



DENŠAPUH

DENŠAPUH, short form of Vehdenšapuh (Mid. Pers. *Wehdēnšābuhr), Sasanian *hambārapet* (quartermaster; Faustus, tr. Garsoian, p. 530) involved in the campaign of Yazdagerd II (438-57) to force Christian Armenians to abjure their faith and return to Zoroastrianism (Łazar P'arpec'i, pp. 293, 309-10, 314, 317, 319; Elišē, ed. Tēr-Minasean, pp. 19-139; cf. Hübschmann, *Armenische Grammatik*, p. 37 no. 56); a gem bearing his name is preserved in the British Museum in London (Thomas, no. 117; cf. Nöldeke, *Geschichte der Perser*, p. 444). Step'anos Tarawnac'i (p. 83) claimed that Denšapuh "increased adultery and lit an Ohrmazd fire in Rštunik'," a district south of Lake Van. These claims are references to the Sasanian suppression of sacerdotal celibacy and encouragement of marriage between next of kin, as well as to the conversion of churches into fire temples, as at Echmiadzin (Ējmiacin).

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