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Maraka planets that were responsible for King Dasaratha's death based on his four sons astro transit charts

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Abstract

In this research paper, we have created birth charts of Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna based on Sage Valmiki's Ramayana, and Lord Sri Rama's birth chart [24]. Further, we have calculated transit planetary placements for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna on the day of King Dasaratha's death. We have identified longevity and maraka planets for King Dasaratha based on Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna's transit planetary placements charts and analysed their effects with the help of Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra and found that all planets inflicted death upon King Dasaratha.

Keywords: Sri Rama, Ayodhya, Sade Sati, Exile, Maraka Planets, Dasaratha, Astrology

Introduction

Sage Valmiki in his epic Ramayana explained planetary positions in the birth chart of Lord Shri Ram but precise positions of those planets were not given.

Akkinapragada *et al* [1, 2] reported Sun's precise position in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart based on tithi and angle between Sun and Moon in Chaitra month (from Padyami tithi start to Asthami tithi end) and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [3, 4] reported precise position of Moon in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart, by comparing Effects of first house from Brihat Samhita Hora Sastra slokas with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [5, 6] reported precise position of Mars by comparing Ruchaka yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed in Sage Valmiki's Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [7, 8] reported precise position of Jupiter by comparing Hamsa (Hansa) yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [9, 10] reported precise position of Venus by comparing Malavya yoga features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [11, 12] reported precise position of Saturn by comparing Sasa yoga's features mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra with Lord Shri Ram's characteristics as detailed by Sage Valmiki in his Ramayana and further corroborated it with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and Descriptions.

Akkinapragada *et al* [13] reported precise birth time of Lord Shri Ram based on Prakasavastha mentioned in Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra.

Akkinapragada *et al* [14, 15] gave a detailed explanation about Mercury's absence in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

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Akkinapragada *et al* [16] gave a detailed explanation about placement of Rahu and Ketu in Lord Shri Ram's birth chart.

Akkinapragada *et al* [17] has discussed about effects of Jupiter mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama.

Akkinapragada *et al* [18] has discussed about effects of Saturn, Ketu, Venus antardasas in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored unknown facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* [19] has discussed about effects of Sun's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa on Lord Sri Rama and also explored various facts of Lord Sri Rama's childhood.

Akkinapragada *et al* [20] has discussed about effects of Moon's pratyantardasa in Moon's antardasa in Saturn mahadasa of Lord Sri Rama and also explored planetary combinations that have led to Lord Sri Rama breaking the bow and his wedding with Sita Devi.

Akkinapragada *et al* [21] has discussed the deadly planetary combination which led to Lord Sri Rama's encounter with Bhaargava Rama.

Akkinapragada *et al* [22] has discussed whether exalted Mars and Jupiter in Lord Sri Rama's planetary transit influenced King Dasaratha to coronate him as prince of Ayodhya.

Akkinapragada *et al* [23] has discussed about dreadful planetary placements paired with Sade Sati which forced Lord Sri Rama to go into exile.

Akkinapragada *et al* [24] has discussed about planetary combinations that led to King Dasaratha's death based on Lord Sri Rama's astro transit chart.

In this research paper, based on Sage Valmiki's Ramayana we have created birth charts for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna. We have already analysed Lord Sri Rama's transit planetary positions chart [24] for the demise of King Dasaratha. Based on Lord Sri Rama's transit planetary placements on the day of King Dasaratha's death, we have created transit planetary placements for Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna. By identifying longevity and maraka planets for King Dasaratha, we have analysed how they inflicted death upon him.

Method and Materials

This research considers planetary positions at the time of Lord Sri Rama's birth as detailed in Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda.18/ Slokas 8, 9) [24]. This research also relies upon previous research work done by Akkinapragada *et al* [1-16] where each planet's precise degrees were calculated based on Yogas and further corroborated with Dasa 'Varga Classifications' and their Descriptions (Fig-1).

