



## ĀDUR

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**ĀDUR** (and *ādar*) Middle Persian word for “fire;” the Avestan form is *ātar* (of unknown derivation), and the late form is arabicized in New Persian as *āzar*. The Middle Persian by-form *ātaxš* (NPers. *ātaš*) represents the old nom. sing. form of the word, with intervocalic *-t-* irregularly preserved. There is reason to think that in Middle Iranian the standard Parthian form was *ādar*, the standard Middle Persian *ātaxš*. Both forms occur freely in the mixed language of the Pahlavi books. “Adur” is the name of the ninth Zoroastrian month and the ninth day of the month.

For the Zoroastrian cult use of fire, see [Ātaš](#). For the three greatest fire foundations of ancient Iran, see [Ādur Burzēn-Mihr](#), [Ādur Farnbāg](#), [Ādur Gušnasp](#).