

Duroṇa is used in the *Rigveda*,¹ and sometimes later,² to denote 'home,' both literally and metaphorically. See *Gṛha*.

¹ iii. 1, 18; 25, 5; iv. 13, 1; v. 76, 4, etc.

² Av. vii. 17, 3; *Vājasaneyi Samhitā*, xxxiii. 72, etc.

Dur-ga, 'hard to approach,' occurs in the *Rigveda* as a neuter substantive only, sometimes in the sense of 'fort,' 'stronghold.'¹ Cf. *Pur*.

¹ v. 34, 7; vii. 25, 2.

Dur-gaha is mentioned in a hymn of the *Rigveda*,¹ where his grandsons are lauded for their generosity, though *Sāyaṇa* renders the word adjectivally.² In another passage of the *Rigveda*,³ however, *Sāyaṇa* sees in the epithet **Daurgaha** a description of **Purukutsa** as **Durgaha's** son, who was either captured by the enemy or slain, and whose wife, **Purukutsāni**, then obtained a son, **Trasadasyu**, to restore the line; he also quotes a story, not found in the *Bṛhaddevatā*,⁴ to support this interpretation. On the other hand, the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*⁵ seems to take **Daurgaha** as meaning a horse. *Sieg*⁶ thinks that the same sense should be adopted in the *Rigveda* passage, which he interprets as referring to the sacrifice of a horse, **Daurgaha**, by King **Purukutsa** to gain a son; he also sees in **Dadhikrāvan**, with *Pischel*⁷ and *Ludwig*,⁸ a real horse, the charger of **Trasadasyu**. The *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa's* interpretation of **Daurgaha** is, however, doubtful, and cannot be regarded as receiving support from the case of **Dadhikrāvan**, who was probably a divinity, and not a real horse at all.⁹

¹ viii. 65, 12.

² 'Plunged in distress' (*duḥkham gāhamāna*).

³ iv. 42, 8.

⁴ As *Roth*, *St. Petersburg Dictionary*, s.v., says it is.

⁵ xiii. 5, 4, 5. According to the *Naighaṇṭuka* (i. 14), **Daurgaha** is a synonym of 'horse.'

⁶ *Die Sagenstoffe des Rgveda*, 96-102.

⁷ *Vedische Studien*, i, 124.

⁸ Translation of the *Rigveda*, 4, 79. Cf. *Oldenberg, Religion des Veda*, 71.

⁹ *Macdonell, Vedic Mythology*, pp. 148, 149.

Cf. *Ludwig, op. cit.*, 3, 163, 174; *Oldenberg, Rgveda-Noten*, i, 301, 302.