

**#1356 America as Media-Persia, II – The Peacock Throne, part 3, Shah Jahan of the Mogul Dynasty in India was the builder of the Taj Mahal and the original Peacock Throne**

**Shah Jahan and the Taj Mahal.** Shah Jahan, the fifth Mogul emperor in India (1628-1657), built the world’s most famous monument and one of the most beautiful and costly tombs in the world, the Taj Mahal. He ordered it built in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died during the hot summer night of June 17, 1631. Her real name had been Arjumand Banu Begun. But history calls her the lady of the Taj. The Moguls gave her the royal title Mumtaz Mahal, “Exalted One of the Palace.” She became the single most important woman in the years of the Mogul Dynasty in India. It took about 20,000 workers twenty years to construct the Taj Mahal. A dome covers the center of the building. The bodies of Shah Jahan and his wife lie in a vault below.



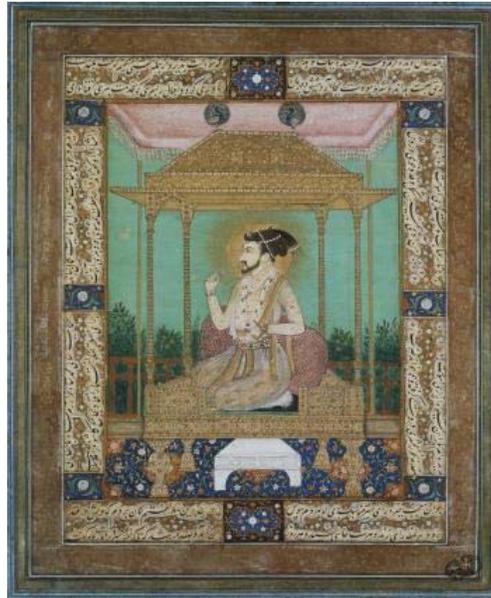
Shah Jahan

Mumtaz Mahal



**The Peacock Throne.** Meanwhile, by 1634, Shah Jahan had emptied the royal treasury to buy jewels and complete his “Peacock Throne.” The name comes from the shape of the throne, which had the figures of two peacocks standing behind it, their tails being expanded and the whole inlaid with sapphires, rubies, emeralds, pearls, and other precious stones of appropriate colors.

Shah Jahan had the famous Koh-i-noor diamond placed in his throne. Another description states that “it was ascended by silver steps and stood on golden feet set with jewels, and it was backed by representations of two open peacocks’ tails, gilded, enameled, and inset with diamonds, rubies and other stones.” According to the History Channel, the throne would be worth \$1 billion today.



Shah Jahan on the Peacock Throne

**Key Understanding:** *The emperors of Persia sat on the Peacock Throne. The emperors of Persia (Iran) coming to be known as those who were sitting on the Peacock Throne had its origins in the Peacock Throne of the Mogul Empire in India.* How that came about is discussed in the next Unsealing.

Here is #1356–Doc 1, a picture of **the Taj Mahal**, built by Shah Jahan.

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*Daniel 2:31-32 (KJV) Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.*

*32 This image's **HEAD WAS OF FINE GOLD** [Babylon], **HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER** [Media-Persia], **HIS BELLY AND HIS THIGHS OF BRASS** [Alexander the Great's Greece],*

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