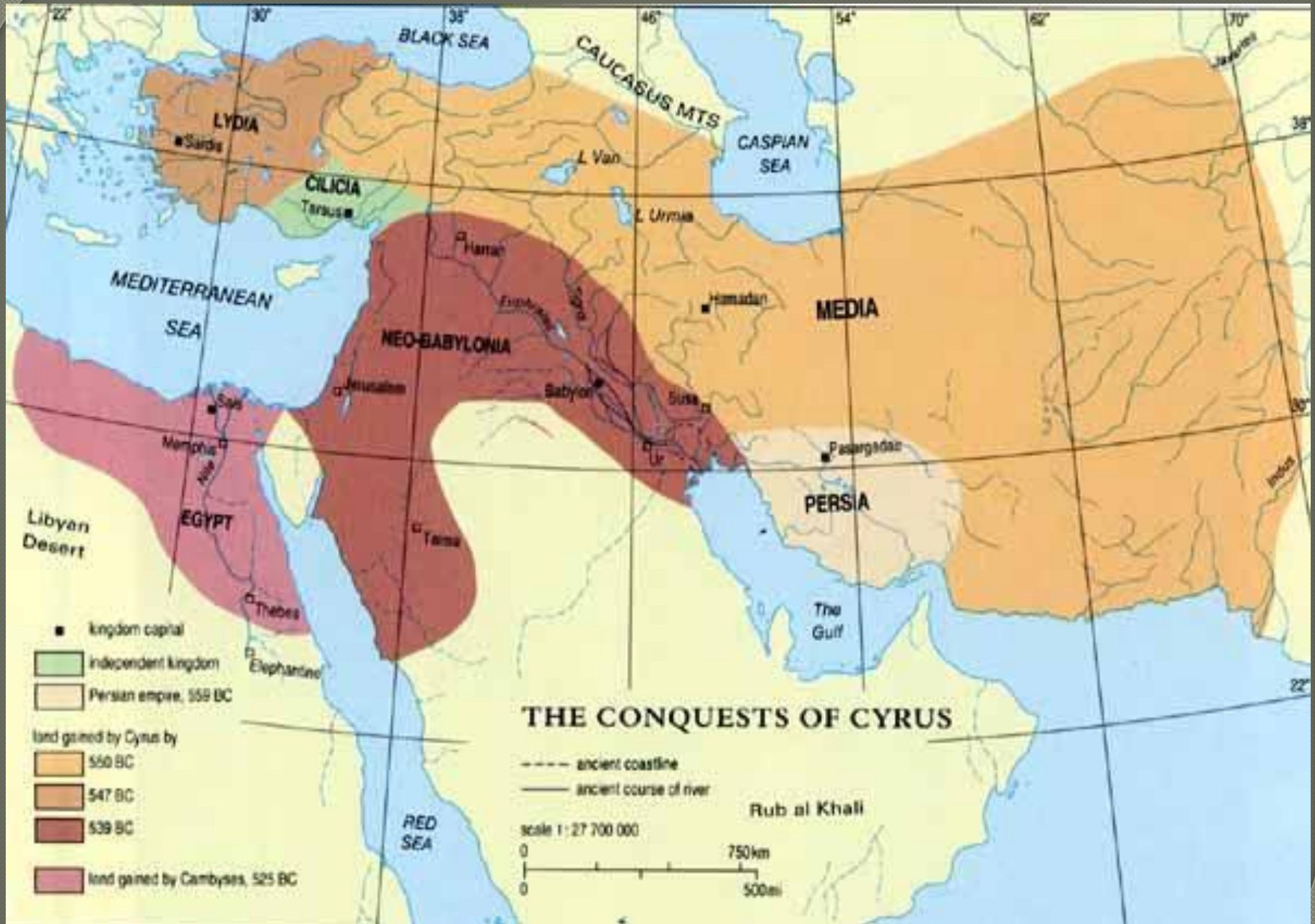


Cyrus the Great

559 – 530 BC





Daniel reading the scroll to Cyrus



Isaiah 45: 1-7

Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

² I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

³ And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

⁴ For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

⁶ That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

⁷ I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Ezra 1:2-3

- ² Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia,
The LORD God of heaven hath given me all
the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath
charged me to build him an house at
Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
- ³ Who is there among you of all his people?
his God be with him, and let him go up to
Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the
house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the
God,) which is in Jerusalem.