

#1204 America as Media-Persia – The Medes and the Persians

Key Understanding: Two major groups of Aryans, the Medes and the Persians, settled in Iran.

The first major civilization in what is now Iran was that of the Elamites. In the 1500's B.C., Aryans began migrating to Iran from central Asia. Eventually, two major groups of Aryans settled in Iran. One group, the Medes, settled in Media during the 900's B.C., and founded the Kingdom of Media. The other group lived in southern Iran, in an area that the Greeks later called *Persis*. The name *Persia* comes from Persis. Both the Medes and the Persians called their new homelands *Iran*, meaning *land of the Aryans*. **By the 600's B.C., the Medes had become rulers of the Persians.**



Costumes of ancient Mede nobility



The recorded history of the Medes goes back to 836 B.C., when the Assyrians under King Shalmaneser III invaded Media. This was the first of many Assyrian invasions of Media. The Medes reached the peak of their power under Cyaxares, who reigned from 625 to 585 B.C. Cyaxares defeated

Assyria and built an empire that included parts of what are now Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Astyages, the son of Cyaxares and the last Median king, was defeated by Cyrus the Great of Persia around 550 B.C. Cyrus incorporated the land of Media into the Persian Empire, making Media a Persian province.

Here is #1204–Doc 1, a map of the Median Empire during the time of Nebuchadnezzar, before Media's defeat (and Babylon's defeat) by Cyrus the Great and the Persians.

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Here is #1204–Doc 2, a map of the Median Empire (which is also found in the previous Unsealing).

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In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Media-Persia is seen in Daniel 2:32 and (repeated in) Daniel 2:39.

Daniel 2:31-35 (KJV) Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

*32 This image's **HEAD WAS OF FINE GOLD [Babylon], HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER [Media-Persia], HIS BELLY AND HIS THIGHS OF BRASS [Alexander the Great's Greece],***

33 HIS LEGS OF IRON [Roman Empire extending through World War I], HIS FEET [Third Reich Germany, the U.S., the USSR] PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY.

34 Thou sawest till that A STONE WAS CUT OUT WITHOUT [human] HANDS, WHICH SMOTE THE IMAGE UPON HIS FEET THAT WERE OF IRON AND CLAY, AND BRAKE THEM TO PIECES.

35 THEN WAS THE IRON, THE CLAY, THE BRASS, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD, BROKEN TO PIECES TOGETHER, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

*Daniel 2:38 (KJV) And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. **THOU [Babylon] ART THIS HEAD OF GOLD.***

*Daniel 2:39 (KJV) And after thee shall arise ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR TO THEE [Media-Persia], and another **THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS** [Alexander the Great's Greece], which shall bear rule over all the earth.*



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