

#1247 America as Media-Persia – Drying Up the Euphrates, part 1, Cyrus the Great Drying Up the Euphrates River to defeat Babylon

It is now time to look at the prophecy about the **drying up of the Euphrates River** in Revelation 16:12, which occurs in conjunction with the rise of the false prophet and the beast in Revelation 16:13. It has everything to do with our discussion of America as Media-Persia. [Revelation 16:12 was re-introduced in Unsealing [#1226](#) America as Media-Persia – The Civil War: The Army of the Potomac, part 1, Rivers = Kingdoms.]

Revelation 16:12-16 (KJV) And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES; AND THE WATER THEREOF WAS DRIED UP, THAT THE WAY OF THE KINGS OF THE EAST MIGHT BE PREPARED.

*13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.
14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

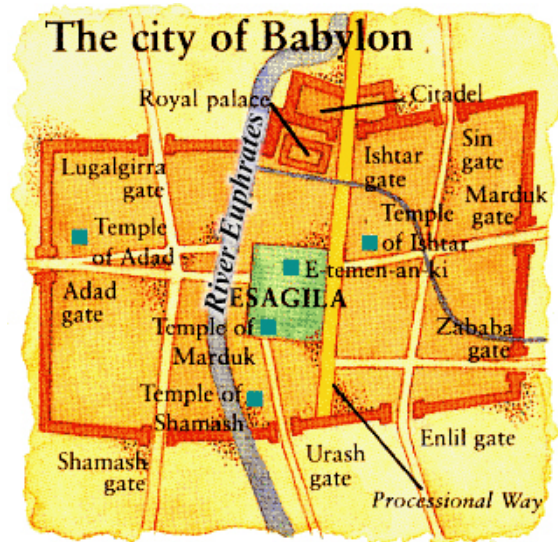


Revelation 16:12-16 (NIV) The sixth angel poured out his bowl on THE GREAT RIVER EUPHRATES, AND ITS WATER WAS DRIED UP TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE KINGS FROM THE EAST.

*13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the **dragon**, out of the mouth of the **beast** and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.
14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.*

15 "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

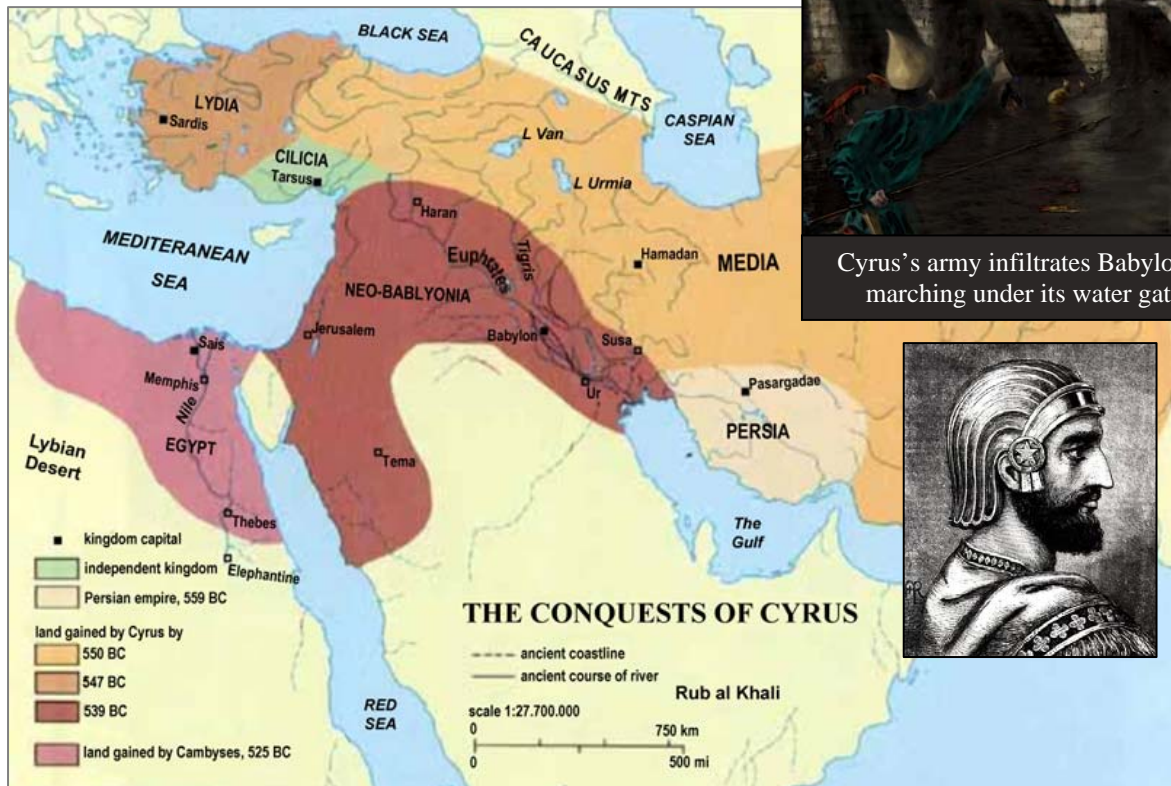


Key Understanding: Cyrus the Great drying up the Euphrates River to defeat Babylon. In order to understand this prophecy of the **drying up of the Euphrates River in Revelation 16:12, we again turn to the defeat of the *first* Babylon by**

