



PHRAORTES

PHRAORTES (from the Old Iranian *Fravartish*), the second king of the Median dynasty. All information about him is from Herodotus. According to him (1.102), Phraortes was the son of [Deioces](#) and united all Median tribes into a single state. He also subjugated the Persians and began to conquer other nations of Asia. After a rule of twenty-two years (ca. 675–653 BCE), he fell in battle against the Assyrians. However, some scholars assume that he ruled for fifty-three years, ca. 678-625 (for references see Median Dynasty in the entry [MEDIA](#)). Phraortes is commonly identified with [Kashtariti](#), a chieftain in Media, although some scholars consider such an identification doubtful.

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