

Glimmerings Sources & Section Summaries

While the Glimmerings text is based predominantly on the *Dawn-Breakers*, we have sometimes made use of materials from sources other than the *Dawn-Breakers*. These sources are referenced in the Glimmerings text where applicable.

Furthermore, while the general text of the Glimmerings is our wording, wherever it says, for example, Mullá Husayn said "... .." or the Báb said "... ..", such quotes are not our wording but are all quoted from the *Dawn-Breakers* or another source. The source for each quote is always referenced in the text where applicable.

What follows is a summary listing of the content of each Glimmerings section and their main sources. The full list of the sources used is given at the end of the section summaries.

DB 1-2: THE HOUR BEFORE THE DAWN

Prologue	Life conditions in 1800s
Section 1: The First Awakener	<p><u>Shaykh</u> Ahmad's main life, travels, teachings and death; appointment of Siyyid Kázim as his successor.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 1, p1-18.</p>
Section 2: The Second Awakener	<p>Siyyid Kázim's main life events and teachings; expectations of the <u>Shía'</u> for the promised One; and Siyyid Kázim's meeting with the Báb in Karbalá'.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Introduction, p30 & p51-53; Chapter 1, p19 and Chapter 2, p24-42.</p>
Section 3: The First Crossing of the Bridge of Sirát	<p>Siyyid Kázim's final instructions to his disciples and his death; Mullá Husayn's background and services during Siyyid Kázim's life and the steps he took after the Siyyid's death; and the Bridge of Sirát and the prominent disciples of Siyyid Kázim who don't make even the very first part of the Bridge.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 2, p19-23, p38-50 and Chapter 3, p47-50.</p>
Section 4: The First Wave of Seekers	<p>The first wave of Siyyid Kázim's disciples who begin the search for the promised One: Mullá Husayn and his two companions; Mullá 'Alíy-i-Bastámí and his twelve companions; Táhirih and Quddús; all head to <u>Shíráz</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 3, p48, p50, p71-72, p81-84 and other sources referenced in footnotes.</p>
Epilogue	Most <u>Shaykhís</u> were not focused on searching for Promised One, and what were the qualities of the few who did search and those who followed them.

DB 3: THE FIRST LIGHT OF THE DAWN

Prologue	Quality of the first wave of seekers of the Promised One.
Section 1: The Quest Begins	The <i>i'tikáf</i> at the Kúfa mosque, and the movement of the first wave of seekers to <u>Shíráz</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 3 (50-52, p71, p82-82).
Section 2: The Qá'im Reveals Himself	The meeting of the Báb with Mullá Husayn and the Declaration of the Báb that He is the promised One. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 3, p52-65.
Section 3: And They Became the Letters of the Living	How the eighteen Letters of the Living came to recognise the Báb. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 3, p65-83, p80-81.
Section 4: The Báb: Birth to 1844	The Báb's main life events from birth including parents, other family members, childhood, youth, wife, marriage, son who died, up to His Declaration in May 1844. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 1, p14; Chapter 3, p49-50, p62, p72-80; Chapter 13, p248-250, p253; Chapter 17, p303; and other sources referenced in footnotes.
Section 5: The First Wave is Sent Out	Signs of the coming of the Qá'im; the coming of twin Manifestations; the Báb's address to the Letters of the Living and their dispersion. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 2, p41-42 and Chapter 3, p87-p94, p96.
Epilogue	Prophecies of Twin Manifestations; and metaphoric interpretation of signs of Day of Resurrection-Judgement given in previous Scriptures.

