

Re: Kabardian, Circassian, and Adygh

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Miguel Carrasquer Vidal wrote:

> >1) How many examples of regular sound changes are there that are exemplars
> >of Caesar > Tsar. "ts" is something like "ch". I wonder how many "K"s
> >become "ts" or "ch".
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> Thousands. By the First palatalization, Proto-Slavic *k becomes c^ ("ch") before front vowels *i, *i:, *e, *e: (also *j, the so-called Third Palatalization). By the Second palatalization, Proto-Slavic *k becomes c ("ts") before *e^ < *ai, after *I, and in newly borrowed words with *k before front vowel (such as *kIsarI > *cIsarI > carI).

Excellent. Thank you, sir.

Then there are no hindrances for me to posit a Baltic origin for the Russian term 'tsar':

Latvian 'Karalis' meaning <king>.

Related to Latvian 'kara' meaning <war>.

No doubt also a/the source of the Germanic 'karl', 'Carolingian', etc.

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My hat also off to Gursej, Hubey, Karloukovski, Nahali, Dienes ('Day?'), and Argun for continuing the thread in an interesting manner.

Nahali wrote:

"The Ossetian

word for 9 "farast" is quite unique for Indo-European languages. I think I read that it came from *para-ast, "past or further eight"."

Well, it's easy for Baltic readers..

In Latvian 'par astoni' simply means 'beyond eight'; or in another word, 'nine'. So Ossetian is not exactly IE unique.

The term has also seems to have developed into a separate word in Latvian; 'parasti' meaning 'usually'.

Literally: 'Nine times (out of ten)' (?)

I had never 'parsed' the word before. But looking it at now it –it seems so.

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From: "H.M. Hubey":

"There is supposed to be the famous "Alanian Greeting" which nobody apparently has been able to decipher yet in any Iranian language.

Miziev gives reference to Khabichev on an attempt. The problem is that it is so short it would probably not be difficult to fit something."

Can you provide it here? We might be able to solve another riddle before lunchtime.

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PS to Hubey and Gursej:

I believe you are correct regarding "putting in order" – and relating it to warfare. Many related terms depend on the same Baltic root 'kar'. (your 'cher' et alia)