

## Khusro I Anoshirvan

Son of Kavad I. Reign 531 - 579 AD. Year 1 = 531 AD, year 5 = 535 AD and year 48 = 578 AD. Khusro, in league with the Turks, defeated some Hephthalite tribes in or about 557 AD.

*Denominations: D; d; U/12*

### Attendants' headgear on the coins of Khusro I, Hormazd IV and Khusro II

**Regnal year to AD date conversion:**

REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES	REGNAL YEAR	AD YEAR	NOTES
1	531		25	555	
2	532		26	556	
3	533		27	557	Hunnic tribes beaten
4	534		28	558	
5	535	World darkened by cataclysmic event Reverse changes	29	559	Hunnic army near Constantinople
6	536		30	560	
7	537		31	561	Severe drought
8	538		32	562	
9	539	War with Byzantines	33	563	Decisive battles between Turks and Hephthalites.
10	540		34	564	Soghd resumes political relations with other countries.
11	541		35	565	Justinian dies
12	542	Plague in	36	566	

		Egypt			
13	543	Earthquake in the East	37	567	
14	544		38	568	
15	545		39	569	
16	546		40	570	Mohammed born
17	547		41	571	
18	548		42	572	War with Byzantines
19	549		43	573	
20	550	Avars (?)	44	574	
21	551		45	575	
22	552		46	576	
23	553		47	577	
24	554		48	578	Justin II dies

**Gobl I/1 issue: Tall diadem end in front of bust/no altar ribbons/attendants hold long spears (years 1 - 5)**



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

532 AD

Mint: BYSh

Regnal year: 2

29 mm.

4.06 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -; Sellwood ISC -; Gobl SN I/1 (plate XII/194)

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

Die position=3h

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**Obverse:** 'Spheres' intertwined with diadem ends.

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection. In the style of the late coins of Kavad I.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: ART

Regnal year: 3

29 mm.

3.56 gm.

Gobl I/1

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

533 AD

Mint: BN

Regnal year: 3

28 x 29 mm.

3.75 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN

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

Die position=2h

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Obverse: 'Spheres' intertwined with diadem ends.

Reverse:



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm  
533 AD  
Mint: LD  
Regnal year: 3  
29 mm.  
4.08 gm.  
Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN  
Diameter of obverse dotted border=21 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.  
Die position=2h  
[reverse](#)  
Obverse:  
Reverse:  
Note: Odd style. Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)  
AR Drachm  
Mint: AY  
Regnal year: 4  
29 mm.  
4.11 gm.  
Gobl I/1  
Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.  
Die position=9h  
Obverse:  
Reverse:  
Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)  
AR Drachm  
534 AD  
Mint: AW  
Regnal year: 4  
29 mm.  
4.11 gm.  
Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate XII/194)  
Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.  
Die position=3h

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**Obverse:** 'Spheres' intertwined with diadem ends.

**Reverse:**

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



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

534 AD

**Mint:** NA (?)

**Regnal year:** 4

30 mm.

4.18 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate XII/195)

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

Die position=9h

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**Obverse:**

**Reverse:**

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



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

534 AD

**Mint:** AYLAN

**Regnal year:** 4

30 mm.

4.03 gm.

Mitchiner ACW ; Sellwood ISC ; Gobl SN I/1 (plate XII/195)

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

Die position=xh

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**Obverse:** 'Spheres' intertwined with diadem ends.

**Reverse:**

**Note:** Courtesy Robert Rives collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AE 1/12 Unit (?)

Mint: ART (?)

Regnal year: n/a

17 mm.

1.06 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -, Sellwood ISC -, Gobl SN -

Diameter of obverse dotted border=12 mm.; diameter of reverse border=12 mm.

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

**Gobl II/1 issue: Interim issue: Altar has ribbons/attendants hold long spears (year 5) [There are several variants]**



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: WH

Regnal year: 5

29 mm.

4.10 gm.

Gobl SN II/1

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

Die position=9h

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[Note:](#) Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AS

Regnal year: 5

28 x 29 mm.

4.00 gm.

Gobl SN II/1

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

Die position=4h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

Mint: AH

Regnal year: 5

29 mm.

