

Artgal ( died 872 ) was a king of Alt Clut ( modern Dumbarton Rock ) and Strathclyde ( the Clyde Valley ) , a Brythonic kingdom in the Hen Ogledd or `` O  
Artgal 's reign is notable in that he is the first certain king of Alt Clut since Dumnagual III of Alt Clut a century before  
He was killed in 872 , evidently with the consent of Constantín mac Cináeda , King of the Picts at the time  
He is thought to have been succeeded by his son Run  
According to the Harleian genealogies , Artgal was the son of Dumnagual IV , probably his predecessor as king  
At some point his son Run married the daughter of Kenneth mac Alpin , thus becoming Constantín mac Cináeda 's brother in law  
The Britons of Strathclyde besieged Dunblane during the mid- 9th century , probably during the later part of Kenneth 's reign around 849  
This attack , the first recorded offensive by the Britons for many years , may have been led by Artgal , though it may have been occurred under his father  
Both the Welsh and Gaelic sources report the siege and sack of Alt Clut by Norsemen under Amlaíb Conung and Ímar , the Kings of Dublin , in 870  
Artgal was presumably king at this time  
After a siege of four months , the Britons ' well dried up , allowing the Norse to gain the upper hand and destroy the citadel  
Amlaíb and Ímar returned to Ireland with many prisoners , and Artgal was probably among them  
The Annals of Ulster report that he was killed , presumably by the Norse , with the consent of Constantín mac Cináeda in 872  
The same entry styles him rex Britanorum Sratha Cluade , i  
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`` King of the Britons of Strathclyde " , the first documented use of the term Strathclyde  
If the marriage between Artgal 's son Run and Constantín 's sister had occurred or been arranged by that time , it may have bolstered Constantín 's claim  
The Harleian genealogies indicate that Run succeeded his father as king , though the dates of his reign are unknown