DB 4-7: THE DAWN SPREADS

Prologue	The interplay between free will and recognition of the Manifestation of God; and impact of first wave of teaching by the Letters of the Living.
Section 1: Isfáhán: Knowledge Is The Most Grievous Veil	Mullá Husayn's journey and teaching efforts in Isfáhán; the story of Sifter of Wheat, Mullá 'Alí-i-Bastámí and Mullá Sádiq-i- <u>Khurásání</u> ; how for some their knowledge becomes a veil but not for all; other new believers who will play an important role in the future. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 3, p85-86; Chapter 4, p97-101; Chapter 10, p208; and Chapter 20, p421.
Section 2: Káshán, Qum, Tihrán & <u>Khurásán</u>	Mullá Husayn's journey and teaching efforts in Káshán, Qum, Tihrán & <u>Khurásán</u> ; his meeting with Bahá'u'lláh in Tihrán and Bahá'u'lláh's acceptance of the Báb; the Báb's recognition of this. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 4, p101-108., Chapter 5, p118 and Chapter 6, p123-128.
Section 3: The Mystery in the City of Tihrán	Bahá'u'lláh's family background, His childhood, youth, marriage, family life and house in Tihrán, teaching activities in Núr upon accepting the Message of the Báb. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 5, p109-122 and other sources referenced in footnotes.
Section 4: The Báb's pilgrimage to Mecca	The Báb's <i>hajj</i> with Quddús to Mecca and Medíná; the sea travel; the theft of tablets by a Bedouin; proclamation of the Báb to and its rejection by the <u>Sharíf</u> of Mecca and by Mírzá Muhít-i-Kirmaní; return to Búshih. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 7, p129 – 142.

Section 5: The Báb's Farewell to Quddús	The Báb's parting and farewell address to Quddús. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 7, p142.
--	--

DB 8-9: SOME TURN TO THE LIGHT

Prologue	Change and what prevents us from changing.
Section 1: The First to Suffer on Persian Soil	<p>Quddús coming to <u>Shíráz</u>; teaching the Báb's middle uncle; Mullá Sádiq changes the adhán; Quddús & Mullá Sádiq first to suffer on Persian soil.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 8, p143-148.</p>
Section 2: The Báb Returns to <u>Shíráz</u>	<p>The Báb's return to <u>Shíráz</u>; incident of guards sent to arrest Him; the Báb's interrogation by Husayn <u>Khán</u> and His face being struck; and the Báb's speaking at the Masjid-i-Vakíl to appease the populace.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 8, p150-156.</p>
Section 3: They Trickle into <u>Shíráz</u>	<p>The test to the believers of the Báb's change of plans; travel of Mullá Husayn from Isfáhán to <u>Shíráz</u>; arrival of other believers to <u>Shíráz</u>; some don't make it through the tests; the dispersal of the believers from <u>Shíráz</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 8, p157-170, p188-193.</p>
Section 4: The Message Spreads	<p>The travels and teaching work of Quddús and of Mullá Sádiq after they are forced to leave <u>Shíráz</u>; conversion of Hujjat; conversion of Vahíd; the proof of this Revelation includes that so many learned accepted and sacrificed their lives for it.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 9, p173-186 and Chapter 24, p529-530.</p>

DB 10-12: THE NEW HORIZON

Prologue	Metaphor of the horizon appearing with the dawn and forces that operate with its appearance.
Section 1: Last Days in <u>Sh</u>íráz	Husayn <u>Kh</u> án's attempt to kill the Báb; the cholera epidemic incident and release of the Báb; the Báb last farewell to <u>Sh</u> íráz; the end of Husayn <u>Kh</u> án. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 9, p194-198.
Section 2: The Báb's Stay in <u>I</u>sfáhán	The Báb's stay in <u>I</u> sfáhán and support from <u>Ma</u> nú <u>ch</u> ihr <u>Kh</u> án; the <u>Na</u> hrí family; death of <u>Ma</u> nú <u>ch</u> ihr <u>Kh</u> án; the Báb's dispatch to <u>Ti</u> hrán. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 10, p199-216.
Section 3: <u>Ká</u>shán en route to <u>Ti</u>hrán	<u>M</u> írzá <u>Já</u> ní's dream and his brothers; and the Báb's brief stay in <u>Ká</u> shán. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 11, p217-222.
Section 4: Not <u>Ti</u>hrán but <u>Tab</u>ríz	The Báb's journey towards <u>Ti</u> hrán; the scheming of the Grand <u>Va</u> zier to prevent the Báb from meeting the <u>Sh</u> áh; sending of the Báb to <u>Tab</u> ríz and His dispatch to the prison of <u>Má</u> h- <u>Kú</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 12, p223-242.

