
The Jeweled Shrine of Imam Riḍā (as), An Endowment from the Afshāriyeh Period

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Abstract

The Jeweled Shrine is one of the few shrines on the holy shrine of Raḍavī whose construction dates back to the Afshāriyeh period. Despite its long history, independent and detailed research based on scientific evidence has not been done. This study is trying to take advantage of the potential of information and to use a descriptive-analytical method, while describing the characteristics and characteristics of this criterion, to answer the ambiguities and questions about the construction date, the endowment date and the founder of the jeweled shrine.

The findings of this study show that although the narration of historical sources emphasizes the dedication and setting of this shrine by Seyyed Mirzā Muḥammad (Shāh Suleimān Thānī); however, the study of these narratives and their correspondence with other sources and historical documents strengthens the view that the jeweled shrine was originally made for Nader Shah's tomb; however, after his death during the first period of his grandson's rule, Shahrokh Afshār (1163-1161 AH) was transferred to the Raḍavī shrine and dedicated and installed by him on the purified shrine of Raḍavī.

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