



## ARDERIKKA

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**ARDERIKKA**, name of two ancient villages: (1) Arderikka in Assyria (Herodotus 1.185.2) was a *kōmē* (village) on the Euphrates above Babylon but can not be localized with certainty. There the Babylonian queen Nitōkris is said to have turned the course of the river in such a way that it passed the village three times. (2) Arderikka in Susiana (Herodotus 6.119.2) was a station (*stathmos*; farmstead?) of Darius I situated in the land Cissia and about 40 km from Susa; Darius settled there the Eretrians captured after the overthrow of their city by Datis in 490 B. C.; according to Herodotus there was a famous spring about seven km away from which asphalt, salt, and oil were produced. This site is usually identified with modern Kīr-āb north of Susa (H. Rawlinson, *Journal of the Royal Geographic Society* 9, p. 94). The ancient name reflected in Greek Arderikka has been recognized in Assyrian *Urdalika* (Assurbanipal, Prisma Rassam, col. V, line 51) by J. Oppert (*ZA* 3, 1888, p.422).

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See also Pauly-Wissowa, II/1, col. 614.

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