Pisces	Aries	Taurus	Gemini
Venus ~17.3° Ketu	Sun ~7.3°		
Aquarius	Planetary positions [1-16, 21] at the Lord Sri Rama's birth		Cancer Asc ~2.8125° Jupiter ~2.8125° Moon ~2.8125°
Capricorn Mars 13.33° ± 2°			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra Saturn ~10°	Virgo Rahu

Fig 1: Based on Akkinapragada *et al* [1-16] and Sage Vālmiki's Rāmāyana (Bala Kanda, Sarga 18, Slokas 8, 9) [25]

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 440, the following sloka 2 is given (see Fig-2):

तृतीयमष्टमस्थानमायुःस्थानं द्वयं द्विज ! ।
मारकं तद्व्ययस्थानं द्वितीयं सप्तमं तथा ॥२॥

Fig 2: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44, Page 440, Sloka 2

The meaning of sloka in Fig-2 are as follows: "The 3rd and 8th are the two houses of longevity. The houses related to death are the 12th from each of these, i.e. the 2nd and 7th are Maraka houses".

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 440, the following slokas 3-5 are given (see Fig-3):

तत्रापि सप्तमस्थानाद् द्वितीयं बलवत्तरम् ।
तयोरीशौ तत्र गताः पापिनस्तेन संयुताः ॥३॥
ये खेटाः पापिनस्ते च सर्वे मारकसंज्ञकाः ।
तेषां दशाभिपाकेषु सम्भवे निधनं नृणाम् ॥४॥
अल्प-मध्यम-पूर्णायुः प्रमाणमिह योगजम् ।
विज्ञाय प्रथमं पुंसां मारकं परिचिन्तयेत् ॥५॥

Fig 3: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44, Page 440, Slokas 3-5

The meaning of slokas in Fig-3 are as follows: "Out of the two (i.e. 2nd and 7th) the 2nd is a powerful Maraka house (as against the 7th) The lords of the 2nd and the 7th, malefics in the 2nd and the 7th and malefics accompanying the 2nd and the 7th lords are all known as Marakas. The major and sub periods of these planets will bring death on the native depending on whether he has a long life, medium life or short life".

In Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44 "Maraka (Killer) Planets" on Page 441, the following slokas 6-7 are given (see Fig-4):

अलाभे पुनरेतेषां सम्बन्धेन व्ययौशतुः ।
क्वचिच्छुभानां च दशास्वष्टमेशदशासु च ॥६॥
केवलानां च पापानां दशासु निधनं क्वचित् ।
कल्पनीयं बुधैर्नृणां मारकाणामवशने ॥७॥

Fig 4: Brihat Parasara Hora Sastra [26], Chapter 44, Page 441, Slokas 6-7

The meaning of slokas in Fig-4 are as follows: "The Dasa of a benefic planet related to the 12th lord may also inflict death. End may descend on the native in the 8th lord's Dasa. The Dasa of a planet which is an exclusive malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death".

In Valmiki Ramayana, Bala Kanda [25], Sarga 18, Sloka 15 is as given below in Fig-5:

पुष्ये जातस्तु भरतो मीनलग्ने प्रसन्नधीः ।
सार्पे जातौ तु सौमित्री कुळीरेऽभ्युदिते स्वौ ॥ १-१८-१५

Fig 5: Valmiki Ramayana, Bala Kanda [25], Sarga 18, Sloka 15

The meaning of slokas in Fig-5 are as follows: “With the dawn of sun on the next day, fair-minded Bharata is born under Pisces where puSyami is the star of day, later the sons of Sumitra, namely Lakshmana and Shatrughna are born under Cancer, where aashleSa is the star of the day, i.e., the tenth of chaitra month”.

