

Zoroastrianism

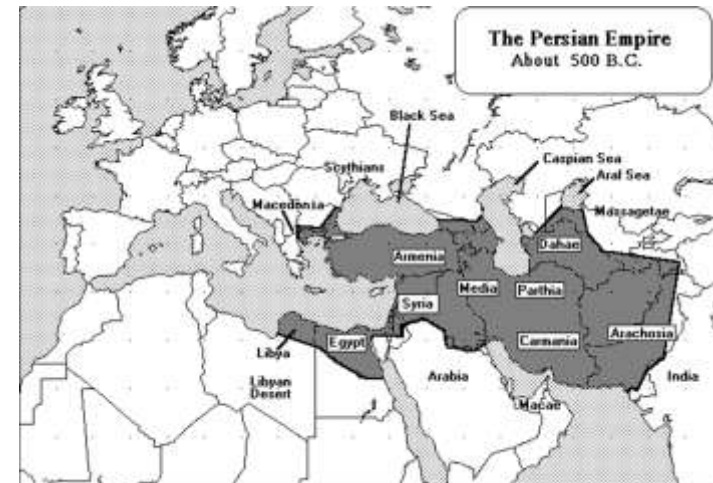
- Founded by the prophet, **Zoroaster**
- Belief in 2 opposing forces in the Universe – *Good & Evil?*
 - Ahuramazda – Supreme Being
 - Ahriman – opposing force
- Worshipped forces of nature
- Shared elements with 3 Monotheistic faiths – Judaism, Christianity & Islam



Contributions

- Imperial Bureaucracy
- Zoroastrianism
- The Royal Road

Geography



Persia

Mesopotamia's greatest empire

Greece & Alexander the Great

- Defeated by the United Greek city-states in Persian Wars
- Ultimately taken over by the forces of Alexander the Great
- Territory divided into

People

- Cyrus the Great
 - Known for **Tolerance**
- Darius I
 - Royal Road
 - Introduces Imperial Bureaucracy
- Xerxes
 - Fails in his attempt to conquer Greece



The Road

The road was 1,677 miles in length. There were 111 post or relay stations spaced about 15 miles apart along the road. Other roads branched off the main road to distant parts of the empire.

The Ride

Relay stations were equipped with fresh horses for the king's messengers. Royal messengers could cover the length of the Royal Road in seven days. Normal travel time along the road was longer. A caravan, for example, might take three months to travel the whole distance.