

#1321 America as Media-Persia, II – The Iran Hostage Crisis: A chronology of events from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981

Key Understanding: *The Lord's purpose behind the Iran hostage crisis.* The Lord ordained the November 4, 1979 – January 20, 1981, Iran Hostage Crisis in the land of old Media-Persia to be a major part of the United States of America's role in the last days as the *second* Media-Persia, and to jostle the United States of America into becoming a stronger military power in preparation for the fulfillment of that role, which would include the defeat of the Saddam Hussein-led regime of *pretender* Babylon Iraq.

Daniel 5:25-28 (KJV) And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

Here is a brief chronology of the major events of the Iran Hostage Crisis, from the taking of the American embassy in Tehran, Iran, on November 4, 1979, to the release of the hostages 444 days later on January 20, 1981:



1979 November 4 **The Iran hostage crisis began as 63 American diplomats were taken hostage at the American embassy in Tehran, Iran,** by militant student followers of Ayatollah Khomeini who demanded the return of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi for trial. He was undergoing medical treatment in New York City. The students held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. The hostages were released on January 20, 1981, the day of the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.

1979 November 5 Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini declared the U.S. "**The Great Satan.**"

1979 November 6 **Ayatollah Khomeini** took over in Iran.

1979 November 8 ABC-TV aired “Iran Crisis: America Held Hostage” with Frank Reynolds, four days after the beginning of the Iran Hostage Crisis. The late-night news program evolved into “Nightline” on March 24, 1980.



1979 November 12 President Carter announced an immediate halt to all imports of Iranian oil and freezes Iranian assets in the U.S.

1979 November 17 Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

1980 April 7 The U.S. severed diplomatic relations with Iran and expelled Iranian diplomats; exports to Iran are banned.

1980 April 24-25 A U.S. mission to rescue the hostages was aborted in the Iranian desert due to equipment failures.

1980 July 11 Hostage Richard Queen is released, having contracted multiple sclerosis; 52 hostages remain.

1980 July 27 The Shah of Iran dies in a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, on day 267 of the crisis.

1980 September 22 Iraq invaded Iran to begin the 8-year Iran-Iraq War.

1980 November 4 Ronald Reagan is elected the 40th President of the United States.

1981 January 20 Ronald Reagan is inaugurated as President of the United States, with George H. W. Bush as Vice-President. Just minutes after the presidency passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan, Iran releases the 52 hostages that were seized on November 4, 1979, and held for 444 days.



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