



ARTAŠŠUMARA

ARTAŠŠUMARA (ar-ta-aš-šu-ma-ra), a Mitannian king, son of King Šuttarna II, brother of Tušratta; he was murdered after his father's death and a short reign by UD-ḫi (El-Amarna 17, 11ff.; J. A. Knudtzon, ed., *Die El-Amarna-Tafeln*, Leipzig, 1915 [repr. Aalen, 1964], p. 133; I. L. Finkel, "Inscriptions from Tell Brak 1984," *Iraq* 47, [1985], p. 192, inscr. no. TB 6002). There is also an Ar-ta-šu-ma-ra in the Alalakh tablets, who is hardly identical with the Mitannian Artasšumara (references in M. Mayrhofer, *Die Arier im Vorderen Orient—ein Mythos?*, Vienna, 1974, p. 20 n. 44). Like all official names in the Mitanni dynasty, the name is of (Indo-) Aryan origin: **Rtasmara*- "mindful of Rta" (cf. Avestan ašahe. . . . *framaraṭahe*), see W. Wüst, *Die Sprache* 20, 1974, pp. 147f. with references.

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