

#1205 America as Media-Persia – The Babylonians and the Medes overthrow the Assyrians in 612 B.C.

Key Understanding: *The Babylonians and the Medes overthrow the Assyrians in 612 B.C.* Around 710 B.C., Sargon II of Assyria defeated the Medes and forced them to pay a tribute consisting of the thoroughbred horses for which Media was famous. The Medes, however, increased in strength and joined forces with Babylon. The Medes under Cyaxares and the Babylonians under Nabopolassar captured Assur, the ancient capital of Assyria, in 614 B.C. In 612 B.C. this alliance overthrew Nineveh, the then capital of Assyria, causing the crash of the Assyrian Empire.



The armies of the Medes and Babylonians laid siege to Nineveh, pounding its gates and scaling its walls



King Nabopolassar was right in front of the gates of Nineveh, leading the assault

Nabopolassar's son, Nebuchadnezzar, married Cyaxares's daughter, strengthening

the bond between the two kingdoms. The Median kingdom reached the height of its power in 605-553 B.C., during much of the era in which Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon was also increasing in its strength.

Persia was dominated by Media until the time of Cyrus II (Cyrus the Great), who was the founder of the Persian Empire.

Here is #1205–Doc 1, a map of the Assyrian Empire.

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Here is #1205–Doc 2, a second map of the Assyrian Empire.

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Here is #1205–Doc 3, a third map of the Assyrian Empire.

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Here is #1205–Doc 4, a map showing the Babylonian Empire and the Median Empire *after* their allied defeat of the Assyrian Empire, and *before* their (separate) defeats by Cyrus the Great and the Persians.

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Assyria, Babylon, and Media-Persia (Medo-Persia) are among the “five [that] are fallen” in Revelation 17:10 [reference Unsealing #110]:

Revelation 17:9-11 (KJV) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

*10 And there are seven kings: **FIVE** [Egypt, **Assyria**, **Babylon**, **Medo-Persia**, Greece] **ARE FALLEN**, and **ONE IS** [the Sixth Kingdom, the Roman Empire, and as in Daniel 2:40, extending through the Byzantine, Russian, German, and Austrian Empires to the end of World War I], and **THE OTHER** [the Seventh Kingdom(s)] **IS NOT YET COME**; and when he cometh, he [the Seventh Kingdom(s)] *must continue A SHORT SPACE.**

*11 And **THE BEAST** that was, and is not, even **HE IS THE EIGHTH**, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.*

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