the *first* – Cyrus the Great’s – Media-Persia, situated to the east of Babylon (and thus representing a type of “kings of the east”). Because of the account of the Greek historian Herodotus, it is generally accepted that Cyrus the Great, after defeating Babylon in battle outside the city, was still unable to breach the mighty walls of Babylon. He did so by drying up the Euphrates River through the diversion of its water by means of a canal into a nearby basin and then marching his troops underneath the water gates of Babylon.



Cyrus’s army infiltrates Babylon by marching under its water gates



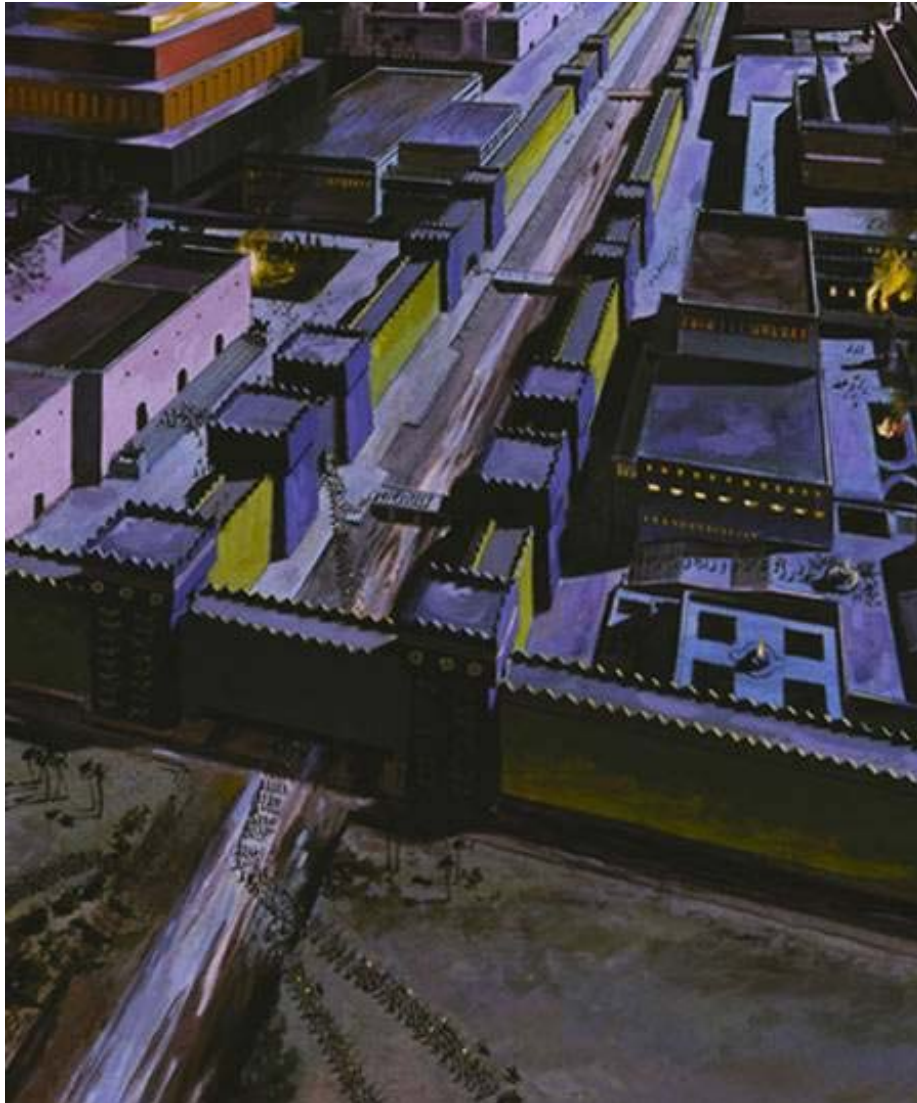
Cyrus is also referred to in Isaiah 41:2, as “the righteous man from the east.”

Isaiah 41:2 (KJV) WHO RAISED UP THE RIGHTEOUS MAN FROM THE EAST, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. [Cyrus was chosen to carry out God’s righteous purposes, issuing the decree allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1-4). Cyrus is seen in Isaiah in 41:2; 41:25; 44:28-45:5, 13; 46:11.]

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