Since, Lord Sri Rama was born in abhijit lagna between 11:51:50 am to 12:12:50 pm as per Akkinapragada *et al* [13], and Bharatha was born on next day at dawn, we conclude that the time difference between the birth of Lord Sri Rama and

Bharatha was about 18 hours (or 0.75 days). Similarly, as Lakshmana was born in Aslesha star in the mid-day, the time difference between Lord Sri Rama’s birth and Lakshmana’s birth could be around 24 hours (this shall be ascertained in our future research papers). The possibility of Shatrughna’s birth (from Lakshmana’s birth) can be anywhere between 6-399 minutes (statistical data [29]). For now, we are considering 120 minutes (= 2 hours) as the time difference between Lakshmana and Shatrughna’s births (but this needs to be revisited in our future research papers).

Table 1: Planetary positions at the time of Bharatha’s birth with reference to Fig-5

Planets	Bharatha was born 0.75 days after Lord Sri Rama’s birth (Fig-5). So we calculated planetary placements at Bharatha’s birth based on Lord Sri Rama’s planetary positions given in Fig-1
Sun	Sun moves 1 ⁰ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Sun moves 0.75 ⁰ + 7.3 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.05 ⁰ .
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14 ⁰ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Moon moves 10.5 ⁰ + 2.8125 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Cancer at 13.3125 ⁰ .
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 0.75 days, Mars moves 0.46875 ⁰ + 13.33 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 13.80 ⁰ .
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30 ⁰ in 360 days. In 0.75 days, Jupiter moves 0.0625 ⁰ + 2.8125 ⁰ (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.875 ⁰ .
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 0.75 days, Saturn moves 0.025 ⁰ + 10 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Libra at 10.025 ⁰ .
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Ketu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 0.75 days, Venus moves 0.9 ⁰ + 17.3 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.2 ⁰ .

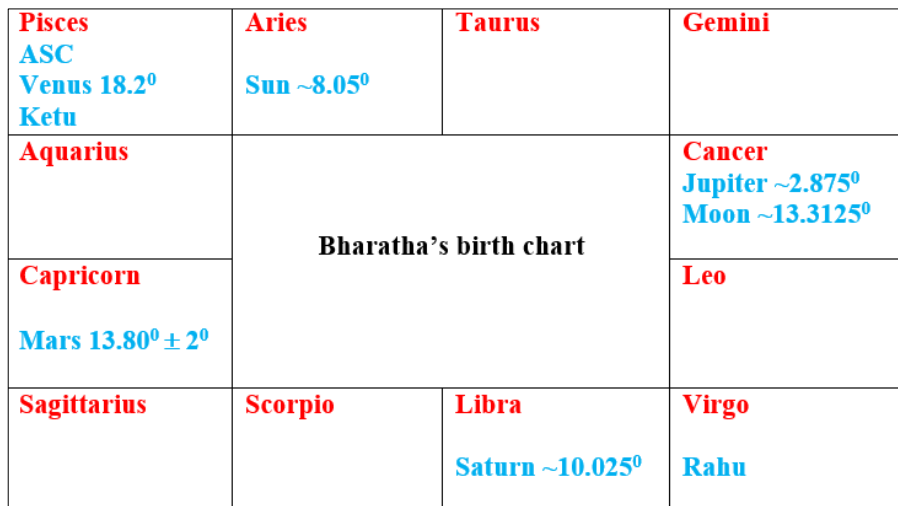


Fig 6: Bharatha’s birth chart (Ref: Table-1)

Table 2: Planetary positions at the time of Lakshmana’s birth with reference to Fig-5

Planets	Lakshmana was born 1 day after Lord Sri Rama’s birth (Fig-5). So we calculated planetary placements at Lakshmana’s birth based on Lord Sri Rama’s planetary positions given in Fig-1
Sun	Sun moves 1 ⁰ in a day. So in 1 days, Sun moves 1 ⁰ + 7.3 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.3 ⁰ .
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14 ⁰ in a day. So in 1 days, Moon moves 14 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 1 days, Mars moves 0.625 ⁰ + 13.33 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 14 ⁰ .
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1 days, Rahu moves by 0.05 ⁰ . This means, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30 ⁰ in 360 days. In 1 days, Jupiter moves 0.0833 ⁰ + 2.8125 ⁰ (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.8958 ⁰ .
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 1 days, Saturn moves 0.033 ⁰ + 10 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1 days, Ketu moves by 0.05 ⁰ . This means, Ketu is placed in Pisces (Fig-1).
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 1 days, Venus moves 1.2 ⁰ + 17.3 ⁰ (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.5 ⁰ .

