him, both of them are alike and composed of two stars: λ Sco. Cf. the Brightest Stars of the Sky, no. 23.

20. Al-Na‘ā‘im or al-Na‘ām: $\gamma\delta\epsilon\sigma\phi\tau\zeta$ Sgr. According to *al-Fawā'id*, it is eight stars. In 11: 36-38, Ibn Mājid makes it nine by adding λ Sgr.
21. Al-Baldah: π Sgr. It is a void space in 11: 39-40, but six stars in *al-Fawā'id* (p. 98), confusing it with al-Qalāyiṣ or al-Qilāṣ.
22. Sa‘d al-Dhābiḥ: $\alpha\beta$ Cap, or al-Dhābiḥ. Ibn Mājid adds a third faint star, al-Dhabāyiḥ.
23. Sa‘d Bula‘: $\nu\mu\epsilon$ Aqr, or Bula‘. It is composed of two stars in 11:42, and in *al-Fawā'id*, the third one does not seem included: ν Aqr.
24. Sa‘d al-Su‘ūd or al-Su‘ūd: $\beta\xi$ Aqr + λ Cap. It is only two stars in 11:43.
25. Sa‘d al-Akhhīyah: $\gamma\pi\zeta\eta$ Aqr.
26. Al-Fargh al-Muqaddam: $\alpha\beta$ Peg. Or Farghān al-Muqaddamān.
27. Al-Fargh al-Mu‘akhhkar: γ Peg + α And.
28. Baṭn al-Ḥūt: β And. It has three other appellations: al-Baṭn, Baṭn al-Ḥūt al-Shamālī and al-Rashā’.

The Stars of Lesser Magnitudes

The stars of this category are still very important in Arab navigation. We think it would be better to distribute them on their constellations.

A–Northern Constellations

Ursa Minor: Umi

1. Al-Jāh: α UMi, Polaris. It is named also: al-Jadī, Jadī Banāt Na‘sh, and al-Sumayyā.
2. Al-Farqad al-Kabīr: β UMi, Kochab, called al-Kabīr, Kabīr al-Farqad, Farqad al-Akbar, and al-Farqad too.

3. Al-Farqad al-Şaghīr: γ UMi, synonyms: Şaghīr al-Farqad and al-Şaghīr (Pherkad)[19].

Ursa Major: UMa

1. Awwal al-Na‘sh: α UMa, Bubhe. It has many other names: Awwal al-Nu‘ūsh, Awwal al-Na‘sh al-Shāmī, Awwal al-Na‘sh al-Muqaddamayn al-Shamāliyayn, Muqaddam al-Na‘sh, Muqaddam al-Nu‘ūsh, Muqaddam al-Nu‘ūsh al-Shāmī.
2. Thānī al-Na‘sh: β UMa, Merak. Or Thānī al-Nu‘ūsh.
3. Thālith al-Na‘sh: γ UMa, Phed, or Thālith al-Nu‘ūsh.
4. Al-Khāfī: δ UMa, Megrez. Synonyms: Akhīr al-Sarīr, Rābi‘ al-Na‘sh, Rābi‘ al-Na‘sh al-I‘raj, Rābi‘ al-I‘raj.
5. Al-Jūn: ϵ UMa. Other names for it: al-Ḥawar, and Khāmis al-Na‘sh.
6. Al-‘Anāq: ζ UMa, Mizar. It has some other appellations: Sādis al-Na‘sh, Sādis al-Nu‘ūsh, Sādis Nujūm al-Na‘sh.
7. Al-Qā‘id: η UMa, alkaid, called also Ākhir al-Nu‘ūsh and Sābi‘ al-Na‘sh[20].
8. Al-Suhā: 80 UMa, Alcor. It has two names: al-Şaydaq and al-Nu‘aysh.

Draco: Dra

1. Al-Tinnīn: $\nu\beta\zeta\gamma$ Dra, called Najm al-Tinnīn or al-Awā‘idh.
2. Awwal al-‘Awā‘idh: ν Dra. or Muqaddam al-‘Awā‘idh.
3. Thānī al-‘Awā‘idh: β Dra.
4. Al-Awhaqān: $\zeta\eta$ Dra, named al-Dhi‘bān or al-Jarrān.

Lyra: Lyr

1. Ridf al-Wāqī': ε Lyr.

Cygnus: Cyg

1. Ridf al-Ridf: ω or ζ Cyg.

Cassiopeia: Cas

1. Baṭn al-Nāqah: β Cas. Synonyms: al-Jmāl, al-Jamal, al-Sanām, Sanām al-Jady, Sanām al-Quṭb, Sanām al-Nāqah, al-'Is, al-Kaff al-Khaḍīb, al-Naqā, al-Qayl.

