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- 1 The volume consists of two parts, the first containing two research articles and the second part including three articles related to *the Tabarestān Pahlavi archive*, which are continuations of publication of the same archive in the previous volumes of the *Res Orientales*. The article by James Howard-Johnston, “World War in Eurasia at the End of Antiquity” discusses the Caucasus and Turkic aspects to the Sasanian-Byzantine Wars of 602-628 CE and considers Byzantine, Syriac, and Chinese sources. The article by Nils Purwins on “The Noble Ones of *Ērānšahr*...” uses documents and seals in order to study the titles of the nobility in the Sasanian period in light of the known ranks from the Roman Empire. In the second section, Dieter Weber presents translations and philological studies of the Tabarestān documents Tab. 21, 22, & 24, while Maria Macuch provides new translations and discusses the juristic contents and vocabulary of the same documents. Rika Gyselen further discusses the material aspects of the sealing on the Tabarestān documents. All three articles are glaring examples pointing out a need for the study of the Tabarestān archive in light of economic and political history. The entire archive’s rich onomastics also anticipates the preparation of a volume in the IPNB series of the Institut für Iranistik in Vienna.

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