Pisces Venus ~18.5° Ketu	Aries Sun ~8.3°	Taurus	Gemini
Aquarius	Lakshmana's birth chart		Cancer ASC Moon ~16.8125° Jupiter ~2.8958°
Capricorn Mars 14°		Libra	Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra Saturn ~10.033°	Virgo Rahu

Fig 7: Lakshmana's birth chart (Ref: Table-2)

Table 3: Planetary positions at the time of Shatrughna's birth with reference to Fig-7

Planets	Shatrughna was born 26 hours after Lord Sri Rama's birth (Fig-5). So we calculated planetary placements at Shatrughna's birth based on Lord Sri Rama's planetary positions given in Fig-1
Sun	Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Sun moves $1.083^0 + 7.3^0$ (Fig-1) and is placed in Aries at 8.383°.
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Moon moves $15.162^0 + 2.8125^0$ (Fig-1) and is placed in Cancer at 17.98°.
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5' per day. So in 1.083 days, Mars moves $0.676875^0 + 13.33^0$ (Fig-1) and is placed in Capricorn at 14°.
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 1.083 days, Rahu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1.083 days, Jupiter moves $0.09025^0 + 2.8125^0$ (Fig-1) and remains in Cancer at 2.90275°.
Saturn	Saturn moves 2' (minutes) each day. In 1.083 days, Saturn moves $0.0361^0 + 10^0$ (Fig-1) and is placed in Libra at 10.0361°.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3' in a day. So in 1.083 days, Ketu is placed in Virgo itself (Fig-1).
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72' in a day. In 1.083 days, Venus moves $1.2996^0 + 17.3^0$ (Fig-1) and is placed in Pisces at 18.6°.

Pisces Venus ~18.6° Ketu	Aries Sun ~8.383°	Taurus	Gemini
Aquarius	Shatrughna's birth chart		Cancer ASC Moon ~17.98° Jupiter ~2.90275°
Capricorn Mars 14°		Libra	Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra Saturn ~10.0361°	Virgo Rahu

Fig 8: Shatrughna's birth chart (Ref: Table-3)

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 13.744°	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 6.28° Venus 19.04°	Lord Sri Rama's transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 5.6° Saturn 29.22°
Capricorn Ketu		Libra	Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio Moon 3.037°	Libra	Virgo

Fig 9: Lord Sri Rama's transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (as per Akkinapragada *et al* [24])

Table 4: Bharatha’s planetary transit positions at the time of King Dasaratha’s death

Planets	Fig-9 shows transit planetary placements of Lord Sri Rama on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. As Bharatha was born 0.75 days after Lord Sri Rama’s birth, we need to find transit planetary positions for Bharatha based on Fig-9
Sun	Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Sun moves 0.75° + 13.744° (fig-9) and remains in Taurus at 14.494°.
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 0.75 days, Moon moves 10.5° + 3.037° (fig-9) and remains in Libra at 13.54°.
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 0.75 days, Mars moves 0.46875° + 6.28° (fig-9) remains in Aquarius at 6.75°.
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Rahu moves by 0.0375°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 0.75 days, Jupiter moves 0.0625° + 5.6° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 5.6625°.
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 0.75 days, Saturn moves 0.025° + 29.22° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 29.245°.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 0.75 days, Ketu moves by 0.0375°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 0.75 days, Venus moves 0.9° + 19.04° (Fig-9) and remains in Aquarius at 19.94°.

