



## ARTASYRAS

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**ARTASYRAS**, Greek rendering of an Old Iranian name \*Ṛta-sūra “powerful through Arta” (Akkadian Ar-ta-sur-ru, Elamite Ir-da-šu-ra), see M. Mayrhofer, *Onomastica Persepolitana*, Vienna, 1973, p. 166 no. 8.605).

1 ) Satrap of Hyrcania under Astyages and Cyrus II (Nicolaus of Damascus in: F. Jacoby, *Fragmente der griechischen Historiker* IIA, Berlin, 1926, no. 90, fragment 66).

2) A Hyrcanian courtier of Cambyses II who helped Darius I to seize the throne (Ctesias, *Persica* 29.9, 10, 13, 20). He may be the same person as 1.

3) A general of Darius II. When Arsites rose in rebellion against his brother Darius II, after two defeats Artasyras won a victory over Artyphius, ally of Arsites, bribing his Greek mercenaries. Sources: Ctesias 18.78 and 80-82; Diodorus 12.64.1 and 71.1; see also E. Meyer, *Geschichte des Altertums* IV, Stuttgart and Berlin, 1912, p. 554.

4) The “king’s eye” of Artaxerxes II (Plutarch, *Artaxerxes* 12 and 14), probably the same person as 3.

5) Artasurru, a subordinate of Gubaru (Gobryas), satrap of Babylonia, mentioned as a witness in a contract from Nippur in 418 B.C. (*The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania. Series A: Cuneiform Texts* X, Philadelphia, 1904, no. 114).

6) Irdašura, a storekeeper in the royal economy in Iran under Darius I, see R.



T. Hallock, *Persepolis Fortification Tablets*, Chicago, 1969, p. 703.

7) An official at Persepolis under Xerxes, mentioned in the Persepolis Treasury tablets, see *ibid.*, p. 703.