



ABIRATTA(Š)

ABIRATTA(Š), a proper name said to be of (Indo-) Aryan origin, by comparison with Vedic *ratha*, Avestan *raθa*. This analysis, however, remains uncertain. The name was borne by the following (Kammenhuber, *Arier*, pp. 54-55): 1. the fifth king of the third (“Kassite”) dynasty in Babylon; 2. a Kassite nobleman (*a-bi-ra-taš*, *a-bi-rat-taš*, *a-bi-r* [u-ut-taš?], *AD-rat-taš*); 3. a prince of Pár-ga in northern Syria (*a-pi-rat'-ta*, *a-pi-rad'-da*, *a-pi-rat'-ta-aš*); 4. a person in the Alalakh tablets (*a-bi-ra-at-ta*).

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Cf. W. Wüst, on Vedic *abhí . . . ráthaḥ*, in *Die Sprache* 20, 1974, pp. 145ff.