



## ḤARZIANU

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**ḤARZIANU**, a city and a district in Media, mentioned in the Assyrian texts of the time of Sargon II. In 716 B.C.E., when Sargon was in Media in the land of Saka, he received tribute from several Median city chieftains, including Zarduka of Ḥarzianu (Levine, p. 50, l. 62). The name Zardukku, Ir. \*Zṛduka, \*Zarduka, is derived from Ir. *zərəd-* (Ind. *hṛd-*) “heart” (Grantovoskiĭ, p. 253). In 714 B.C.E., the same Zardukku of Ḥarzianu is mentioned in the list of the representatives of cities paying tribute to Sargon when he was in Parsua (Thureau-Dangin, 1912, p. 49). Ḥarzianu is mentioned also in the list of Median cities that paid tribute to Assyria. According to Igor Mikhailovich D’yakonov (pp. 221-22) and Haim Tadmor (p. 95), this list was compiled in 713 B.C.E. The comparison of this list with the route taken to Media by Sargon in 716 B.C.E., as described in the stele published by Louis Levine, makes it possible, however, to date this list to 716 B.C.E. (Medvedskaya, pp. 154-55, n. 63).

The precise location of Ḥarzianu depends on the definition of the western borders of Media. According to Levine, Ḥarzianu should be located in the Zagros Range, in the vicinity of the Great Khorasan Road (Levine, 1974, pp. 117-19). There are, however, arguments in favor of the location of Ḥarzianu farther to the east, on the Hamadan plain (Medvedskaya, pp. 147-55).



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