

The Persian Empire

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In order to have some understanding of life during the years leading up to the birth of Jesus, watch the video *Engineering an Empire: Persia*. Make notes on the following topics:

1. Cyrus the Great: describe his leadership. What is he like as a king? Why is he deserving of the title Great? How is he different than many other leaders?

2. Give examples of the ingenuity of the Persians under Cyrus' rule. Think particularly of their engineering feats.

3. Describe Cyrus' relationship with the Jewish people, the Israelites. What did he do for them? What do the Jews refer to him as?