DB 13-16: STORMY CLOUDS, THUNDER & LIGHTNING

Prologue	Metaphor of the storm
Section 1: Máh-Kú	<p>The Báb's imprisonment in Máh-Kú; change in the harsh attitude of the warden; Mullá Husayn's visit; the Báb's farewell to Mullá Husayn; the Báb's transfer to <u>Chihríq</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 13, p243-260.</p>
Section 2: God's Hidden Treasure	<p>Mullá Husayn's trip from Máh-Kú to Quddús in Bárfurúsh; his recognition of station of Quddús; the prophecy of Quddús about the future and directive to Mullá Husayn to go to Mashhad.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 14, p261-267.</p>
Section 3: Hasten to the Land of <u>Khá</u>	<p>Construction of Bábíyyih in Mashhad; Táhirih's activities in Karbalá', her expulsion from Baghdád back to Persia; her travel and teaching efforts back through Persia to Qazvín; her challenge to her husband; murder of her uncle and consequent retaliation against the Bábís; Bahá'u'lláh's first imprisonment; <u>Shaykh Sálíh</u> becomes first Bábí martyr on Persian soil; Táhirih's rescue from Qazvín arranged by Bahá'u'lláh; Táhirih's time in Bahá'u'lláh's house in Tihrán and her departure for Khurásán.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 15, p269-287.</p>
Section 4: Táhirih's Journey - Karbalá' to Qazvín to Tihrán	<p>Events related to Táhirih during her time in Karbalá', her going against the Islamic norms of the day; her being sent to Baghdád and being asked to leave Iráq; her teaching efforts on her journey back to Qazvín; her conflict with her husband; murder to her uncle; her house imprisonment and subsequent escape orchestrated by Bahá'u'lláh; Bahá'u'lláh's first</p>

	<p>imprisonment; first Bábí martyr on Persian soil; Táhirih's stay in Bahá'u'lláh's house in Tihrán and her leaving for <u>Khurásán</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 15, p268-287.</p>
<p>Section 5: Events leading up to <u>Badasht</u></p>	<p>First time the cry of Yá Sáhibu'z-Zamán is raised in <u>Mashhad</u>; events in <u>Mashhad</u> that lead to Mullá Husayn staying and Quddús leaving for Mázindarán; Quddús en route meets Bahá'u'lláh, Táhirih and other believers at <u>Badasht</u></p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 16, p288-292.</p>
<p>Section 6: Conference of <u>Badasht</u></p>	<p><u>Badasht</u> gathering where believers understand that the Báb marks end of Islamic Dispensation and start of the new Bábí Dispensation; Táhirih removes her veil to announce the birth of the new order; departure of group from <u>Badasht</u> towards Mázindarán.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 16, p292-298.</p>

DB 17-18: THE STORM GATHERS MOMENTUM

Prologue	Current situation of the Báb and His key disciples
Section 1: <u>Chihríq</u>	Initial conditions of the Báb's imprisonment in <u>Chihríq</u> , the change in the prison warden's attitude, and the conversion of the learned Mírzá Asadu'lláh of <u>Khuy</u> and the Indian Nawab who became a dervish. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 17, p301 – 305.
Section 2: <u>Tabríz</u>	The Báb's knowledge of the future, His journey to <u>Tabríz</u> for His interrogation, the stop in <u>Urúmíyyih</u> and the incidents of the unruly horse and the bath-house response of the local populace, His interrogation in <u>Tabríz</u> and His announcement of "I am, I am, I am the Promised One ..", His bastinado punishment, the impressions of the attending English physician, and a side note on the spiritual blindness of <u>Mámáqání</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 18, p309-322.
Section 3: Changes in the Land	The Báb's return to <u>Chihríq</u> , the death of Muhammad Sháh and succession of <u>Násir'd-Din Sháh</u> , fall of the Grand Vazier <u>Hájí Mírzá Áqásí</u> and succession by <i>Amír-Kabír</i> Mírzá Taqí <u>Khán</u> , and story of two believers from <u>Zunúz</u> : Shaykh Hasan, the amanuensis of the Báb, and the first part of the story of <u>Anís</u> (who is later martyred with the Báb). Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 2, p29-32; Chapter 16, p299-300; Chapter 17, 306-308; Chapter 18, p322-323.

