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Note:-

(1) Srimad Bhagavatam says a few lines about Arjuna (he was the son of Kritavirya and hence called Kartaviryajuna), in verses 23 to 27 in
Arjuna, the son of Kritavirya became the ruler of the entire world with its seven continents. From his guru Sri Dattatreya he attained a part manifestation of Sri Hari. He became an expert yogi and was blessed with the siddhis (mystic powers). No other king could be compared with Arjuna in valour, munificence, asceticism, wisdom and other virtues. He ruled for 85,000 years and enjoyed all the pleasures. His strength (of body, mind and senses) remained unimpaired. His very remembrance proves to be a security against loss of wealth. He had a thousand sons. All of them, except five, were killed by Parasurama. One of Arjuna’s descendants was Yadu. Yadu’s descendants were known as Yadavas.

(2):- Arjuna or Kartaviryarjuna, as he is popularly known, also finds a mention in the Uttara Kanda of Valmiki Ramayana. (chapters 31 - 33). Sage Agastya narrates the story of Ravana to Rama.

Ravana did severe penance and as a result got great powers from Brahma. He felt he was invincible. He could defeat anyone he came across with ease. He became puffed up with pride and was looking out for someone with whom he can have a good fight.

He went to the city of Mahishmati, the city on the banks of river Narmada, from where Arjuna ruled. Soon, he got into a severe fight with Arjuna. Ravana was hit on his chest by Arjuna and fell down crying. Arjuna trussed him up and imprisoned him. Sage Pulastya, the grand father of
Ravana, heard of Ravana’s defeat and subsequent imprisonment by Arjuna. He felt pity for Ravana’s condition and came to Mahishmati and requested Arjuna to release Ravana. Arjuna immediately acceded to the request and released Ravana. Later both Arjuna and Ravana entered into an treaty of friendship. Another version of the stotram containing his twelve names is given below.

कार्तवीर्यः सहस्राष्ट्रः कृतवीर्यसुतः बली ।
सहस्राष्ट्रः शत्रुशः रक्तवासा धनुर्घरः ॥ १ ॥
रक्तगन्धः रक्तमाल्यः राजा स्मरुरभीट्टः ।
ढादशैतावि नामानि कार्तवीर्यस्य वः स्मरेत् ॥ २ ॥
अनुषद्रव्यता तत्रस्य नस्तस्य पुनरागमः ।
सम्प्रदास्तस्य जायन्ते जनास्तस्य वशो सदा ॥ ३ ॥

These verses say that one who remembers the twelve names of the great Arjuna, son of Kritavirya, will be blessed with prosperity. He will draw (attract) people to him. He will not lose his wealth or property by theft etc., and will also get back the money that he had lost.

॥ इति कार्तवीर्यः ढादशनाम स्तोत्रम् सण्पूर्णम् ॥

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