



AŠTĀD YAŠT

AŠTĀD YAŠT, *Yt.* 18, though dedicated to Aštād, Av. Arštāt-, the goddess of rectitude (or justice, see [Aštād](#)), does not mention her. The *yašt* is quite short (only nine verses including the holy formulas), and can be divided into three parts: Verses 1-2 feature the Aryan Glory (*airiianəm xvarəno*), who is said to vanquish Anra Mainiuu, Aēšma (Fury), Būšiiąstā (Sloth), the Freezing Cold (*hąm. stərətəm aēxəm*), the *daēuua* Apaoša (Drought), and the non-Aryan countries; verses 3-4(5) are devoted to Aši; and verses 5-7 to Tištriia and Vāta, who are said to bring prosperity to all mountains, valleys, and rivers, but destruction to the Freezing Cold and the *daēuua* Apaoša. In verse 8 the Ahunvar is worshiped and its correctly-spoken, victorious, healing words (*vaca aršuxda vārəθraynš baēšaziš*). The occurrence of *arš-* “correct” may have been the reason for dedicating this *yašt* to Arštāt-/Aštād (Lommel, p. 166).

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