DB 19: THE BLACK STANDARD

Prologue	Hadith regarding the Black Standard.
Section 1: To Mázindarán under the Black Standard	<p>Mullá Husayn receiving the Báb's green turban and instructions; leaving with a cohort of companions under the Black Standard from <u>Mashhad</u> 21 July 1848; travel of the group westward and others joining at each stop including Níshápúr (father of Badí joins) and Míyámay (large group, young and old join), until <u>Chashmih-'Alí</u> (where Mullá Husayn prophecies death of Muhammad <u>Sháh</u> and decides to head to Bárfurúsh in Mázindarán).</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p324-329.</p>
Section 2: The Storm makes Landfall at Bárfurúsh	<p>Arrival of Mullá Husayn and the group at <u>Bárfurúsh</u>; the attack by the local populace incited by the local clergy; the eventual attack that made Mullá Husayn allow a defence attack by the Báb's; Mullá Husayn cuts man, musket and tree in one sword stroke; the continued attack by the local populace and killing of each Bábí that tries to raise the call to prayer (adhán; the response of the Bábís in defence; the false promise of peace and safe passage by the local leaders; the killing of some Bábís by the duplicitous <u>Khusraw</u> and his men; killing of <u>Khusraw</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p329-342.</p>
Section 3: Fort <u>Shaykh Tabarsí</u> is Built	<p>Arrival of the Bábí group at shrine of <u>Shaykh Tabarsí</u>; construction of fortifications around the shrine; attack by locals and response of the Bábís; visit of Bahá'u'lláh to the fort; Quddús confinement in Sári and his release and arrival at the fort.</p>

	Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p342-358.
<p>Section 4: Siege of Fort <u>Shaykh</u> Tabarsí Begins</p>	<p>Decision of the Grand Vazier, the <i>Amír-Kabír</i>, to send in the army; the arrival of army led by 'Abdu'lláh Khán-i-Turkamán and start of the siege of the fort.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p358-360.</p>

DB 19-20: THE VALIANT HORSEMEN OF THE MERCIFUL – PART A

Prologue	Verse from the Kitáb-i-Aqdas invoking the “valiant horsemen of the Merciful”
Section 1: The First Wave of Attacks [November-December 1848]	First wave of attacks led by Abdu’lláh Khán-i-Turkamán and its defeat; prophecy of rain and snow by Quddús; construction of a moat and life in the fort; Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p353-354, 361-365.
Section 2: The Second Wave of Attacks [December 1848]	Arrival of large army led by Prince Mihdí-Qulí Mírzá; the second wave of attacks and their defeat; Quddús hurt; and Mullá Husayn fighting with two swords and how his swordsmanship not a developed skill but suddenly emergent only in Mázindarán. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p333-334, 360-368; Chapter 20, p413 footnote 2.
Section 3: The Third Wave of Attacks and Death of Mullá Husayn [February 1849]	Bahá’u’lláh’s imprisonment and bastinado on his way to the fort, and prevention of His coming to the fort; the siege of the fort entering heightened stage; digging of well and Mullá Husayn’s last day; and Mullá Husayn’s death and burial. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p368-376; Chapter 20, p378-383.
Section 4: The Fourth Wave of Attacks [March 1849]	Fort enters conditions of famine; betrayal by some; further attacks on the fort; Naw-Rúz 1849 celebration in fort in spite of starvation conditions. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p384-392.
Section 5: The Last Wave of Attacks [April 1849]	Reinforcement of the besieging army and intensification of attacks on the fort; starvation in fort forces them to eat grass and dig up Mullá

	<p>Husayn's dead horse to eat; and Bábís continuing the defence in spite of dire conditions.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p 391, p393-396.</p>
Section 6: The Siege Ends Through False Promises	<p>Final attempts to seduce the Bábís with promises of food and freedom; story of Mullá Mihdí of Kand; change of tactic to false promises made on the Qur'án; acceptance of this false promise knowingly by Quddús and his preparation of the companions of their upcoming martyrdom; end of siege and Bábís surrender.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p397-402; p413 footnote 2.</p>
Section 7: The Promise is Broken and the Companions Massacred	<p>Killing of the surrendered Bábís by the army; stories of some of them including two sets of brothers from Sang-sar; some sold as slaves or sent off to be ransomed (they become the survivors of <u>Shaykh</u> Tabarsí); and martyrdom of Quddús.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 19, p351; Chapter 20, p402-412; p426-427.</p>
Epilogue	<p>Excerpt from the Dawn-Breakers on the period of the Black Standard and the events that it led.</p>

