

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

### ACHAEMENID DYNASTY: 558 – 530 BC

As per: Josef Wiesehöfer, *Ancient Persia from 550 BC to 650 AD* (I.B. Tauris, London) 2001

Cyrus the Great	558-530 BC
Cambyses	530-522
Gaumata/Bardiya	522
Darius I	522-486
Xerxes I	486-465
Artaxerxes I	465-424
Xerxes II; Secyndianus	424-423
Darius II	423-404
Artaxerxes II	404-359
Artaxerxes III	359-338
Arses	338-336
Darius III	336-330

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### ARSACID PARTHIAN DYNASTY: 247 BC – 224 AD

(datings based on coinage evidence as per David Sellwood: *The Coinage of Parthia* (Spink and Son, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, London) 1980

Arsaces I	238-211BC
Arsaces II	211-191
Phriapatius	191-176
Phraates I	176-171
Mithridates I	171-138
Phraates II	138-127
Inter-regnal (coinage)	127
Artabanus (Ardavan) I	127-124
Mithridates II	123-88
Gotarzes I	95-90
Orodes I	90-80
Unknown King	80
Unknown King	80-70
Sinatruces	75
Darius (?) (ruler of Atropatene, Arsacid on maternal side)	70
Phraates III (legitimate son of Sinatruces)	70-57
Mithridates III	57-54
Orodes II	57-38
Pacorus I	39
Phraates IV	38-2
Tiridates (usurper)	29-27
Phraates V & Musa	2 BC – 4 AD
Orodes III	6 AD
Vonones I	8–12 AD
Artabanus II	10–38 AD
Vardanes	40-45 AD
Gotarzes II	40-51 AD
Vonones II	51 AD
Vologeses (Valakhsh) I	51-78 AD
Vardanes II (rebel)	55-58 AD
Vologeses II	77-80 AD
Pacorus II	78-105 AD
Artabanus III	80-90 AD
Vologeses III	105-147 AD
Osroes I (most determined rival of Vologeses III; his coinage indicates constant interchange of power in Mesopotamia between himself and Vologeses III)	109-129 AD
Parthaspates (puppet king, placed on the throne by Trajan)	116 AD
Mithradates IV	140 AD
Unknown King (rebel)	140 AD
Vologeses IV	147-191 AD
Osroes II	190 AD

Vologeses V	191-208 AD
Vologeses VI	208-228 AD
Artabanus IV	216-224 AD

(The overlapping of some dates demonstrates the fluctuating nature of internecine wars; foreign interventions; a prince who occasionally might gain power in one part of the empire; or short-lived gains made by a rebel.)

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## SASANIAN DYNASTY: 224 AD – 651 AD

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Ardashir I	224-239/40 died 241/2 AD
Shapur I	239/40 -270/72
Hormizd I	270/72-273
Bahram I	273-276
Bahram II	276-293
Bahram III	293
Narseh	293-302
Hormizd II	302-309
Shapur II	309-379
Ardashir II	379-383
Shapur III	383-388
Bahram IV	388-399
Yazdgird I	399-421
Bahram V Gor	421-439
Yazdgird II	439-457
Hormizd III	457-459
Peroz	459-484
Valakhsh	484-488
Kavad I	488-496; 499-531
Zamasp	496-498
Khosrow I Anoshirvan	531-579
Hormizd IV	579-590
Khosrow II Parviz	590-628
Bahram VI Chubin	590-591
Kavad II	628
Ardashir III	628-630
Shahrbaraz	630
Khosrow III	630
Queen Purandokht	630-631
Queen Azarmigdukht	631
Hormizd V	631-632
Khosrow IV	631-633
Yazdgird III	633-651

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## MUSLIM DYNASTIES: 632 – 1979

As per: Rashna Writer *The Reshaping of Iran from Zoroastrian to Muslim* (Lewiston: New York) 2013

### *Arab, Turkish, Mongol and Muslim Persian dynasties*

632-61	Rule of the first orthodox caliphs
661-750	Umayyad Dynasty, ruling from Damascus
750-1258	Abbasid Dynasty, ruling from Baghdad

### *Mongol and Turkish rule*

1258-1400	Mongols conquered Iran and overthrew the Abbasid caliphate
1404-1501	Timurids and other Turkish dynasties rule Iran

### *Iranian dynasties and Afghan incursions*

1501-1721	Safavid Dynasty
1719	Afghan army invades Iran, Safavids overthrown
1750-96	Zand Dynasty
1796-1925	Qajar Dynasty
1925-1979	Pahlavi Dynasty
1979	Islamic Revolution, establishing the Islamic Republic of Iran