

#1331 America as Media-Persia, II – Toward the Iran Hostage Crisis: 1925-1979, The Time of the Pahlavi Dynasty, including the Shah of Iran’s 2500th Anniversary Celebration of the Iranian Nation in 1971 to identify the Pahlavis as heirs of Cyrus the Great



The 2500th anniversary celebration. In 1971, the Pahlavi version of the resurrected Persia was celebrated at Persepolis, the ancient summer capital of the Media-Persian Empire. The Shah of Iran summoned all Iranians, rich, poor, intellectual and illiterate, to Persepolis to identify themselves as heirs of Cyrus as part of the 2500th anniversary of the Iranian nation. **It testified to the Pahlavi vision of Persian kingship and an Iranian identity centered on Mohammed Reza Shah as the direct heir of Cyrus.**

Here is #1331–Doc 1, about the 2500th anniversary celebration of Iran in 1971.



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Here is #1331–Doc 2, which consists of pictures of the 2500th anniversary celebration of Iran in 1971, including the tomb of Cyrus the Great.

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The dissent over the 2500th anniversary celebration. In exile, Ayatollah Khomeini thundered against the 2500th anniversary celebrations, “Anyone who organizes or participates in these festivals is a traitor to Islam and the Iranian nation.” In the wake of Khomeini’s denunciation of the events at Persepolis, Shiite leaders within Iran now gathered quite secretly. Their purpose was no longer restricted to the reintroduction of Islam into Iran’s legal and educational systems. The guardians of Islam now sought the destruction of the monarchy itself.

Key Understanding: Out of the celebration of Cyrus’s kingship and Old Persia and 2500 years of Iranian history came the call for the end of it. Ironically, the 2500th anniversary celebration became the swan song for the Pahlavi Dynasty.

*Isaiah 44:28 (KJV) [Thus saith the Lord] **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.***



The Shahyad Tower, built in Tehran to celebrate the 2500th anniversary of the Persian Empire, having in its basis a museum of Persian history. It was opened on the last day of the celebrations, October 16, 1971.

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