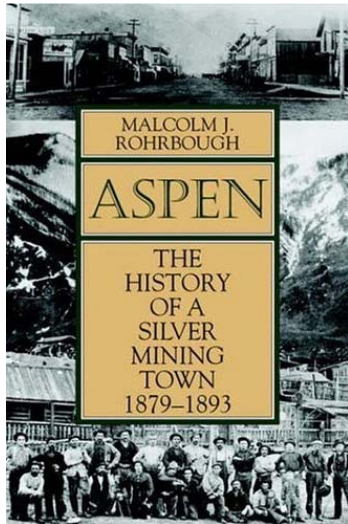


#1349 America as Media-Persia, II – The Silver Kingdom, part 3, Aspen, the Silver City (continued)

*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],*

Key Understanding #1: Aspen, the Silver City. The United States as the *second* (but *counterfeit*) Media-Persia is the silver kingdom in its relationship with Saddam Hussein-led Iraq as *pretender* Babylon the Great. The Lord ordained Aspen, Colorado – “the Silver City” – to be at the center of the prophetic story of the United States being the silver kingdom in its defeat of Saddam Hussein in the 1991 Gulf War.



The world renowned skiing town of Aspen, Colorado, in the United States, owes its birth to a political event in Washington D.C., the 1878 Sherman Silver Purchase Act. This act required the Treasury Department to buy a certain amount of silver bullion each month and coin it into silver dollars. Previously in Colorado the search for gold lay behind the expansion of local mining. With the Sherman Silver Purchase Act, however, the search for silver became equally important. The effects were visible in the swift growth of Leadville, Colorado, following an 1878 discovery that the carbonate ores of the area had rich silver linings. Within two years, more than thirty silver mines were being worked on Fryer's Hill, and the population of Leadville reached 15,000, making it the second largest city in the state. The silver strikes in Leadville had become the talk of the mining world.

In 1879, however, when it appeared that all promising claims in and around Leadville had been picked up, small parties of prospectors made the difficult trek over the Continental Divide and into Ute territory to see what they could find. In and around the mountain ranges ringing the present site of Aspen, they found marked traces of silver ore. After that, the story of Aspen was wrapped around silver until 1893.

From 1887 to 1893, Aspen was the richest silver-mining district in America. In 1890, a new Sherman Silver Purchase Act was signed by President Benjamin Harrison, which doubled the size of the government's annual purchases of silver under the 1878 law. By 1892, Aspen had grown to about 12,000 in population, had four schools, six newspapers, three banks, and a hospital. By 1893, **Aspen was supplying 1/6 of the silver in the United States and 1/16 of the**



Henry Gillespie,
the “father of Aspen”

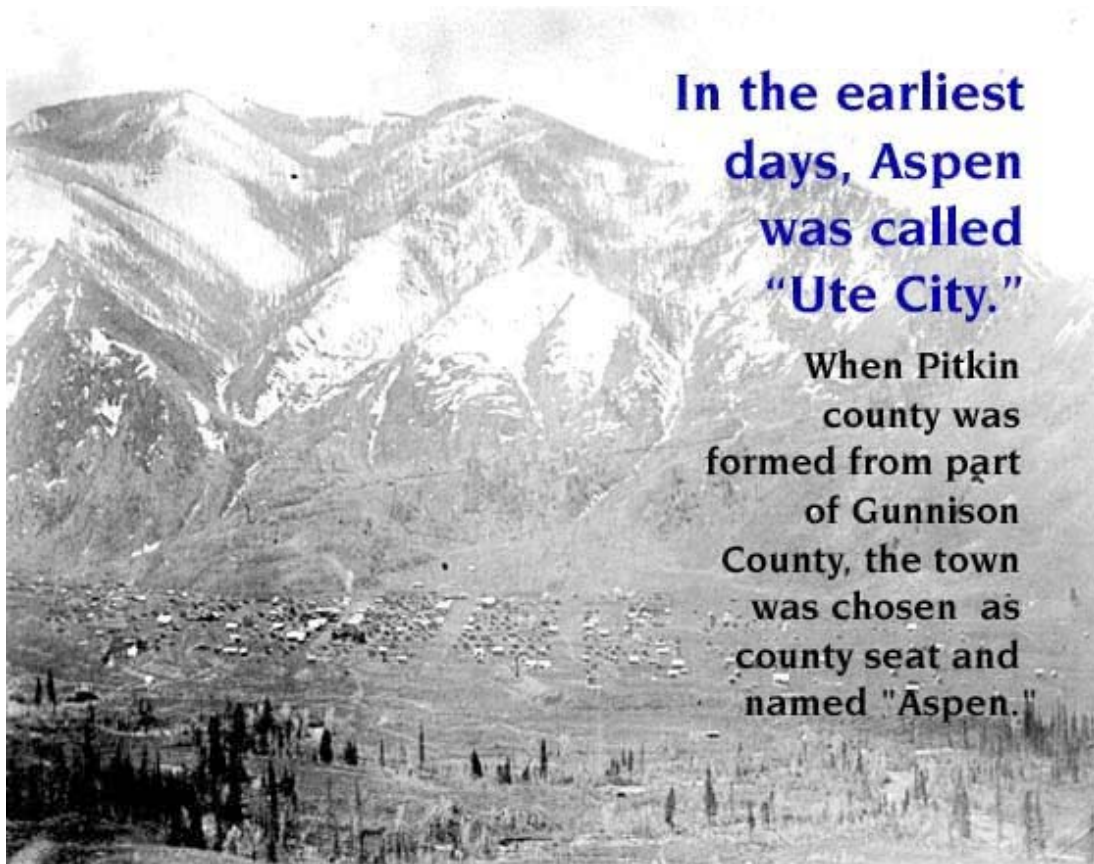
world's total silver. Henry Gillespie's Molly Gibson Consolidated Mining Company (Gillespie was called the "father of Aspen") **was the richest silver mine in the world.** Between 1880 and 1893, \$105 million of silver was taken out of Aspen's mountains.

[Sources: *The Aspen Idea*, by Sidney Hyman, p. 29-30, © 1975; *Aspen, the History of a Silver Mining Town, 1879-1893*, by Malcolm Rohrbough, front cover flap, p. 3, © 1986; *To Aspen and Back*, by Peggy Clifford, p. 13, © 1976]

[The economic collapse of Aspen as the Silver City came with the Panic of 1893, when President Grover Cleveland called a special session of Congress and repealed the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Within weeks, many of the Aspen mines were closed and thousands of miners were put out of work.]

Key Understanding #2: *Aspen, the Silver City.* Aspen, Colorado – the Silver City – is representative of the United States of America as a whole being the Silver City, that is, that Great [Silver] City [Babylon].

Revelation 17:18 (KJV) And THE WOMAN which thou sawest IS THAT GREAT [Silver] CITY [Babylon the Great], which reigneth over the kings of the earth.



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