

AFTER KING DUTTU-GEMUNU

King Valagamba

After King Duttu-Gemunu's death his brother Sadhatissa took over the kingdom, completed the construction of the Ruwanweli Dagoba and was succeeded by three of his sons. One of them was murdered by a minister, who then took over the throne.

After him came King Valagamba, who ruled Sri Lanka for a short time before losing the throne to seven Tamil Chiefs. A few of them left the island shortly after, while some others were killed due to fighting amongst themselves. Fifteen years later, Valagamba managed to put together a strong army and defeat the single Chief who remained.

During his time, Valagamba built quite a few Buddhist temples. A dagoba called Suvanarama was erected for his wife Somadevi, and a Buddha statue was cut out from the Dambulla rock caves and a temple was built there. He also built the Ridhi Vihara in Kurunegala and the Abhayagiri Dagoba.

After Valagamba, Sri Lanka was ruled by several kings over a period of three hundred years, but none were too remarkable. The following is a list of the kings and queens who ruled during this period:

- Queen Anula
- King Bhatiya
- Queen Sivali
- King Yasalalakatissa
- King Subha-Raja
- King Vasabha
- King Vahanasika Tissa
- King Gajabahu
- King Sri Sanga-Bo
- King Gothabaya