



## ĀDUR NARSEH

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**ĀDUR NARSEH**, son of the Sasanian king Hormizd II (A.D. 302-09) and ruler for several months after his father. It is inferred from Byzantine historians (see Justi, *Namenbuch*, p. 3; Nöldeke, *Geschichte der Perser*, p. 51, n. 3) that Hormizd II had two sons, Hormizd and Ādur Narseh, by his first wife, and another son of unknown name. Ādur Narseh was made king in 309 but was deposed and killed because of his cruelty. The Arab historian Ṭabarī gives a quite different account of the succession. According to him Hormizd II was childless at his death, and the yet unborn Šāpūr II was immediately chosen as king (I, p. 836).

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See also Christensen, *Iran Sass.*, pp. 233-34.