DB 19-20: THE VALIANT HORSEMEN OF THE MERCIFUL – PART B

Prologue	Excerpt from the Dawn-Breakers regarding the listing of the martyrs of Tabarsí.
Section 1: Quddús and the Ones from <u>Khurásán</u>	Martyrs of Tabarsí (Nabíl's list #1 - #13): Quddús, Mullá Husayn, his brother, his nephew, his attendant and the other believers from the province of <u>Khurásán</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p414-418.
Section 2: The Ones from <u>Simnán</u> and <u>Mázindarán</u>	Martyrs of Tabarsí (Nabíl's list #14 - #103): believers that came from the provinces of <u>Simnán</u> and <u>Mázindarán</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p418-421 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.
Section 3: The Ones from <u>Isfáhán</u>, <u>Shíráz</u>, <u>Yazd</u> and <u>Qazvín</u>	Martyrs of Tabarsí (Nabíl's list #103 - #146): believers that came from <u>Isfáhán</u> , <u>Shíráz</u> , <u>Yazd</u> and <u>Qazvín</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p421-423.
Section 4: The Ones from <u>Ádhirbayján</u>, <u>Ardibíl</u> and <u>Zanján</u>	Martyrs of Tabarsí (Nabíl's list #147 - #160): believers that came from provinces of <u>East Ádhirbayján</u> , <u>West Ádhirbayján</u> , <u>Ardibíl</u> and <u>Zanján</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p423-425.
Section 5: The Ones from <u>Other Parts of the Land</u>	Martyrs of Tabarsí (Nabíl's list #161 - #173): believers that came from other parts of the land and <u>Iráq</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 20, p425-426.

Epilogue

Excerpt from the Dawn-Breakers regarding the sacrifice and courage of the martyrs of Tabarsí.

DB 21: THE SEVEN THAT WALK IN FRONT OF THE QÁ'IM

Prologue	Hadith regarding the “seven goats” that walk in front of the <i>Qá'im</i>
Section 1: Sorrow of Tabarsí	<p>The Báb's grief and response to the episode of Tabarsí; the Báb sends Sayyáh to Tabarsí on pilgrimage on His behalf; news of Tabarsí reaches others.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p430-432, p439.</p>
Section 2: Tensions mount in Tihrán	<p>Sayyáh's visit to Tihrán and Bahá'u'lláh after Tabarsí; aftermath of Tabarsí; Táhirih brought to Tihrán; the Báb's middle uncle comes to Tihrán after visiting the Báb in <u>Chihríq</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p432-433, p441-442 and additional sources noted in footnotes in text.</p>
Section 3: Treachery, Torture and Some Recant	<p>What led to the arrest of certain Bábís in Tihrán, their torture and bringing of the case to the Grand Vazier, the <i>Amír-Kabír</i>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p438, p442-446, p457 and additional sources noted in the footnotes in text.</p>
Section 4: The First of Seven	<p>Martyrdom of Hájí Mírzá Siyyid 'Alí, the middle uncle of the Báb, entitled <i>Khál-i-A'zam</i></p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p446-449.</p>
Section 5: The Second of Seven	<p>Martyrdom of Mírzá Qurbán-'Alí, a learned Sufi dervish.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p449-453.</p>
Section 6: The Third of Seven	<p>Martyrdom of Hájí Mullá Ismá'íl-i-Qumí, a learned divine.</p>

	Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p453-455.
Section 7: The Fourth of Seven	Martyrdom of Siyyid Husayn-i-Turshízí, newly converted <i>mujtahid</i> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p455-456.
Section 8: The Fifth, Sixth and Seventh of Seven	Martyrdom of Hájí Muhammad-Taqíy-i-Kirmání, a merchant of Kirmán; Siyyid Murtadá, a merchant of Zanján and Muhammad-Husayn-i-Marághíí, a government official. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 21, p456-458.
Epilogue	Quotes from a historian and from the Dawn-Breakers regarding the seven martyrs of Tihrán.

