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WAHAB'ĪL YAḤUZ

THEMATIC DICTIONARY OF ANCIENT ARABIA
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Prince of the tribe of Radmān-and-Khawlān, from the lineage of Ma'āhir-and-Khawlān, Wahab'īl Yaḥuz (Sab. Whb'īl Yḥz) ascended the throne of Saba' in ca. 155-159 CE amidst a struggle between Ḥimyar and the rulers of Sabaeen tribes.

Wahab'īl Yaḥuz's political career developed during a period of widespread conflict between the kingdoms of South Arabia (Robin 1992, Bron 2002, Arbach et al. 2021).

Wahab'īl Yaḥuz came from the lineage of Ma'āhir-and-dhū-Khawlān, and was prince of the tribe of [Radmān-and-Khawlān](#) ([BaBa al-Hadd 13](#), [MAFRAY-ad-Dimn 1](#)). In the city of Wa'lān (now [al-Mi'sāl](#)), the centre of the tribal principality, he undertook repair work on a [well](#) following a conflict dated to 146-147 CE ([MAFRAY-Sāri' 6](#)).

The war between the South Arabian kingdoms continued until the mid-150s ([MAFRAY-al-Hijla 1](#)) when peace was negotiated by a prince of [Hamdān](#), [Yarīm Aymān](#) ([CIH 315](#)) in ca. 155-159 CE. Thereafter, the leadership of Sa'dshamsum Asra' and his son Marthadum Yuhahmid over [Saba'](#) and [Himyar](#) was contested by both [Dhamar'alī Yuhabirr dhū-Raydān](#) and a coalition uniting the tribes of [Humlān](#), Radmān, Yarsum, Khawlān, and [Ghaymān](#), headed by Wahab'īl Yaḥuz, who claimed the title of king of Saba' ([GI 1228](#), [Gar AION 1976-III](#), [CIH 203+182+183](#), [CIH 220](#), [Ja 561 bis](#)). The conflict took place before 159 CE ([Al-Hadā' 2017-1](#), Arbach et al. 2021).

The association of the tribes of Radmān-and-Khawlān with Ḥumlān, [Yarsum](#) and Ghaymān ([GI 1228](#), [CIH 220](#)), is a strong argument to identify Wahab'īl Yaḥuz prince of Radmān-and-Khawlān, attested in 146 CE, with Wahab'īl Yaḥuz king of Saba' (Bron 2002, Arbach, Schiettecatte 2017, 2021).

Two presumably adopted sons succeeded him: Anmār Yuha'min and then Karib'īl Watār Yuhan'im.

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Alternate spellings: Wahab'īl Yaḥuzz, Wahab'īl Yahuzz, Wahab'īl Yahuzz, Wahab'īl Yahuzz, *Whb' l Yḥz*