

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

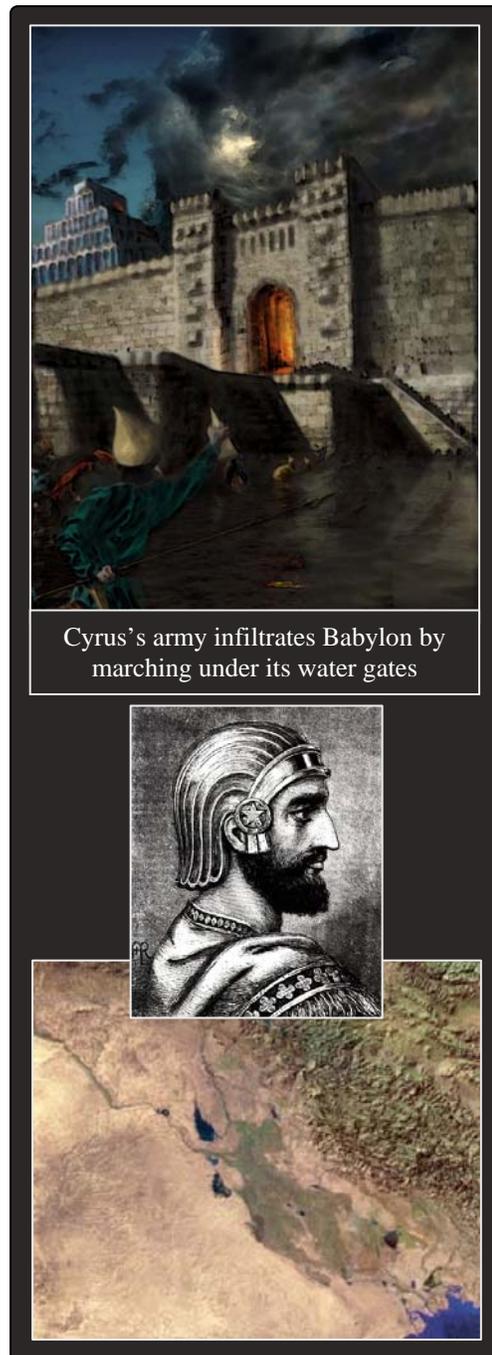
In scripture, Isaiah wrote of Cyrus by name 150 years before the fulfillment of Cyrus being raised up by the Lord to defeat Babylon and deliver the Jews back to Jerusalem.

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.**



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