DB 22: THE CRIMSON RAIN – NAYRÍZ

Prologue	Persian Hidden Words #76
Section 1: Key Events in Vahíd's Life leading to <i>Naw-Rúz</i> of 1850	Recap of Vahíd's background, his meeting with the Báb, his attempt to go to Fort Tabarsí, his visit to Tihrán and his travels up to his arrival in Yazd just prior to <i>Naw-Rúz</i> of 1850. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p465-466
Section 2: <i>Naw-Rúz</i> of 1850 in Yazd and its Aftermath	The <i>Naw-Rúz</i> gathering at Vahíd's home and the opposition that arose from that; the mob besieging Vahíd's home; the retaliatory action of certain Bábís although advised otherwise by Vahíd; the resulting killing of the Bábís and Vahíd being forced to leave Yazd. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p466-475
Section 3: Vahíd Goes to Nayríz	Vahíd's travel to Nayríz and his teaching along the way; the anticipation of his arrival in Nayríz and large group going out to meet him in spite of the threats of the Governor of Nayríz; Vahíd's arrival in Nayríz and his open call to all about the Message of the Báb. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p475-480
Section 4: The First Attack on the Bábís in Nayríz	Vahíd's teaching activities in Nayríz; the first attack on the Bábís; Vahíd joins the Bábís in Fort <u>Khájih</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p481-482
Section 5: The Siege of Fort <u>Khájih</u>	First attack on the fort; life in the fort; the Governor's appeal to the Prince in <u>Shíráz</u> and the arrival of a large army; intensification of the siege; defeat of the army by the Bábís.

	Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p483-487
Section 6: Deception and Treachery	<p>The Governor's false promise of peace on the Qur'an to get Vahid and the Babis to leave the fort; Vahid acceptance of the offer knowing that it was a ruse; Vahid's attempt to warn the companions in the fort and treachery by one of the companions; the companions leaving the Fort and being massacred.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p488-493</p>
Section 7: Martyrdom of Vahid	<p>Martyrdom of Vahid</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p494-495</p>
Section 8: The Cry of the Babis of Nayriz	<p>Torture and massacre of the Babis in Nayriz and sending of their heads as trophies to the Prince in <u>Shiraz</u>.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 22, p495-499</p>
Epilogue	Further persecution in Nayriz that will be occur in the future.

DB 23: THE CRIMSON RAIN - TABRÍZ

Prologue	Hadith regarding "I Myself shall be his ransom".
Section 1: The Báb is Brought to Tabríz	<p>The <i>Amír-Kabír's</i> decision to execute the Báb; the Báb knowing what is to come and in advance sending a package to Bahá'u'lláh; the Báb being brought to Tabríz from <u>Chihríq</u>; the <i>Amír-Kabír</i> issuing the execution order; the prince governor not executing it; and the <i>Amír-Kabír</i> giving the command of the order to his own brother.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 23 p500-506.</p>
Section 2: The Execution is Prepared	<p>Bringing of the Báb to the army barracks for His execution; the appearance of Anís and his plea to join the Báb; the story of the night before the execution when Anís is chosen by the Báb as the companion to be martyred with Him the next day.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 23 p506-508.</p>
Section 3: "Not until,"	<p>Issuance of the Báb's death warrants by the three leading <i>mujtahids</i> of Tabríz; Sâm <u>Khán</u> not wishing to execute the Báb and the Báb assuring him; the guard forcibly disrupting the Báb's interaction with His amanuensis and the Báb predicting that no power on earth can silence Him until His work here was finished; the firing of Sâm Khán's regiment on the Báb and Anís, and their miraculous survival.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 23, p508-514.</p>
Section 4: The Martyrdom of the Báb	<p>The Báb's last words and His eventual Martyrdom.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 23 p510, p513-514.</p>

<p>Section 5: The Aftermath</p>	<p>The whirlwind of dust that arose with the Martyrdom; the removal of the Báb's remains to the moat; the sketch made of the remains; Hájí Sulaymán <u>Khán</u>'s arrival in Tabríz and his rescue of the remains; the remains are bought to Tihrán; and some notes on what happens to certain of the individuals involved in the future.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 23, p515-522 and p525-p526.</p>
<p>Epilogue</p>	<p>Some selections from the Writings of the Báb.</p>