Auriga: Aur

1. Al-Dhubbān: β Aur, or Dhūbbān al-Bār, or **Dhubbān al-'Ayyūq**.
2. Dhubbān, Dhubbān al-'Ayyūq: θ Aur.

Ophiuchus: Oph

1. Al-Sābiqān: ζη Oph

Delphinus: Del

1. Ṣalīb al-Shām or Ṣalīb al-Shamāl: αβγδ Del.

Pegasus: Peg

1. Al-Fargh: $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$ Peg. It has many other names: al-Farghān, al-Furūgh, Furūgh al-Dalū, ‘Urquwat al-Dalū.
2. Awwal al-Fargh: α Peg, Markab, called also: al-Fargh al-Muqaddam al-Janūbī.
3. Awwal al-Fargh al-Shām: β Peg, Scheat, named also: Awwal al-Fargh al-Muqaddam al-Shāmī, Jarīm Awwal al-Na‘sh al-Shāmī, al-Muqaddam al-Fargh al-Shāmī.
4. Akhīr Fargh al-Shām: δ Peg. Other appellations: al-Fargh al-Shāmī al-Mu‘akhhkar, al-Fargh al-Mu‘akhhkar al-Shāmī, al-Fargh al-Mu‘akhhkar al-Shāmālī, Fam al-Faras, Fam al-Nāqah.
5. Al-Fargh al-Shamālī: α And + β Peg, or al-Farghān al-Shamaliyān, or al-Shamaliyān.
6. Al-Najmān al-Janūbiyān min al-Farghayn: $\alpha\gamma$ Peg, or al-Janūbiyān.

Andromeda: And

1. Fu‘ād al-Ḥūt: β And.

B–Constellations of the Signs

Aries: Ari

1. Al-Aḍlā‘: 41(c), 39, 35, 33 Ari, called also Aḍlā‘ al-Ḥamal or Adlā‘ al-Kabsh.
2. Awwal Aḍlā‘ al-Ḥamal: 41(c) Ari. Synonyms: al-Ḍil‘, al-Ḍil‘ al-Shāhābī, al-Ḍil‘ al-Shām, al-Ḍil‘ al-Shamālī, al-Ḍil‘ al-Kabīr al-Munawwar, al-Ḍil‘ al-Munīr, al-Munīr min al-Ḍulū‘.
3. Fard al-Sharaṭayn: α Ari. Named also: al-Fard al-Kabīr, Fard al-Naṭḥ, al-Fard min al-Naṭḥ.

Taurus: Tau

1. Al-Ḍayqah: $\chi\nu$ Tau.

Gemini: Gem

1. Shāmī al-Dhirā' al-Shāmī: α Gem, Castor. Other names for it: Shāmī al-Sham, and Shāmī al-Shāmī.

Virgo: Vir

1. Ākhir al-'Awwā': ϵ Vir.
2. Awwal al-'Awwā': \omicron Vir.
3. Zāwiyat al-'Awwā': γ Vir.

Sagittarius: Sgr

1. Al-Sahm or Sahm al-Qaws: γ Sgr.
2. Al-Ṣādirah: $\sigma\phi\zeta\tau$ Sgr. Or al-Na'ā'im al-Ṣādirah.
3. Al-Qilādah: $\tau\nu\psi\omega A\zeta$ Sgr. Or Qalā'is.
4. Al-Na'ā'im al-Wāridah: $\gamma\delta\epsilon\eta$ Sgr. Or al-Wāridah.

Aquarius: Aqr

1. Sa'd Malik: $\alpha\omicron$ Aqr.

C–The Southern Constellations

Cetus: Cet

1. Al-Ḍifḍi' al-Thānī: β Cet.

Orion: Ori

1. Tāj al-Dhawā'ib: 15(γ^2), 11(γ') $0^2\pi^{1-6}\delta\epsilon$ Ori, called al-Tāj and al-Dhawā'ib.
2. Al-Naẓm: $\delta\epsilon\zeta$ Ori, named Miṭṭaqah al-Jawzā' and al-Safāfid.
3. Al-Marāzim: $\alpha\beta\chi, \gamma$ Ori, or Marāzim al-Jawzā'.
4. Marāzim al-Jawzā' al-Awwalān: $\beta\gamma$ Ori.
5. Al-Mirzamān or al-Mirzamān al-Zawāhir: $\alpha\beta$ Or

Canis Minor: CMi

1. Al-Dhirā' al-Ghumayṣā': $\alpha\beta$ CMi. Other names for it: al-Ghumayṣā', al-Dhirā' al-Yamānī, al-Dhirā' al-Maqbūḍah, al-Yad al-Maqbūḍah.

