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- 1 One of the buildings of the Qasr-e Shirin complex, known as Char-Ghapi, is analysed in this paper by Hozhabri. After a summary of the literature on this *chahar-taghi*, correlated by an amazing set of images and a thorough and detailed description of the building, the author compares features of fire-temples and churches built during Sasanian period. It turns out that the Char-Ghapi has more characteristics in common with churches than fire-temples, as for instance the orientation to the cardinal points. The useful historical analysis considers and revises the history of Christianity. This study, together with the thermoluminescence results on two samples, might confirm the new attribution of the Char-Ghapi's function as a church, and to date it to Khosrow Parvez's reign.

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