



DRNABĀJIŠ

DRNABĀJIŠ, name of the fifth month (July-August) of the Old Persian calendar, equivalent to Akkadian *Ābu* and Elamite *Zillatam* (several attestations in the Persepolis tablets only; see Hinz and Koch, pp. 1164, 1299-1300, 1305; cf. [CALENDARS i](#)). It is one of three month names that are not attested in the original Old Persian form; it can be reconstructed only from the Elamite rendering *Tur-na-ba-(iz-)zī(-iš)*, *Tu-ur-na-*, *Tar-na-* (and some minor variants). In some instances the variant *Tur/Tar-na-ba-(iz-)zī-ya-iš*, reflecting **Dr̥nabājya-*, occurs (cf. the Elamite doublet *Bakeyatiyaš/Bakeyatiš*, reflecting OPers. **Bāgayādya-/Bāgayādiš*, with *corri-genda*; see Hinz, p. 66). The various renderings lead to reconstruction of an original form **Dr̥na-bāji-* or the like, the etymological interpretation of which is not fully established, though the second element is surely Old Persian *bāji-* “tribute, duty, tax”; Walther Hinz (p. 66: *bāži-*) understands the form as “(month of) the harvest tax.”

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