#1206 America as Media-Persia – Cyrus the Great of Persia overthrows the Medes, and then Media-Persia conquers Lydia (547-546 B.C.), Babylon (539 B.C.), and Egypt (525 B.C.) to fulfill Daniel 7:5, the Bear (Media-Persia) with Three Ribs in its mouth



Persia was dominated by Media until the time of Cyrus II (Cyrus the Great), who was the founder of the Persian Empire. In 550-549 B.C.

Cyrus defeated Media. Under the Persians, Media remained the most important province of Persia. As a result, the dual name, "Medes and Persians." remained for a long time. The religion of the Persians was Zoroastrianism. Its adherents believed that spiritual reality was divided between Ahura Mazdah, the god of light and goodness, and Angra Mainja, the god of darkness and evil. Influenced by the moral teachings of his religion, Cyrus the Great was known for his humane attitude toward conquered peoples. He treated the vanquished Medes with



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respect. Media-Persia, a dual nation, became a great empire after the Persian defeats of the Medes (550-549 B.C.) and the Babylonians (539 B.C.), ruling Asia for over 200 years until it was conquered by Alexander the Great in 331 B.C.

Here is #1206–Doc 1, a map showing the empires of Media and Babylon before they were conquered by Cyrus the Great.

Here is #1206–Doc 2, a map of the Persian Empire (Media-Persian Empire), which shows the conquering of Media, and then Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt.

Key Understanding: *The three ribs*. After Persia conquered Media around 550 B.C. resulting in the kingdom becoming Media-Persia, it then conquered Lydia (547 B.C.), Babylon (539 B.C.), and Egypt (525 B.C.), fulfilling the prophecy of Daniel 7:5 of the bear (Media-Persia) with three ribs in its mouth.

 Media-Persia is seen in Daniel 7:5. What is shown *below* was seen in Unsealings #218-#220, except we have now added the understanding of Media-Persia conquering Lydia, Babylon, and Egypt, to fulfill the prophecy of it being a bear with three ribs in its mouth.

Daniel 7:3-7 (KJV) And **FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP FROM THE SEA**, diverse one from another.

4 <u>THE FIRST WAS LIKE A LION</u> [Babylon], and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold ANOTHER BEAST, A SECOND [Media-Persia], LIKE TO A BEAR, and it raised up itself on one side [referring to the superior status of the Persians in the Media-Persia alliance because of the



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conquering of the Medes by the Persians], and <u>IT HAD THREE RIBS</u> [Lydia (547-546 B.C.), Babylon (539 B.C.), Egypt (525 B.C.)] <u>IN THE MOUTH OF IT BETWEEN THE TEETH OF IT</u>: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo <u>ANOTHER</u>, <u>LIKE A LEOPARD</u> [Alexander the Great's Greece], which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and <u>BEHOLD A FOURTH BEAST</u> [the Roman Empire, which came up from the sea; see verse 3 above], dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and <u>IT HAD TEN HORNS</u>.

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