

*Bharata* (II)—a son of Daśaratha;<sup>1</sup> had two sons Takṣa and Puṣkala who had Gāndhāra for their kingdom;<sup>2</sup> wore bark of wood and ate food dressed with gomūtra, took bed on the bare earth during Rāma's exile, when he was at Nandi-grāma meditating on the *Pādukā* of Rāma he took his place on the śilā; his *āśrama*, where holy men congregated; returned to Ayodhyā with all royal paraphernalia on hearing of Rāma's arrival; embraced by Rāma;<sup>3</sup> was present at Rāma's coronation;<sup>4</sup> killed a number of Gandharvas.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IX. 10. 3; Vā. 88. 184, 189; Vi. IV. 4. 87.    <sup>2</sup> Bhā. IX. 11. 12; Br. III. 63. 185; Vi. IV. 4. 104.    <sup>3</sup> Bhā. IX. 10. 34-40, 43; Vā. 108. 24, 33-5.    <sup>4</sup> Vi. IV. 4. 100.    <sup>5</sup> Bhā. IX. 11. 13.

*Bharata* (III)—a son of Duṣyanta and Śakuntalā; announced to Duṣyanta as such by a voice from the air; an *amśa* of Hari; brought up in his early age by the sage Kaṇva; became *cakravarti* after his father; anointed Adhirāt; performed 55 horse sacrifices on the banks of the Ganges and the Yamunā with the aid of Purodha Māmatiya; he tied to the sacrificial post 3300 horses and distributed liberally cows and elephants to priests; he brought under his subjection the Kirātas, Hūṇas, Yavanas, Āndhras, and all the Mlecchas; he recovered the celestial women from Rasātala; he ruled righteously for 27000 years; he had three wives of Vidarbha origin; as they did not resemble their father the nine sons born to these were killed by their mothers who feared that they might be set aside; to perpetuate his line, Bharata performed Marutsoma when the Maruts presented him Bharadvāja, son of Brhaspati whom he adopted as his son;<sup>1</sup> made the 16 gifts;<sup>2</sup> again performed Marutsoma for getting a son; Bharadvāja was born as Vitatha to Bharata when Bharata died.

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IX. 20. 17-35; M. 49. 11-5, 28-31; Vā. 99. 134; Vi. IV. 19. 10-16.    <sup>2</sup> M. 274. 12.    <sup>3</sup> Vā. 99. 152-8.

*Bharata* (IV)—a name of Brahmandanāgni

Br. II. 12. 8; Vā. 29. 7.