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 14.494°	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 6.75° Venus 19.94°	Bharatha’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 5.6625° Saturn 29.245°
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio Moon 13.54°	Libra	Virgo

Fig 10: Bharatha’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-4)

Table 5: Lakshmana’s planetary transit positions at the time of King Dasaratha’s death

Planets	Fig-9 which shows transit planetary placements of Lord Sri Rama on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. As Lakshmana was born 1 day after Lord Sri Rama’s birth, we need to find transit planetary placements for Lakshmana based on Fig-9
Sun	Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1 day, Sun moves 1° + 13.744° (fig-8) and remains in Taurus at 14.744°.
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1 day, Moon moves 14° + 3.037° (fig-8) and remains in Libra at 17.037°.
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 1 day, Mars moves 0.625° + 6.28° (fig-8) remains in Aquarius at 6.905°.
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1 day, Rahu moves by 0.05°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1 day, Jupiter moves 0.0833° + 5.6° (fig-8) and remains in Cancer at 5.6833°.
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 1 day, Saturn moves 0.033° + 29.22° (fig-8) and remains in Cancer at 29.253°.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1 day, Ketu moves by 0.05°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 1 day, Venus moves 1.2° + 19.04° (Fig-8) and remains in Aquarius at 20.24°.

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 14.744°	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 6.905° Venus 20.24°	Lakshmana’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 5.6833° Saturn 29.245°
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio Moon 17.037°	Libra	Virgo

Fig 11: Lakshmana’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-5)

Table 6: Shatrughna’s planetary transit positions at the time of King Dasaratha’s death

Planets	Fig-9 which shows transit planetary placements of Lord Sri Rama on the day of King Dasaratha’s death. As Shatrughna was born 26 hours after Lord Sri Rama’s birth, we need to find transit planetary placements for Lakshmana based on Fig-9
Sun	Sun moves 1° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Sun moves 1.083° + 13.744° (fig-9) and remains in Taurus at 14.827°.
Moon	Moon on an average moves 14° in a day. So in 1.083 days, Moon moves 15.162° + 3.037° (fig-9) and remains in Libra at 18.199°.
Mars	Mars on an average moves 37.5’ per day. So in 1.083 days, Mars moves 0.676875° + 6.28° (fig-9) remains in Aquarius at 7°.
Rahu	Rahu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1.083 days, Rahu moves by 0.05415°. This means, Rahu remains in Cancer.
Jupiter	Jupiter moves 30° in 360 days. In 1.083 days, Jupiter moves 0.9025° + 5.6° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 6.5025°.
Saturn	Saturn moves 2’ (minutes) each day. In 1.083 days, Saturn moves 0.0361° + 29.22° (fig-9) and remains in Cancer at 29.2561°.
Ketu	Ketu on an average moves 3’ in a day. So in 1.083 days, Ketu moves by 0.05415°. This means, Ketu remains in Capricorn.
Venus	Venus on an average moves 72’ in a day. In 1.083 days, Venus moves 1.2996° + 19.04° (Fig-9) and remains in Aquarius at 20.34°.

Pisces	Aries	Taurus Sun 14.827°	Gemini
Aquarius Mars 7° Venus 20.34°	Shatrughna’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died		Cancer Rahu Jupiter 6.5025° Saturn 29.2561°
Capricorn Ketu			Leo
Sagittarius	Scorpio Moon 18.199°	Libra	Virgo

Fig 12: Shatrughna’s transit planetary positions when King Dasaratha died (ref Table-6)

Based on Lord Sri Rama’s birth chart (Fig-1), Bharatha’s birth chart (Fig-6), Lakshmana’s birth chart (Fig-7) and Shatrughna’s birth chart (Fig-8) we have identified Longevity

and Maraka planets for King Dasaratha based on Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra Slokas mentioned in Fig-2, Fig-3 and Fig-4 in the below Table-8.

