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HISTORY OF SAGARA CHAKRAVARTHI

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Sagara Chakravarthi is a celebrated emperor of the Solar dynasty (Suryavamsha / Ikshvaku dynasty) in Hindu tradition, renowned for reclaiming Ayodhya, performing the Ashvamedha yajna, and having sixty thousand sons whose liberation led to the descent of the Ganga**.**

Early Life and Rise to Power

* Birth and Upbringing: Born to King Bahuka and Queen Yadavi in the ashrama of Sage Aurva, he was named Sagara because poison (gara) had been administered to his mother during pregnancy. Sage Aurva educated him in the Vedas and bestowed weapons upon him.

* Reclaiming Ayodhya: Guided by Sage Vasishtha and supported by the citizens of Ayodhya, Sagara defeated rival forces—including the Talajanghas, Haihayas, and Shakas—to reclaim his ancestral throne and expand his rule.

Family and the Sixty Thousand Sons

* Queens and Offspring: Sagara had two queens, Keshini and Sumati. Keshini bore Asamanjasa (whose son was Amshuman), while Sumati was blessed with sixty thousand sons known as the Sagaraputras.

* The Ashvamedha Yajna: To establish supreme sovereignty, Sagara performed the Ashvamedha (horse sacrifice). When the sacrificial horse went missing, his sixty thousand sons searched for it and found it near Sage Kapila in deep meditation. * The Curse and Liberation: Mistaking Sage Kapila for the thief and insulting him, the sixty thousand sons were reduced to ashes by the sage's wrath. Generations later, Sagara's descendant Bhagiratha performed severe penance to bring the river Ganga down to earth, purifying the ashes and liberating the souls of his ancestors. (sagara also means "ocean").

Other Traditions and Heritage

* Jain Tradition: In Jainism, Sagara is remembered as the second Chakravartin of the current half-cycle (Avasarpini) and younger brother of the second Tirthankara, Lord Ajitanatha.

* Modern Community Heritage: Communities such as the Sagara / Uppara people trace their cultural lineage and heritage to Emperor Sagara.

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Lord Sri Rama belongs to the Surya Vamsha (Solar dynasty), also known as the Ikshvaku or Raghu dynasty.

Lineage from Brahma to Sri Rama

1. Brahma
2. Marichi
3. Kashyapa
4. Surya (Vivasvan)
5. Vaivasvata Manu
6. Ikshvaku
7. Kukshi
8. Vikukshi (Shashada)
9. Bana
10. Anaranya
11. Prithu
12. Trishanku
13. Dhundhumara (Yuvanashva)
14. Mandhata
15. Susandhi
16. Dhruvasandhi
17. Bharata
18. Asita
19. Sagara
20. Asamanja
21. Amshuman

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22. Dilipa

23. Bhagiratha

24. Kakutstha

25. Raghu

26. Pravriddha

27. Shankhana

28. Sudarshana

29. Agnivarna

30. Shighraveda

31. Maru

32. Prashishyaka

33. Ambarisha

34. Nahusha

35. Yayati

36. Nabhaga

37. Aja

38. Dasharatha

39. Sri Rama

Immediate Family & Descendants

* Parents: King Dasharatha and Queen Kaushalya (with step-mothers Kaikeyi and Sumitra).

* Brothers: Lakshmana, Bharata, and Shatrughna.

* Consort: Sita Devi.


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