



## ĀĪN GOŠASP

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**ĀĪN GOŠASP** (var. Aḏīn Gošnasp, Aḏīn Jošnas), general of Hormazd IV (A.D. 579-590), sent by him to campaign against the rebellious general Bahrām Čūbīn. Unsuccessful, he was murdered in Hamadān (Ṭabarī, II, p. 995; Ya'qūbī, *Tārīk*, Naḡaf, 1358/1939, I, p. 136; *Šāh-nāma* [Moscow] VIII, pp. 394, 428). He was probably a native of Kūzestān (Mas'ūdī, *Morūj* [ed. Pellat] I, p. 313; Gardīzī [ed. Ḥabībī], p. 34, though in both cases the spelling of his name is corrupt). According to some sources Ā'īn Gošasp was the *dabīr* "scribe" (*Šāh-nāma* VIII, p. 394) or vizier of Hormazd (Dīnavarī, p. 85; Baḷ'amī, *Tārīk*, p. 1079; the name is recorded as Yazdān Gošnas in these two sources), who accused Bahrām of not having dispatched to the king all the booty he gained in the war with the Turks. Contrary to Ṭabarī, Ya'qūbī, and Ferdowsī, some sources (Dīnavarī, p. 86; Baḷ'amī, p. 1081; Ṭa'ālebī, *Gorar*, p. 659) regard him as a peace mediator sent by the king to Bahrām. Others attribute the function of neither general nor peace mediator to him, but consider him only as a courtier or vizier who conspired against Bahrām in the matter of the booty (Mas'ūdī, I, p. 313; Gardīzī, p. 34). As to the titles minister or scribe and the function of a peace mediator, there was probably a confusion in some sources between Ā'īn Gošasp (note the variants above) and Yazd Gošnasp, who was vizier of Kōsrow I and later was put to death by Hormazd (Justi, *Namenbuch*, p. 149).



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