

## Yazdgard I

Son of Shapur III and brother of Varhran IV. Reign 399 - 420 AD. Called "The Sinful One" in Islamic sources (probably for his tolerant attitude towards minority faiths and his hostility towards the Zoroastrian clergy).

*Denominations: D, D/3; d, Obol; U/6; Pb/4*

Thirty-one (31) mints listed in SNS: AH, AHM, ART, AS, AT, AW, AWH, AY, AYL, BBA, BWB, BYSh, DA, GHL, GW, H, HL, HLYDW, HLYDY, HYL, KA, KAL, KL, KWN LYW, LD, LDY, LYW, MY, PW, ST, WH. No MA. ShY and AYLAN listed below [check]. All MLW coins may not be imitations [check]. GWL [check].

Regnal year to AD date conversion:

REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES
1	399	
2	400	
3	401	
4	402	
5	403	
6	404	
7	405	
8	406	
9	407	
10	408	
11	409	
12	410	1st Synod of the Nestorian church on Sasanian territory.
13	411	
14	412	
15	413	
16	414	
17	415	
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18	410	
19	417	
20	418	
21	419	
22	420	

### Yazdgard I and his son, Shapur



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Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

26 mm.

3.68 gm.

Gobl I/-; SNS Ib1/-

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

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: "Shapur, the Great King of the Armenians".

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

### Gobl I/1 issue: Without Ahuramazda in altar flame



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Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: LDY

28 mm.

4.29 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ib1/1a

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

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



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Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: KA LCYDY (?)

25 mm.

4.10 gm.

Gobl I/1; SNS Ib2/1a

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

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



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Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

29 mm.

4.20 gm.

Gobl I/1; SNS Ib2/1a Mint: (unsigned, possibly "AP")

Diameter of obverse dotted border=24 mm.; diameter of reverse border=25 mm.

Die position=4h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



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Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: GWDMY

26 x 25 mm.

4.05 gm.

Gobl SN Ib2/1a; SNS Ib2/1a

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

Die position=3h

Obverse: Double inscription.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[128k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: ShY

25 x 26 mm.

3.74 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia1/1a

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

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse: "ShY" on altar shaft; unattested mint for this ruler.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[116k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: PWLKY

26 mm.

4.09 gm. (chipped)

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ib2/1a

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

Die position=3h

Obverse: Double inscription.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[36k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Hemiobol

Mint: ?

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11 mm.

0.37 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia1/1a

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

Die position=2h

Obverse: Star in right field.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[68k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

Pb Unit

Mint: none

17 mm.

3.00 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; SNS Ia1/1a, var. 5

Diameter of obverse dotted border=16 mm.; diameter of reverse border=14 mm.

Die position=2h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[17k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AYLAN

26 mm.

3.96 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pahlavi 'Sh' behind bust.

Reverse: Mint to either side of altar flame.

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



[27k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: A1

27 x 30 mm.

3.95 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Two crescents and pellet to left and one crescent and pellet to right of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint in right field.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[19k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: BBA (?)

27 mm.

3.56 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Two crescents and pellet to left and one crescent and pellet to right of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint in right field.

Note: Courtesy Alexander Akin collection.



[19k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: H/W (WH?)

28 x 26 mm.

4.21 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/147)

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Empty crescents to either side of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint to either side of altar flame.

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



[19K JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: WH

25 mm.

4.12 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Mint to left of altar flame.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[25K JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: KL

28 mm.

4.20 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Crescent and pellet to either side of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint in right field.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[17k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

25 mm.

4.05 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 943, Sellwood ISC 41, Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/147)

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Nasty test cut at 3h. Struck from worn die.

Reverse: Mint to right of altar flame.



[18k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: ShY

25 mm.

3.88 gm.

Gobl SN I/1; see: Mochiri IRAN Vol. XXXIV, 1996, #18 for similar

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Mint to right of altar flame.



[23k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

26 mm.

4.08 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Crescent and pellet to either side of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint in right field. Two line legend in left field.



[16k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

22 mm.

3.08 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 945, Sellwood ISC 41, Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/147)

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Crescent and pellet to either side of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear. Mint in right field. Two line legend in left field.





[25k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: H

26 mm.

2.81 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 939 - 949, Sellwood ISC 41, Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/147)

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Pierced.

Reverse: Crescent and pellet to either side of altar flame. Mint in right field.



[24K JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: (?)

26 x 27 mm.

4.17 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN

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

Die position=3h

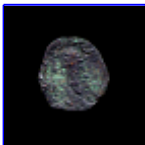
[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Crescents only to either side of altar flame; attendants wear crescent headgear.

Mint in right field. Two line legend in left field.

Note: Overstruck on an earlier coin. Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[9k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (?) (399 - 420 AD)

AE or Billon Unit (Obol (?))

Mint: none

16 x 18 mm.

1.10 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -, Sellwood ISC -, Gobl SN -

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

**Gobl I/1 issue: Without Ahuramazda in altar flame  
[Mitchiner's 'Eastern' series]**



[15k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: HLYDY

24 x 23 mm.

3.71 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/146v.); Mochiri Vol II, #93

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

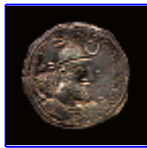
Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Empty crescents to either side of altar flame; no 'rast' on altar shaft.

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



[18K JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: HLYDY

25 mm.

3.71 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate IX/146v.); Mochiri Vol II, #93

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Empty crescents to either side of altar flame; no 'rast' on altar shaft.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



[28K JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: GW

28 x 30 mm.

3.90 gm.

Gobl SN I/1

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse: Empty crescent above pellet to either side of altar flame; no 'rast' on altar shaft.

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

### **Gobl I/2 issue: With Ahuramazda in altar flame**



[18k JPG](#)

Yazdgard I (399 - 420 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: none

24 x 25 mm.

4.05 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/2 (plate IX/149)

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

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse:

Reverse:

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

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