

**#1248 America as Media-Persia – Drying Up the Euphrates, part 2, Isaiah 44:27, “I will dry up thy rivers”**

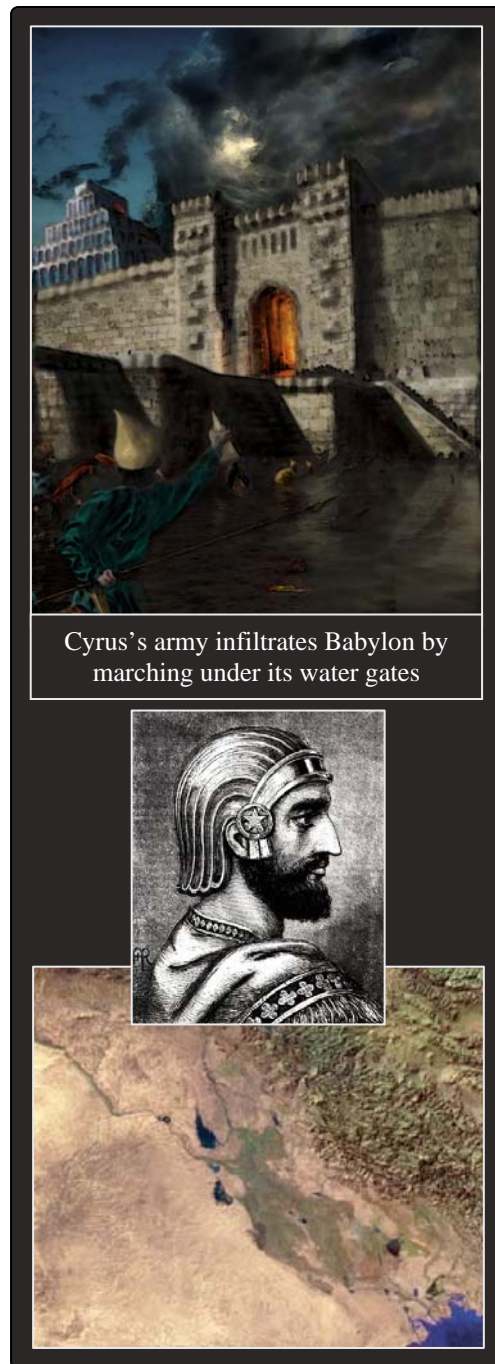
In scripture, Isaiah wrote of Cyrus by name 150 years before the fulfillment of Cyrus being raised up by the Lord to defeat Babylon and deliver the Jews back to Jerusalem.

**Key Understanding:** As a part of that writing, in Isaiah 44:27-28, we see a reference to the Lord using Cyrus to dry up the Euphrates River in order to execute that deliverance. Let’s look at Isaiah 44:24-28.

**Isaiah 44:24-28 (KJV) THUS SAITH THE LORD, THY REDEEMER,** and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;  
25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;  
26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; **THAT SAITH TO JERUSALEM, THOU SHALT BE INHABITED; AND TO THE CITIES OF JUDAH, YE SHALL BE BUILT,** and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: {decayed...: Heb. wastes} [So here the Lord through Isaiah is saying of Jerusalem that it will be inhabited, though it has not yet even been taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon and disinhabited, or re-inhabited, of course, after its widowhood. Then comes how the Lord is going to rebuild Jerusalem – by drying up the Euphrates River to defeat Babylon and deliver the Jews.]

27 **That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I WILL DRY UP THY RIVERS:** [The next verse is prophesying who the Lord is going to use to dry up the Euphrates River.]

28 **THAT SAITH OF CYRUS, HE IS MY SHEPHERD,** and shall perform all my pleasure: **EVEN SAYING TO JERUSALEM, THOU SHALT BE BUILT; AND TO THE TEMPLE, THY FOUNDATION SHALL BE LAID.**



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

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