



DICHŌR

DICHŌR, city conquered by Šāpūr I (240-70) during his second campaign against Rome in 253 (252, according to Balty), as recorded in his inscription at Ka'ba-ye Zardošt (Parth. l. 7: *dykwl*, Gr. l. 16). The exact location in northern Syria or southeastern Asia Minor has not yet been established. Martin Sprengling's identification (pp. 95-96, pl. 2 l. 13) of the city with Diacira, mentioned by Ammianus Marcellinus (24.2.3.; Talmudic Ihi Dakira), modern Hīt on the Euphrates in Iraq, is untenable; that of Ernest Honigmann with Zevkir, south of Gaziantep in Turkey, is speculative. This uncertainty underscores the fact that the routes followed by the Sasanian army, or parts of it, cannot yet be reconstructed with certainty.

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