

## Varhran IV

Son of Shapur III. Reign 388 - 399 AD. Varhran was governor of Kirman before his ascension. According to al-Tabari, he was killed by a group of "murderous evildoers."

*Denominations: D, D/3; d, Obol, Obol/2; U/6; Pb/6*

Thirty-two (32) mints listed in SNS: AH, AP, ART, AS, AT, AW/AR, AWH, AY, AYL, BBA, BShHP, BShPW, BYSh, DA, DAL, HL, HLYDY, KAL, KL, KWN AH, KWN AHM, KWN BBA, LD, LDY, LYW, MY, PW, ST, STHL, ShLK(?), ShY, WH. No AHM, GW, KA.

Regnal year to AD date conversion:

REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES
1	388	
2	389	
3	390	
4	391	
5	392	
6	393	
7	394	
8	395	
9	396	
10	397	
11	398	
12	399	

**Gobl I/3 issue: Without Ahuramazda in flames above altar; with mint signature**



[116k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: LYW

Regnal year: none

24 x 25 mm.

3.80 gm.

Gobl SN I/3; SNS Ia1/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[100k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: KWN BBA

Regnal year: none

24 x 25 mm.

4.07 gm.

Gobl SN I/3; SNS Ia2/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=2h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[120k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: xLYxx (?)

Regnal year: none

27 mm.

4.17 gm.

Gobl SN I/3; SNS \_\_\_\_\_

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: Mule: Yazdgard I reverse.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[19k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: LDY

Regnal year: none

27 mm.

4.06 gm.

Gobl SN I/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: RDY retrograde to left of altar flame; Pahlavi 'N' (?) to right. 'Rast' retrograde on altar shaft.



[14k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

Regnal year: none

22 mm.

3.08 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/3 (plate VIII/141)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=19 mm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[19k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: BBA

Regnal year: none

25 x 24 mm.

3.53 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/3 (plate VIII/141)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[15k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AW/H

Regnal year: none

22 x 23 mm.

3.53 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/3 (plate VIII/141)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[15k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AW/H

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

4.19 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 926 - 930, Sellwood ISC 38 (type I), Gobl SN I/1 (plate VIII/141)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=19 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:



[22k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: unclear

Regnal year: none

26 x 27 mm.

4.17 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/3 (plate VIII/141)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

Die position=3h

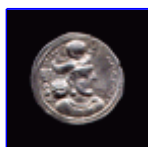
[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

**Gobl I/3 issue: Without Ahuramazda in flames above altar; without mint signature**



[18k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

22 mm.

3.76 gm.

Gobl SN I/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:



[15k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

28 x 27 mm.

3.67 gm.

Gobl SN I/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Egyptian-looking beard. Legends totally blundered.

Reverse: Legends totally blundered.

Note: Imitation; eastern?



[24k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: (?)

Regnal year: none

27 x 26 mm.

2.99 gm.

Gobl SN I/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=24 mm.

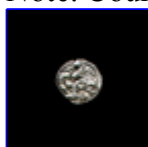
Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Alexander Akin collection.



[6k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Hemiobol

Mint: ST

Regnal year: none

10 mm.

0.26 gm.

Gobl SN I/3

Diameter of obverse dotted border=10 mm.; diameter of reverse border=10 mm.

Die position=3h

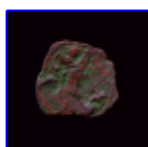
[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pahlavi ST in front of bust.

Reverse:

Large 300%/150 dpi scan [obv/rev](#) [39K JPG]

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[10k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

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Mint: none

Regnal year: none

20 x 19 mm.

2.08 gm.

Gobl SN I/3 (?)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=n/a; diameter of reverse border=n/a

Die position=4h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Fleur-de-lis in right field.

Reverse:

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**Gobl I/1 issue: With Ahuramazda in flames above altar; with mint signature**



[128k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: KLK (Karka de Ledan in Meshan?)

Regnal year: none

26 mm.

4.03 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia1/2a

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[100K JPG](#)

Varhran IV

AR Drachm

Mint: (?)

Regnal year: none

23 x 24 mm.

3.10 gm.

SNS Ib2/2a type; Gobl SN I/1; Mochiri ENIS II -

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: *w mlk lydy* (?)



[100k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: HLYDW

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

4.09 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia1/2a

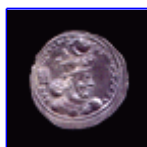
Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[18k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: LYW

Regnal year: none

23 x 24 mm.

4.20 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

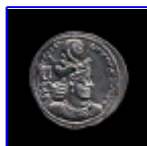
Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[15k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

Regnal year: none

23 mm.

4.24 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC 38 (type I); Gobl SN I/1 (plate VIII/136)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)



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Obverse: Letterform (?) behind bust.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.



[22k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: BBA

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

3.96 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 934, Sellwood ISC 38 (type I), Gobl SN I/1 (plate VIII/136)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:



[20k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: GWD

Regnal year: none

26 x 25 mm.

3.44 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: 'GWD' to left of altar flame. 'WLY' in right field; Pahlavi legend on altar shaft.



[18k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: GWD

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

3.78 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; see: Mochiri IRAN Vol. XXXIV, 1996, #12 for similar

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=4h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Legend from left to right: AW - GW - D - WRY. 'Flowers' blossoming from bottom of altar shaft (must be the attendant's shoes).



[17k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AW

Regnal year: none

23 mm.

4.06 gm.

Gobl SN I/1 (plate VIII/136)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.



[17k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: BHL

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

3.76 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; see: Mochiri IRAN Vol. XXXIV, 1996, #15 for similar (but Yazdgard I)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Legend from left to right: AW - BHL - PRY(?)



[19k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: (?)

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

4.21 gm.

7.21 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Alexander Akin collection.

**Gobl I/1 issue: With Ahuramazda in flames above altar; without mint signature**



[100k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

2.95 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia2/3b

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=19 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[100k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

3.47 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia3/3b Mint: C (unsigned "eastern mint")

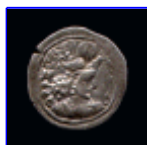
Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[17k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

24 x 25 mm.

4.00 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

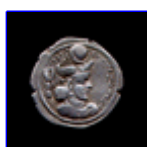
Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Unusual design on altar shaft.



[17k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

22 mm.

4.13 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

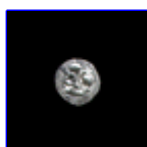
Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=20 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:



[6k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Hemiobol

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

10 x 11 mm.

0.29 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=9 mm.; diameter of reverse border=8 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pomegranate in front of bust.

Reverse:

Large 300%/150 dpi scan [obv/rev](#) [42K JPG]  
Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[20k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

27 mm.

4.15 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Eastern series. Courtesy William B. Warden, Jr. collection.

#### **Gobl I/2 issue: Fire altar without attendants**



[112k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

3.81 gm.

Gobl SN I/2; SNS Ia2/4

Diameter of obverse dotted border=22 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[108k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

3.96 gm.

Gobl SN I/2; SNS Ia3/1a

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[18k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

24 mm.

3.98 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 938; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/2 (plate VIII/139)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

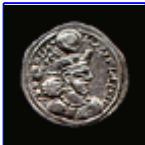
Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Altar flame depicted as wavy lines.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[27k JPG](#)

Varhran IV (388 - 399 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

Regnal year: none

25 mm.

3.87 gm.

Gobl SN I/2 (plate VIII/139)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=23 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

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Obverse:

Reverse: Altar flame depicted as cone.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

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