Table 7: King Dasaratha’s longevity, maraka houses and their respective lords related to death with respect to Lord Sri Rama, Bharatha, Lakshmana and Shatrughna’s birth charts

Birth Chart	Ascendant	Pitru Bhava House – 9 th house from ascendant	Longevity Houses – 3 rd and 8 th from ascendant	Lords of Longevity Houses in 3 rd and 8 th from ascendant	Maraka Houses – 2 nd and 7 th from ascendant	Lords of 2 nd and 7 th from ascendant
Lord Sri Rama	Cancer	Pisces	Taurus and Libra	Venus	Aries and Virgo	Mars and Sun*
Bharatha	Pisces	Scorpio	Capricorn and Gemini	Saturn and Moon*	Sagittarius and Taurus	Saturn and Venus
Lakshmana	Cancer	Pisces	Taurus and Libra	Venus	Aries and Virgo	Mars and Sun*
Shatrughna	Cancer	Pisces	Taurus and Libra	Venus	Aries and Virgo	Mars and Sun*

* As Mercury [14, 15] was not in existence during Ramayana period, Moon becomes lord of Gemini and Sun becomes lord of Virgo.

Results and Discussions

Table 8: Effects of maraka planets on King Dasaratha based on Lord Sri Rama, Bharatha, Lakshmana, and Shatrughna’s transit planetary placements

Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra	Effects of maraka planets on King Dasaratha
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per Fig-2 – The 3rd and 8th are the two houses of longevity. The houses related to death are the 12th from each of these, i.e. the 2nd and 7th are Maraka houses. As per Fig-3 – Out of the two (i.e. 2nd and 7th) the 2nd is a powerful Maraka house (as against the 7th) The lords of the 2nd and the 7th, malefics in the 2nd and the 7th and malefics accompanying the 2nd and the 7th lords are all known as Marakas. The major and sub periods of these planets will bring death on the native depending on whether he has a long life, medium life or short life. As per Fig-4 – The Dasa of a benefic planet related to the 12th lord may also inflict death. End may descend on the native in the 8th lord’s Dasa. The Dasa of a planet which is an exclusive 	<p>From Lord Sri Rama’s, Lakshmana’s and Shatrughna’s transit planetary placements (Fig-9, Fig-11, Fig-12) and with reference to Table-6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th house is Pisces, which represents his father (Pitru-bhava). As we do not know King Dasaratha’s astrology details, we can safely assume, Lord Sri Rama’s 9th house as King Dasaratha’s 1st house. So, considering Pisces as King Dasaratha’s 1st house, Lord of 2nd house is Mars (as Aries is 2nd house from Pisces), and Lord of 7th house is Sun (Virgo is 7th house from Pisces, since Mercury [14, 15] is not present during Ramayana time period, therefore Sun becomes lord of Virgo). Out the two makaraka planets Mars and Sun, Mars is a powerful maraka (Fig-3) as he is the 2nd lord of Aries from Pisces (which is

<p>malefic (i.e. first-rate malefic) may also cause death</p>	<p>assumed as 1st house for King Dasaratha as discussed above).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King Dasaratha mentioned to Lord Sri Rama that, “Oh, Rama! Astrologers are informing me that fearful planets like Sun, Mars and Rahu are encroaching my birth star” – Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18. As per above point and Fig-3, these three planets, Mars, Sun and Rahu are maraka planets for King Dasaratha. As per Fig-4, Saturn is the 12th house lord (from Pisces, which is the 1st house for King Dasaratha – as discussed above). As per Fig-2, and above discussion, for King Dasaratha, Venus is the lord of 3rd (Taurus) and lord of 8th house (Libra) from Pisces (King Dasaratha’s 1st house). As per Fig-8, we can see that, planet Venus represent longevity of King Dasaratha is with a strong maraka planet Mars in Aquarius (12th house of King Dasaratha). This denotes that longevity got effected because of this combination. Apart from Venus being with Mars in Aquarius, Sun in Taurus on Kruthika star (which is assumed to be King Dasaratha’s birth star – see Fig-9) and Mars with its powerful aspect on in Taurus and Rahu being present with Saturn (12th house lord of King Dasaratha) in Cancer, are responsible for encroaching the birth star of King Dasaratha (as mentioned in Ayodhya Kanda ^[26], Sarga 4, Sloka 18). <p>From Bharatha’s transit planetary placements (Fig-10) and with reference to Table-6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pitru bhava house is Scorpio (9th from Pisces). This is the 1st house for King Dasaratha. Maraka houses for King Dasaratha from Scorpio are Sagittarius (2nd), Taurus (7th) and Libra (12th) Maraka planets for King Dasaratha are Jupiter (2nd), Venus (7th), and Venus (12th) Saturn is another Makara planet because it is in 12th house for King Dasaratha (because Scorpio is Pitru bhava in Bharatha’s chart – which is assumed to be Dasaratha’s 1st house) Capricorn and Gemini are longevity houses for King Dasaratha in Bharatha’s chart and Lords of these houses Saturn and Moon are longevity planets for King Dasaratha. As Saturn is a Maraka and also a longevity planet, it gives longevity for Dasaratha if associated with another longevity planet or in a longevity house during transit in Bharatha’s chart. If Saturn is associated with Maraka planet or a Maraka House in Bharatha’s transit chart then there is high chance of Dasaratha’s death. Since Moon is a longevity planet for King Dasaratha, if it becomes debilitated or be in a Maraka house or associated with a Maraka planet or aspected by a Maraka planet then there are chances of Dasaratha’s death.
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Conclusion

