



AḤMAD TABRĪZĪ

AḤMAD B. MOḤAMMAD TABRĪZĪ, Persian poet (first half of the 8th/14th century), known only as the author of the 18,000 verse *Šāhanšāh-nāma* dedicated to the il-khan Abū Saʿīd (717-36/1317-35). The epic begins with Noah's son Japheth (Yāfet), relates the genealogy of the Mongols up to Čengiz Khan, mentions Ögedey, Toluy, Jalāl-al-dīn K̄vārazmšāh, Čağatay, Güyük, and Möngke, and ends with the founder of the Il-khanid dynasty, Hülegü, and his successors. Its epilogue (*kātema*) explains that it was begun at the order of Abū Saʿīd and completed eight years later in 738/1337-38 after his death. Abū Saʿīd seems to have commissioned the work under the influence of the Il-khanid court at the time of Ġāzān (694-703/1295-1304), who was interested in ancient Turkic-Mongolian history and epics. It is not known if this Tabrīzī is the same as the author of the *Tārīk-enawāder* mentioned in *Kašf al-ẓonūn* (Istanbul, 1971, I, p. 308).

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