



## ‘ABD-AL-QAYS

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‘**ABD-AL-QAYS**, an eastern Arabian tribe. In ancient times, it moved from what is today the province of al-‘Ārež to the island of Baḥrayn and the nearby coastal areas. The ‘Abd-al-Qays and other tribes of the Persian Gulf littoral frequently raided southern Iran. When he became of age, Šāpūr II (r. A.D. 309-79) made it his first order of business to punish these predators. He led an army across the Persian Gulf and devastated large parts of Arabia and Syria, slaughtering most of the ‘Abd-al-Qays on the way. Later in his reign, Šāpūr moved many members of the tribe to Kermān province. Before the advent of Islam, the ‘Abd-al-Qays were apparently Christians. During the Arab conquests, the ‘Abd-al-Qays once more crossed the Persian Gulf in large numbers and carried out extensive raids in southern Iran. Sizable groups of them also settled down in the neighborhood of Tavvaz (near the present-day Dālakī) and Bašra. In the early 700s, some 4,000 ‘Abd-al-Qays warriors accompanied Qotayba (q.v.) on his campaign into Khorasan.

See also [Abarkāvān](#).

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