

## English Abstract

### (First Research)

**Title of the Research:** Ibn al-Najjar and his Methodology in Writing the History of the City through his book *The Precious Jewel in the News of the City*

**Journal:** Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz's seminar for the studies of the history of the Medina in the Islamic University and its title is: *Sources of the History of Al Madinah Al Munawwarah from the First Century to the Ninth Century AH: Presenting and Analyzing Samples.*

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Since an early historical period, Muslim historians have taken a great interest in the local history of Islamic cities and civilizations as much as their political, economic and religious importance. It is natural for many of these historians to write the history of the Medina due to its close connection with the Prophet's biography (Peace upon Him). Besides, it was the home of His migration and His stable residence after the expulsion of his people from his blessed Mecca, and God Almighty destined that the city is the bastion of Islam and the foundation of the founding of the first Islamic state, which meant to spread the Islamic call to various parts of the Arabian Island and other surrounding countries.

Moreover, among the historians who wrote about the history of the Medina was Imam al-Hafiz Muhammad Ibn Mahmud Ibn al-Najjar al-Baghdadi (578-643 / 1182-1245). He was one of the great historians who lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Hijri / 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> AD centuries. Also, he moved through several countries in the Islamic world at his time and lived in the Medina for a period of time. Consequently, he wrote a book about its history and virtues called *The Precious Jewel in the News of the City*, in which he presented the history of this blessed spot, its virtues, its symbols, geographical and urban landmarks from the migration of the Prophet to it and through the era of companions and ending with the era of the followers God bless them all.

Additionally, this book is conspicuously considered one of the highly important books written about the history of the Medina as well as the author's talk about important topics of its history. He mentioned its most important geographical and architectural features, some of its virtues and mosques along with the virtue of these mosques. Besides, it was translated to the seniors of the companions and followers who inhabited it. This research presents the methodology of Al-Hafiz Ibn Al-Najjar in his book about the history of the city through a study of the introduction and three topics: the first topic: Ibn al-Najjar (his life and his efforts). The second topic: the age of Ibn al-Najjar and his journeys and their impact on his historical writings. The third topic: the significance of the book; *The Precious Jewel* and Ibn al-Najjar's approach in writing it, and then was the conclusion of the research including the most important findings out.