Corvus: Crv

1. Anjum al-Ghurāb: $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ Crv

Centaurus: Cen

1. Al-Ḥimār: $\alpha\beta$ Cen, named also: al-Ḥimārān, al-'Araqān, al-'Āmūdān, al-Fārisān, al-Miṣḥalān.

Puppis: Pup

1. Dhubbān Suhayl: τ Pup.

Cru: Cru

1. Al-Ṣalīb al-Janūbī: αβγδ Cru. Other appellations for it: Ṣalīb al-Janūb, Ṣalīb al-Quṭb, Ṣalīb al-Yaman, al-Murabba‘āt.
2. Al-Murabba‘ al-Fawqānī: γ Cru. Named also: al-Murabba‘ al-Fawqī, Najm al-Murabba‘ al-Fawqī, Fawqiyāt al-Murabba‘, al-Fūqānī.
3. Al-Murabba‘ān al-Awsaṭān: βδ Cru. They have many other names: al-Murabba‘ān, al-Najmān al-Awsaṭān min al-Murabba‘, al-Murabba‘ al-Awsaṭ, al-Murabba‘ al-Wusaṭ, al-Murabba‘ al-Wuṣṭānī, Nujūm Wasaṭ al-Murabba‘, al-Awsaṭān min al-Murabba‘.
4. Al-Murabba‘ān al-Taḥṭiyān: αβ Cru.
5. Al-Maghribiyāt al-Murabba‘: ε Cru.

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This list of 110 stars shows the great choice that the Arab Navigators had when sailing over the Indian Ocean, and it proves also they were highly qualified in the nautical sciences in the 15th century.

Anyway, we feel we should put in an addendum other stars mentioned by Ibn Mājid but apparently not very useful to the pilots of the high seas.

Addendum

1. Al-Qafzāt: ιχλμνξ UMa.
2. Al-Qafzat al-Ulā: ξν UMa, or al-Ulā

3. Al-Qafzat al-Wuṣṭá: μλ UMa.
4. Ḥawḍ al-Zibā': αβγδ UMa.
5. Al-Zibā': οδπς UMa.
6. Awāsiṭ al-Nu'ūsh: γδε UMa.
7. Al-Fāriṭān: υθ UMa.
8. Al-Mīkh: γ Cep. Or Mīkh al-Jāh or Mīkh al-Juday
9. Muqaddam al-Ḥujrah: α CrB. Named also: Munīr al-Ḥujrah, al-Munīr min al-Iklīl al-Shamālī, al-Najm al-Munīr min al-Fakkah.
10. Sa'd al-Bāri': λμ Peg.
11. Al-A'lām or Tawābi' al-Ayyūq: βγ Aur.

Notes

[1] Cf. Works issued by the Hakluyt Society, *A Regiment for the Sea by William Bourne*, second series, no. CXXI, 1961.

[2] Cf. The Eloquent Poem, verse 44; The Pearl of the Pearls, verse 137.

[3] Cf. 3:286-292.

[4] Cf. Norton Atlas, 17th edition, 1978, p. 89.

[5] Cf. 21:48.

[6] Cf. Ṣuwar al-Kawākib, p. 293. It should be different from al-Dhirā' al-Maqbūḍa, αβ CMi, according to al-Ṣūfī.

[7] Used in al-Dhirā' al-Mabsūtah, αβ Gem.

[8] The first number refers to the number of the Nautical Poem in our publication: The Nautical Poems of Ibn Mājid; the second to the number of the verse in that particular poem

[9] *Şuwar al-Kawākib*, Beirut, 1981, p.142.

[10] *Kitāb al-Fawā'id*, Damascus, 1971, p.32.

[11] The same, p. 35.

[12] *Şuwar al-Kawākib*, p. 142, in fine.

[13] *al-Fawā'id*, p. 42.

[14] Cf. *al-Fawā'id*, p. 45-46.

[15] *Şuwar al-Kawākib*, p. 268-269

[16] Same reference, p. 166: al-Şūfī cites al-Maysān and al-Zur for al-Han'ah.

[17] Same reference, p. 173: al-Lahāt.

[18] This agrees with al-Şūfī, p. 179.

[19] Kochab and Pherkad are named al-Farqadān and al-Farāqid in Ibn Mājid's texts.

[20] The first 7 stars of UMa are named al-Na'sh or Na'sh as Samā' or al-Na'sh al-Kubrah. Αβ are called *awwalān al-Na'sh* or *Muqaffamān al-Na'sh*, or *al-Nu'āsh al-Awā'il*, or *al-Awā'il al-Nu'ūsh*. Αβγδ are known as al-Sarīr. εζ have the following appellations: *Ḥirāb*, *Ḥirāb al-Safīna'*, *Anjūm al-Ḥirāb*, *Anjum Ḥirāb al-Safīna*. Εζη are *Banāt*, or *Banāt Nā'sh*, or *Banāt Nā'sh al-Kubra*, or *Banū Na'sh*.