

#1219 America as Media-Persia – The prophetic roles of the *first* Media-Persia included that of (i) defeating Daniel 2:38 Babylon, (ii) allowing Jews to return to their homeland, and (iii) allowing the Jews to build the Second (Zerubbabel’s) Jewish Temple; the roles of the *second* Media-Persia have been that of (i) defeating *pretender* Babylon, (ii) delivering Jews back to their homeland, and (iii) building the *counterfeit* Christian Man o’ War temple of God

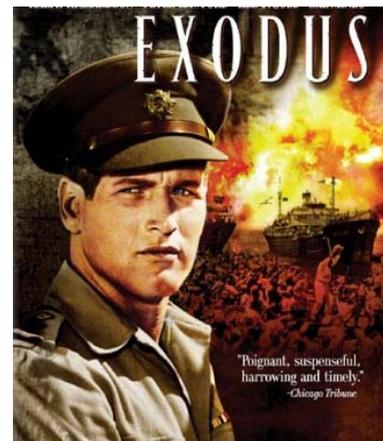
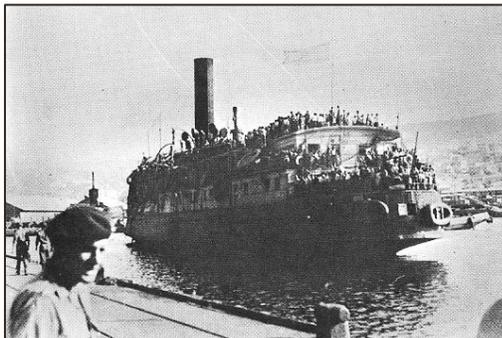
When it is said that the United States is a *second* Babylon and a *second* Media-Persia, what is meant by that is that the United States is a *second* Babylon in relation to Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon (Daniel 2:38) serving as the *first* Babylon, and that the United States is a *second* Media-Persia in relation to Cyrus the Great’s Media-Persia (Daniel 2:39) serving as the *first* Media-Persia.

Cyrus the Great of Media-Persia (i) defeated Babylon in 539 B.C., (ii) allowed the Jewish captives to return to their homeland (2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4), and (iii) allowed the building of the Second (Zerubbabel’s) Temple.

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (KJV) Now in the first year of CYRUS KING OF PERSIA, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to BUILD HIM AN HOUSE IN JERUSALEM, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? THE LORD HIS GOD BE WITH HIM, AND LET HIM GO UP.

Key Understanding #1: The roles of the *second* Media-Persia. Similar to the roles of the *first* Media-Persia – which is exactly why it is the *second* Media-Persia – the roles of the *second* Media-Persia, the United States, have been that of (i) defeating the Saddam Hussein-led regime of *pretender* Babylon Iraq (in the Iraq War), (ii) delivering Jews back to their homeland (as a result of Allied victories in World War I and World War II), and (iii) building the *counterfeit* Christian Man o’ War temple of God (particularly seen beginning with World War I).



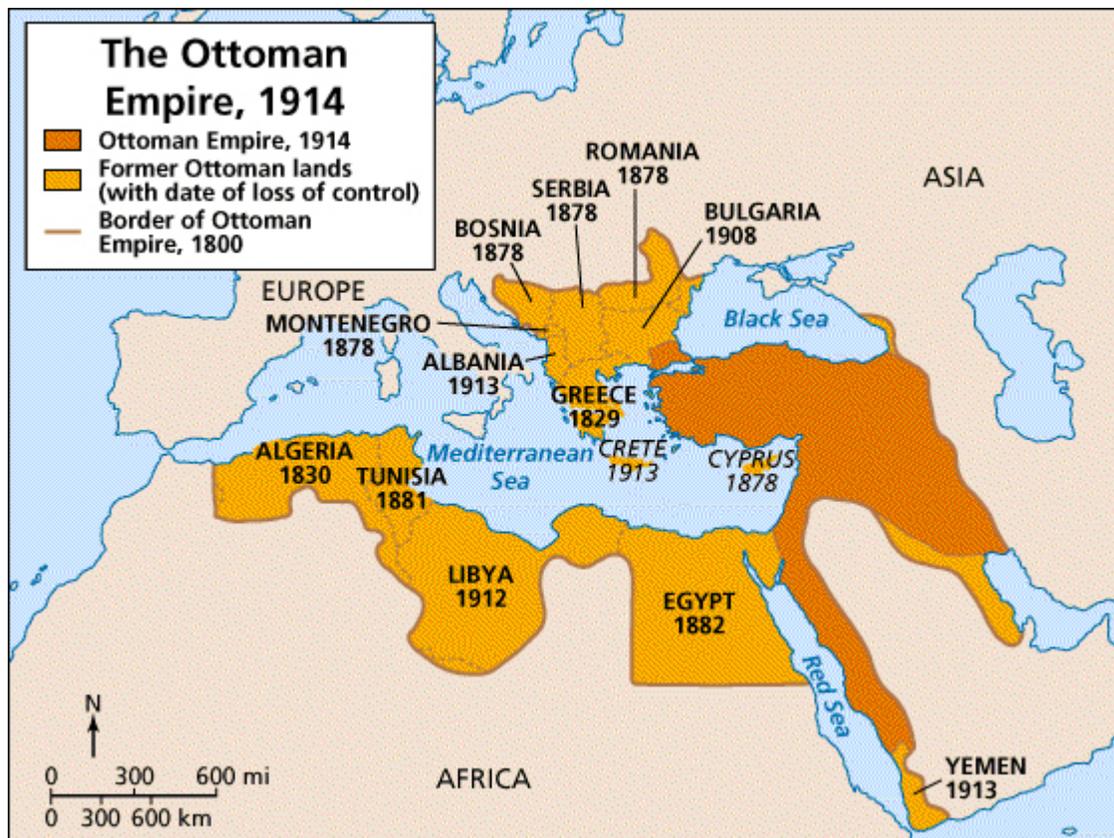
(above) The 1960 historical movie *Exodus*, starring Paul Newman, told the story of the deliverance of the Jews to Palestine.

(left) The *Exodus*, formerly the Baltimore Steam Packet Company’s *President Warfield*, arriving with 4,515 Jewish refugees at Haifa on 20 July, 1947.

What is shown *above* for the *second* Media-Persia seems to be different than the roles of Cyrus the Great and the *first* Media-Persia because events (i), (ii), and (iii) for the *first* Media-Persia occurred at the same time and in that order, and were entirely entwined with one another, while for the *second* Media-Persia, the United States, we see (i), the defeat of *pretender* Babylon, associated with the Iraq War, while (ii) and (iii) are particularly associated with World War I. However . . .

Key Understanding #2: *The Ottoman Empire as a second Babylon.* During World War I, the **Turkish Ottoman Empire** played the role during the time of the *second* Media-Persia that **Daniel 2:38 Babylon** played during the time of Cyrus the Great and the *first* Media-Persia. Just as Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon controlled the land of Judah, the Turkish Ottoman Empire controlled Palestine for hundreds of years leading up to World War I. Then, because the Ottomans were defeated, the land of Palestine would soon be delivered back to the Jews. This was already covered in Unsealings [#1025](#) and [#1026](#), so we should look at those again (next).

After that, our purpose will be to see that America is found quite extensively in its history to be fulfilling the role of a *second* (but actually *counterfeit*) Media-Persia.



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