DB 24: THE CRIMSON RAIN - ZANJÁN

Prologue	Description of town of Zanján in 1800s.
Section 1: Key Events in Hujjat's Life up to Early 1850	Recap of Hujjat's background; how becomes a Bábí; his communications with the Báb; and his detention in the capital. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p528-540 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.
Section 2: The Zanján Upheaval Begins	Hujjat's return to Zanján; arising tensions between the Muslims and the Bábís; the trigger of the upheaval; and how Zanján breaks up into two camps. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p540-544 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.
Section 3: The Fort of 'Alí-Mardán <u>Khán</u>	Hujjat and the Bábís move to the fort of 'Alí-Mardán <u>Khán</u> ; and beginning of the attacks on the fort; Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p543-546 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.
Section 4: The Siege of Fort 'Alí-Mardán <u>Khán</u>	The long siege of the Fort; conditions and life in the Fort; the Call of God being raised from the Fort; Hujjat writing to the <u>Sháh</u> and the governor changing that message. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p546-549, p552-555 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.
Section 5: The Siege Intensifies	News of the Martyrdom of the Báb; the arrival of reinforcements by orders of the capital; the siege dragging on despite intensified attacks; the Bábí women; the story of Zaynab; and the Bábí youth in the Fort get married.

	<p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p550-552, p556-557 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.</p>
<p>Section 6: Martyrdom of Hujjat and End of the Siege</p>	<p>The governor resorting to deception to lure the Bábís; the deception is revealed; Hujjat is wounded; Fort is lost; Bábís make a last stand; and Hujjat is martyred.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p564-572 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.</p>
<p>Section 7: The Cry of the Bábís of Zanján</p>	<p>Inhuman treatment of Bábí captives; fate of the Bábí women captives; fate of the Bábí men captives; desecration of Hujjat's body; and survivors of the upheaval.</p> <p>Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 24, p573-578 and some other sources listed in footnotes of the text.</p>
<p>Epilogue</p>	<p>Conclusion from the Dawn-Breakers of the upheaval in Zanján.</p>

DB 25-26: THE HIDDEN SUNRISE – PART A

Prologue	Expectations of twin Manifestations; the <i>Qá'im</i> and the <i>Qayyúm</i> ; and what the Báb as the first Manifestation fulfilled.
Section 1: Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest	Prophecies of the Báb regarding the One who will arise after Him, His name, the Year nine, and those who will meet Him. Examples of those who recognize Bahá'u'lláh as the One promised by the Báb before the Year nine. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers various chapters and other sources listed in the footnotes.
Section 2: Bahá'u'lláh's Activities mid-1850 to mid-1852	Bahá'u'lláh's stay in Karbalá' mid-1851 to mid-1852; the death of <i>Amír-Kabír</i> and his replacement by Áqá <i>Khán-i-Núrí</i> as Grand Vazier; Bahá'u'lláh's return to Tihrán region. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 25 p587, p591, p593; Chapter 26 p595, p598-599, p638; and other sources listed in the footnotes.
Section 3: Attempt on the life of the <u>Sháh</u> [15 August 1852]	'Azím and his group's plan to take revenge; Bahá'u'lláh warning him to abandon that path; the attempt to assassinate the <u>Sháh</u> and its failure. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 26, p599-600 and p609-610.
Section 4: Barbaric Genocide of the Bábís	Genocide of the Bábís after the attempted assassination; gives some examples of the horrors perpetuated including story of Hájí Sulaymán Khán's martyrdom. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 26 p605, p612-621, p645 and other sources noted in the footnotes.

Section 5: Táhirih's Last Days and Her Martyrdom	Táhirih's confinement in the Kalántar's residence from 1850 to her martyrdom; details of her last day and martyrdom as relayed by the wife of the Kalántar. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 26 p621-629.
Epilogue	Two quotes about martyrdom and what is the outcome of persecution.

