



BAHRĀM

BAHRĀM (𐭠𐭣𐭣𐭣𐭣), the name of six Sasanian kings and of several notables of the Sasanian and later periods. The name derives from Old Iranian Vr̥θragna, Avestan Vərəθraϥna, the god of victory (see above), Middle Persian Warahrān, Wahrām (most often spelled wahl'n), Parthian *Warθagn, borrowed into Armenian as Vahagn, and Wa(r)hrām (spelled wryhrm), borrowed into Armenian as Vrām. See also Justi, *Namenbuch*, pp. 361-65; H. Humbach and P. O. Skjærvø, *The Sassanian Inscription of Paikuli III/1*, Wiesbaden, 1983, pp. 130-31; *Iranisches Personennamenbuch II/2*, p. 171.

i. Bahrām I, son of Šāpūr I.

ii. Bahrām II, son of Bahrām I.

iii. Bahrām III, son of Bahrām II.

iv. Bahrām IV.

v. Bahrām V Gōr, son of Yazdegerd I.

vi. Bahrām V Gōr in Persian legend and literature.

vii. Bahrām VI Čōbīn.

Figure 1. The order of succession of the early Sasanian kings.

Figure 2. Descent of the Samanids from Bahrām Čōbīn. (For the Samanids, see



Bīrūnī, *Chronology*; for Šāpūr, see *Syrische Kronik*, p. 9; see also Justi, *Namenbuch*, s.vv.)