



HORMOZD V

HORMOZD V, Sasanian great king (r. 630-32 C.E.). In the turbulent years following the murder of **Ḳosrow II Parvēz** (628), nearly a dozen rulers (including two daughters) of **Ḳosrow** and one great general **Farroḳān Šahrvarāz** came to the throne and were slain after a short while (Nöldeke, *Geschichte der Perser*, pp. 361-99). One of the last pretenders to the throne was a certain **Ḳosrow** only known through Syriac and Greek sources (all references were collected by Nöldeke, *Geschichte der Perser*, p. 398, n.). He was proclaimed king by Persian troops of **Farroḳān** in Nisibis, while others had raised **Āzarmīgdukt** (q.v.) to the throne. When two years later **Yazdegerd** was elected by some magnates as king in **Estakr**, the same troops from Nisibis opposed him and were presumably overcome. According to **Sebēos** (tr. Macler, p. 90), **Hormozd** was a grandson of **Ḳosrow II**, but his father's name is not given. **Theophanes** (tr. p. 31) mistakenly identified him with **Yazdegerd III** and gave him a reign of eleven years.

Coins of this **Hormozd** establish his historical position more firmly. Drachms dated the years 1, 2, and 3 are known, and they show a fairly young man wearing a crown very similar to that of **Ḳosrow II** (Göbl, Pl. 15, nos. 230-31; Mochiri). An unusual drachm of **Hormozd** copied the reverse of a coin of **Ḳosrow II** year 35 of the mint **WYH** (Malek), which seems to represent **Veh-az-Āmed Kawāt** in **Arrajān** (q.v.; Gyselen) rather than **Veh-Ardašēr** of the **Ctesiphon** complex.



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