DB 25-26: THE HIDDEN SUNRISE – PART B

Prologue	Selection quotes from the Báb regarding Him Whom God shall Manifest.
Section 1: Bahá'u'lláh's Imprisonment in the Síyáh-Chál	Receipt of news of assassination attempt on the <u>Sháh</u> by Bahá'u'lláh; His refusal to hide; His march to the Síyáh- <u>Chál</u> ; conditions in the Síyáh- <u>Chál</u> ; singing and martyrdom of the companions in the Síyáh- <u>Chál</u> . Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 26 p599-609, p631-633 and other sources noted In footnotes.
Section 2: The Hidden Sunrise	Bahá'u'lláh's experience of revelation in the Síyáh- <u>Chál</u> . Main Source: Other sources noted in footnotes.
Section 3: Bahá'u'lláh's Release and Banishment	Hate of <u>Sháh's</u> mother towards Bahá'u'lláh; 'Azím's confession; Bahá'u'lláh's release; and His banishment to 'Iráq. Main Source: Dawn-Breakers Chapter 26 p636-637 and p647-650; and other sources noted in the footnotes.
Epilogue	Quotes from Shoghi Effendi about the current stage of development of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh and its influence.

* * * * *

PRIMARY SOURCE

The Dawn-Breakers: Nabil's Narrative of the Early Days of the Bahá'í Revelation
Shoghi Effendi (1932); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, New York

OTHER SOURCES

'Abdu'l-Bahá : Hasan M. Balyuzi (1971); George Ronald, London

An Introduction to Shi'í Islam : Moojan Momen (1985); George Ronald, Oxford

Awakening : Hussein Ahdieh & Hillary Chapman (2013); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

Bahà'u'lláh: The King of Glory : Hasan M. Balyuzi (1980); George Ronald, Oxford

Bahà'u'lláh and the New Era : J.E. Esslemont (reprinting 2006); Bahá'í Publishing Trust

Eminent Bahá'ís in the time of Bahà'u'lláh : Hasan M. Balyuzi (1985); George Ronald, Oxford

Epistle to the Son of the Wolf : (reprinting 1979); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

God Passes By : Shoghi Effendi (1944); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

Khadíjah Bagum : Hasan M. Balyuzi (1981); George Ronald

Kitáb-i-Aqdas : (1992) Bahá'í World Centre

Kitáb-i-Íqán : (1931) Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

Leaves of the Twin Divine Trees : Baharieh Rouhani Maani (2008); George Ronald

Logos and Civilization: Spirit, History and Order in the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh : Nader Saiedi (2000); University Press of Maryland

Memorials of the Faithful : 'Abdu'l-Bahá (1977 edition); Bahá'í Publishing Trust

Mullá Husayn – Disciple at Dawn : R. Mehrabkhani (1987); Kalimat Press, Los Angeles

Occasional Papers in Shaykhi, Babi and Baha'i Studies, Vol. 2, no. 4 : (May 1998)
Kalimat Press, Los Angeles

Promulgation of Universal Peace : 'Abdu'l-Bahá (1982 edition); Bahá'í Publishing Trust

Quddús: The First in Rank : Boris Handel (2024); ISBN: 978-0-6458963-2-6 (print)

Resurrection and Renewal: The Making of the Babi Movement in Iran, 1844-1850 : Abbas Amanat (1989); Cornell University Press, Ithaca and London

Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh : Adib Taherzadeh (Volume 1, 1972); Bahá'í Publishing Trust

Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá : (1978) Bahá'í World Centre

Selections from the Writings of the Báb : (1978) Bahá'í World Centre

Stories of Bahá'u'lláh : 'Alí-Akbar Furútan (2022); George Ronald, Oxford

The Báb : Hasan M. Balyuzi (1973); George Ronald, Oxford

The Bábí and Bahá'í Religions, 1844-1944 – Some Contemporary Western Accounts :
Moojan Momen (1981); George Ronald, Oxford

The Bahá'í World : Volume 3 (1930); Volume 4 (1933); Volume 5 (1936); Volume 6
(1937); Volume 7 (1939); Volume 8 (1942); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

The Call of the Divine Beloved : (2018) Bahá'í World Centre

The Summons of the Lord of Hosts : (2002) Bahá'í World Centre

The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh : Shoghi Effendi (reprinting 1974); Bahá'í Publishing
Trust

Translation of French Footnotes of the Dawn-Breakers : Emily McBride Perrigord
(1939); Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, Illinois

* * * * *