Table 9: Concludes how King Dasaratha was affected by maraka planets based on Table-7 and Table-8 which ultimately brought death upon him

Type	Houses / Lords	State of Houses and Planets for King Dasaratha
Longevity houses for King Dasaratha	Taurus, Gemini, Libra, Capricorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taurus is occupied by Sun (lord of Virgo) who is an enemy for lord of Taurus, Venus. Debilitated Moon (turns maraka) is placed in Scorpio and is directly aspected by powerful maraka Sun from Taurus. Aquarius is occupied by maraka planets Mars and Venus, which are the lords of maraka houses.
Lords of longevity houses for King Dasaratha	Venus, Moon, and Saturn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venus which is a lord of longevity is also a maraka and is placed in Aquarius which is a house of longevity, thus affecting it. Powerful maraka Sun is in its enemy sign Taurus which is a longevity house, thus affecting it. Saturn, representing longevity is along with Rahu in Cancer, thus affecting longevity. From Cancer (ref to Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra ^[26], Chapter 8, Page 105, Slokas 1-3), Rahu is aspecting powerful maraka Sun in Taurus, thus affecting longevity.
Maraka houses for	Aries, Taurus, Virgo, and Sagittarius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aries and Virgo are 2nd and 7th houses for Pitru bhava

King Dasaratha		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the case of Sri Rama, Lakshmana and Shatrughna. Sagittarius and Taurus are 2nd and 7th houses for Pitru bhava in the case of Bharatha.
Lords of Maraka houses for King Dasaratha	Mars, Venus, Sun, Jupiter, Rahu (as per King Dasaratha – Ayodhya Kanda ^[25] , Sarga 4, Sloka 18), Debilitated Moon (ref to Brihat Parashara Hora Shastra ^[26] , Chapter 3, Page 27, Sloka 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maraka Mars along with another maraka Venus is placed in Aquarius. Powerful maraka Sun is in his enemy sign Taurus. Powerful maraka Sun is aspected by Rahu from Cancer. Powerful maraka Sun is aspecting debilitated Moon (maraka) in Scorpio. Maraka Jupiter is exalted in Cancer but is along with Rahu and Saturn.

- As per Akkinapragada *et al* ^[21], when Lord Sri Rama encountered Bhaargava Rama, King Dasaratha fainted and the planetary position was such that, Moon was in debilitation.
- Even on the day of Dasaratha's death, we find from all the 4 sons transit astro charts, Moon was in debilitation, indicating a strong possibility of King Dasaratha death.
- Based on all the 4 sons transit astro charts and King Dasaratha's astrologers prediction (ref Ayodhya Kanda ^[25], Sarga 4, Sloka 18) as Mars-Sun-Rahu were encroaching his birth star (Akkinapragada *et al* ^[24]), we find that King Dasaratha's death was imminent because of these planetary combinations brought death upon him.

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