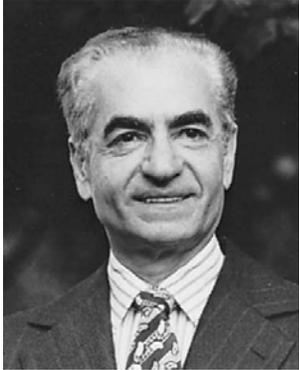
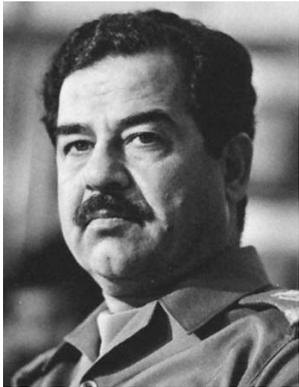


#1340 America as Media-Persia, II – The 6-month change: The regime of Mohammed Reza Shah, the Shah of Iran, fell on January 16, 1979, while exactly 6 months later, on July 16, 1979, the Saddam Hussein-led regime arose in Iraq



January 16, 1979. The regime of Mohammed Reza Shah, the Pahlavi Shah of Iran, which fulfilled the role of a *pretender second* (but *counterfeit*) ‘Cyrus the Great’ Media-Persia, fell on January 16, 1979.

On February 1, 1979, Ayatollah Khomeini returned from exile to Tehran to a greeting of several million Iranians. The Islamic revolutionaries took control of the government of Iran. Iran officially became an Islamic Republic on April 1, 1979, when Iranians overwhelmingly approved a national referendum to make it so.



July 16, 1979. On July 16, 1979, exactly 6 months after the fall of the Shah of Iran, the Saddam Hussein-led regime, which would fulfill the role of the *pretender second* Babylon, or *pretender* Babylon the Great, arose in neighboring Iraq.

General Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr had been President of Iraq for over a decade, from 1968 to 1979. He was the leading face of the Ba’ath Party and Iraqi pan-Arabism. He was born on July 1, 1914, in Tikrit, Iraq, the hometown of Saddam Hussein, his cousin. He appointed Saddam as his vice-president. As he got older, more authority was gradually usurped by Saddam, who by the mid-1970’s was virtually ruling the entire nation. He leaned on al-Bakr to resign. On July 16, 1979, the 65-year-old Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr stepped down, ostensibly on health grounds, and Saddam Hussein assumed the presidency. Only a few days passed before Saddam executed top members of the Ba’ath Party under the claim of espionage.

Key Understanding: The Lord's purpose in ordaining the fall of the Shah of Iran on January 16, 1979, and then ordaining the July 16, 1979, rise of the Saddam Hussein-led regime in Iraq exactly six (6) months later, is to show the link between the two regimes in their respective roles as a *pretender second* (but *counterfeit*) ‘Cyrus the Great’ Media-Persia and a *pretender second* Babylon (*pretender* Babylon the Great).

The nation that would be playing the role of the *real second* (but also ultimately *counterfeit*) ‘Cyrus the Great’ Media-Persia as well as the role of the *real second* Babylon, or Babylon the Great, would be the United States of America.

Daniel 2:38 (KJV) And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. THOU [Babylon] ART THIS HEAD OF GOLD.

*Daniel 2:39 (KJV) And after thee shall arise **ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR TO THEE** [Media-Persia], and another **THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS** [Alexander the Great's Greece], which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

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