

Redigast

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German chronicler Adam of Bremen, who lived in the eleventh century, wrote a chronicle called *Gesta Pontificum Hammaburgensis Ecclesiae*, which tells us information about the Slavs, not to insist too much on this aspect religions. Like its predecessor Thietmar, Adam gives a detailed description of the city quite *Rethra* and temple there. Unfortunately, two quite different descriptions, which gave rise to many discussions about the location of the city. Chronicler clearly underscores the fact that the Slavs were fanatical in their pagan religion, refusing at all costs Christianization. Also, Adam of Bremen tells us a cruel event, the time spent:

"II, 18 [...] In the middle, between them and the most powerful of all are reutherii, their city the most vulgar language, Rethre, is the headquarters of idolatry. There is built a great temple, worshiping demons, whose prince is Redigast. Statue is adorned with gold and purple bed. The fortress itself has nine gates, closed on all sides by deep lake, a wooden bridge makes it possible to pass, that only those who make sacrifices or require answers are given sway. I think, significant that the lost souls of those who serve the gods, the chip according to [...]"

III, 50 So that was shot down with blows clubs, to be confessed faith of Christ, then went through each of the cities Slavs to beat the game, because they could not persuade him to give up the name of Christ, cutting her hands and feet and threw his body into the market and cut his head, which pagans drove a spear as a sign of victory, they sacrificed their god, Redigast".

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Radegast by Heinrich Bangert (1639)



Radegast, A. Kaiserova (1804)