

Runic: ᚼ ᚢ ᚾ ᚦ ᚱ ᚷ ᚹ ᚺ

Pronunciation: /'ɑ.θu.lɪŋ.gəz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

prince, nobleman; member of a noble or ruling lineage

Etymology

An **-ingaz* patronymic or affiliative derivative of the **apal-/ *apul-* word family, ultimately from **apalq*, originally ‘one belonging to or descended from noble stock’, whence ‘nobleman, prince’ (Boutkan & Siebinga 2005: 96, s.v. *etheling*; Heidermanns 1993: 107–109). Ringe and Taylor (2014: 251) reconstruct Proto-Northwest Germanic **apulingaz*, reflected by Old Norse *qðlingr*, Old English *æþeling*, and Old High German *adalung*, *adaling*, *ediling*. The **u* vocalism belongs to the same **apul-* variant seen in **apulijaz* and **apulijq*; West Germanic evidence also permits reconstruction with **apal-*. For the deeper etymology, see **apala*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	apulingaz	apulingōz, apulingōs
Acc.	apulinga	apulinganz
Gen.	apulingas, apulingis	apulingô
Dat.	apulingai	apulingamaz
Inst.	apulingō	apulingamiz
Voc.	apuling	apulingōz, apulingōs

Descendants

***aþuling, *aþulīng** (Proto-West Germanic)

adelingus, adalingus (Latin)

etheling, edling (Old Frisian)

adaling (Old High German)

ethiling (Old Saxon)

***aþuling, *aþulīng** (Proto-West Germanic)

etheling (Old Dutch)

ēdelinc (Middle Dutch)

edeling (Dutch)

***aþuling, *aþulīng** (Proto-West Germanic)

æþeling, æðeling, eþeling (Old English)

atheling (Middle English)

atheling (English)

***aþuling, *aþulīng** (Proto-West Germanic)

æþeling, æðeling, eþeling (Old English)

edling, edlyg, etling (Middle Welsh)

edling, edlin (Welsh)

edling (English)

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Related Words

Words mentioned in this entry

***-ingaz** suffix ***aþala** noun ***aþulija** noun ***aþulijaz** adjective