4.04 gm.

Gobl SN II/1

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

Die position=2h

Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

535 AD

Mint: AY

Regnal year: 5

29 mm.

4.03 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1033v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/1v. (plate XII/195v.)

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

Die position=2h

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**Obverse:** Pahlavi legend *KhUSRU* , retrograde.

**Reverse:**



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

535 AD

**Mint:** AY

**Regnal year:** 5

29 mm.

4.15 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1033v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/1v. (plate XII/195v.)

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

Die position=9h

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**Obverse:** Pahlavi legend *KhUSRU* , retrograde.

**Reverse:**

**Gobl II/2 issue: Altar has ribbons/attendants hold short staves (years 5 - 48)**



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

538 AD

**Mint:** AS

**Regnal year:** 8

29 x 31 mm.

4.06 gm.

Gobl SN II/2; Mochiri 594

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

Die position=2h

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**Obverse:**

**Reverse:** 'HW' in margin at 3h.





Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

542 AD

Mint: WYHC

Regnal year: 12

32 x 31 mm.

3.89 gm.

Gobl SN II/2

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

Die position=9h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: WYHC was believed to have begun minting in Khusro's 23rd year, replacing the mint AS.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

542 AD

Mint: ST

Regnal year: 12

29 x 28 mm.

4.14 gm.

Gobl SN II/2

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

Die position=9h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.

Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

544 AD

Mint: **BST**

Regnal year: **14**

29 mm.

4.16 gm.

Gobl SN II/2

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

Die position=9h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

544 AD

Mint: **AH**

Regnal year: **14 (?)**

29 x 31 mm.

4.11 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1044v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

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

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

548 AD

Mint: **AYLAN**

Regnal year: **18**

29 mm.

4.05 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1038v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-

198)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=18 mm.; diameter of reverse border=21 mm.

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

553 AD

Mint: AS

Regnal year: 21

30 x 29 mm.

4.11 gm.

Gobl SN II/2

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

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

551 AD

Mint: DL

Regnal year: 21

30 x 29 mm.

4.00 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1070v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

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

Die position=2h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

**Note:** Name on obverse clearly spelled 'KhUSRUD'. Mint could also be KR.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

553 AD

Mint: LD

Regnal year: 23

30 mm.

4.07 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -; Gobl SN II/2; Mochiri ENIS II -

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse: Three pellets outside border at 6:00.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

554 AD

Mint: GD

Regnal year: 24

29 x 28 mm.

4.07 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1050v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

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

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Same obverse die as coin below.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

554 AD

Mint: GD

Regnal year: 24

30 x 29 mm.

4.03 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1050v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

Diameter of obverse dotted border=20 mm.; diameter of reverse border=23 mm.

Die position=2h

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Obverse:

Reverse:

Note: Same obverse die as coin above.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

554 AD

Mint: GY

Regnal year: 24

29 mm.

4.10 gm.

Mitchiner ACW -, Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

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

Die position=3h

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Obverse:

Reverse:



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

555 AD

Mint: LD

Regnal year: 25

Countermarks: Gobl 11 type

27 x 28 mm.

3.24 gm. (clipped)

Gobl SN II/2 type

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

Die position=3h

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**Obverse:** Senmurv (Gobl Hunnen Countermark 11 type (position 1h)), left in 3rd quadrant, breaking border.

**Reverse:** Test scrape in 1st quadrant; countermark struck OVER test scrape.

**Note:** Unusual to have type 11 countermark in 3rd quadrant.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

556 AD

Mint: HWC

Regnal year: 26

29 mm.

4.13 gm.

Gobl SN II/2

Diameter of obverse dotted border=19 mm.; diameter of reverse border=22 mm.

Die position=10h

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**Obverse:**

**Reverse:**

**Note:** Courtesy Robert W. Schaaf collection.



Khusro I (531 - 579 AD)

AR Drachm

557 AD

Mint: BYSh

Regnal year: 27

30 mm.

3.96 gm.

Mitchiner ACW 1050v., Sellwood ISC 54v. (type II), Gobl SN II/2 (plate XII/196-198)

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

Die position=4h

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