



ĀÇIYĀDIYA

ĀÇIYĀDIYA (a-ç-i-y-a-di-i-y-), name of the ninth month (November-December) of the Old Persian calendar (see Kent, *Old Persian*, p. 161a), equivalent to Akkadian Kislīmu and Elamite Šībari (which is several times attested in the Persepolis tablets; see R. T. Hallock, *Persepolis Fortification Tablets*, Chicago, 1969, pp. 74, 756b). The Old Persian name, occurring only in DB I.89, III.18, is frequently rendered as Elamite Hašiyatiš (with sundry variants; see Hallock, *Tablets*, p. 693b) in the Persepolis tablets. The name Āçiyādiya, i.e., aç-yādyā-, and its collateral form *Āçiyādi- (the normal Elamite rendering) are compounds, which contain the Iranian word for “fire” (*ātar-) in its null-grade *āθr-, Old Persian aç- (not *āθri-), and a lengthened-grade derivative from the root yad- “worship, reverence, sacrifice;” they may be interpreted as “Fire-worship (month).”

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