



ARTATĀMA

ARTATĀMA (Ar-ta-ta-a-ma), king of Mitanni; 1. probably the son and successor of King Sauš(sa)tat(t)ar, father of Šuttarna II, and grandfather of Artuššumara and Tušratta. He gave a daughter (whose name is not known to us) in marriage to Pharaoh Thutmose IV of Egypt (ca. 1412-03 B.C.). 2. King of Ḫurri, rival of the Mitannian king Tušratta; he signed a treaty with Šuppiluliuma I of Ḫatti. It is not proved that he was another grandson of the older Artatama and thus Tušratta's brother (see references in A. Kammenhuber, *Die Arier im vorderen Orient*, Heidelberg, 1968, pp. 69, 70; M. Mayrhofer, *Die Arier im vorderen Orient—ein Mythos?*, Vienna, 1974, pp. 22-23). Like the other (throne-)names in the Mitanni dynasty, the name has a convincing (Indo-)Aryan etymon: **Ṛta-dhāman-* "whose abode is Ṛta;" cf. Vedic *ṛtá-dhāman-*, *ṛtásya dhāman-*, (Av. *ašā dāman-*; see Mayrhofer, *op. cit.*, p. 23, with references).

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