



BOḶT-ARDAŠĪR

BOḶT-ARDAŠĪR (Mid. Pers. Bōxt-Artaxšīr/Ardašīr), name of a town (*rōstāg*) that, according to the *Kār-nāmag ī Ardašīr ī Pābagān*, Ardašīr I founded as an expression of his gratitude to God after he reached the sea during his flight from the court of the last Parthian king, Ardawān. He also ordered Wahrām fires established on the coast (ed. Sanjana, 4.8, p. 23 ll. 3ff.; ed. B. T. Anklesaria, 5.10, p. 33 ll. 2ff.).

The word *boḶt-Ardašīr* “saved by Ardašīr” belongs to a well-known category of compounds used as personal names, compare BoḶt-Yazd, BoḶt-Šāpūr, BoḶt-Ḷosrow (see *Pahlavi Texts*, p. 103.12; cf. Justi, *Namenbuch*, p. 72), and seems to be an imitation of Christian practice (cf. BoḶt-Yesū’ “saved by Jesus;” see Th. Nöldeke, “Geschichte des Artachšīr i Pāpakân,” *Beiträge zur Kunde der Indogermanischen Sprachen* 4, 1878, pp. 46, 49).

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