# (Revised) Conrad-Demarest Model of Empire

**APWH** 

### Questions to Consider

- ♦ What are the four stages of the Conrad-Demarest Model of Empire?
- ♦ What are the benefits and limits of using historical models to understand history?
- ♦ How well do the Classical Empires fit the Conrad-Demarest Model of Empire?

## Stages of Empire

#### **HEIGHT**



#### 1.PRE.CONDITIONS

- a) Centralized government
- b) No clear dominant rivals, distrust and conflict between other states
- c.) Military and/or technological advantage(s)

#### 2. Successful imperial DEOLOGY

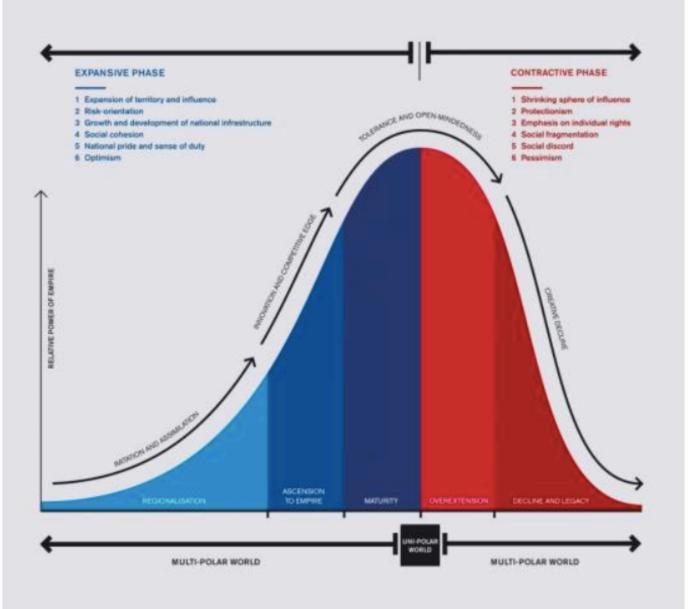
- 3. Characteristics of WEL-RUN empires
- a) Effective infrastructure
- b) Cosmopolitan cities
- c) Effective bureaucracy
- d) System of justice, law for entire empire
- e) Conquered offered a "buy-in"
- 4. Major REWARDS of empire:
- a) Economic rewards
- b) Relative stability and prosperity



#### 5. Empires FALL because:

- a) Failure of leadership
- b) Empire stretched too far
- c) Move offensive to defense
- d.) Rebellions from within Challenges from without

#### The Power Curve of the Five Stages of Empire (69.5)



### Stage 1: Pre-Conditions for Empire

- 1. State-level government (such as a city-state or kingdom)
- 2. High agricultural potential
- 3. Environmental diversity
- 4. A power vacuum. Several small neighboring states with no dominate power.
- 5. Mutual hostility between neighboring states.
- 6. Adequate military resources (people, weapons, etc.)

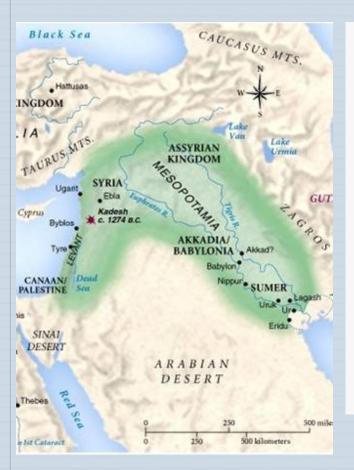
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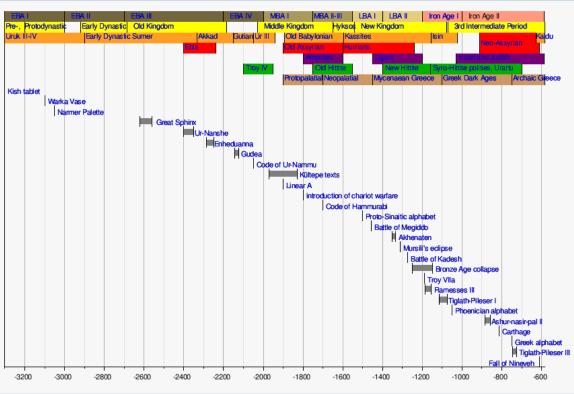






## Mesopotamia





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## Persia Qanat Well water source Access points for upkeep Qanat channel funnels water Distribution dams and channels water table irrigated land bedrock

## Persia – Power Vacuum

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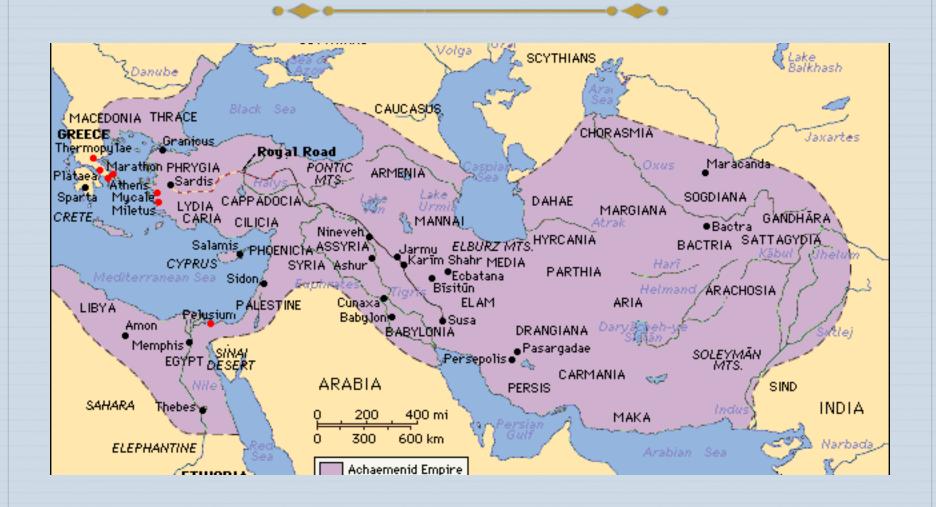
## Stage 2: Rise of Persian Empire

- Charismatic leadershipCyrus the GreatDarius
- Military victoriesConquer Mesopotamia,Turkey, and Egypt
- ✦ Economic and/or social reformPracticed religious toleration





## The Persian Empire



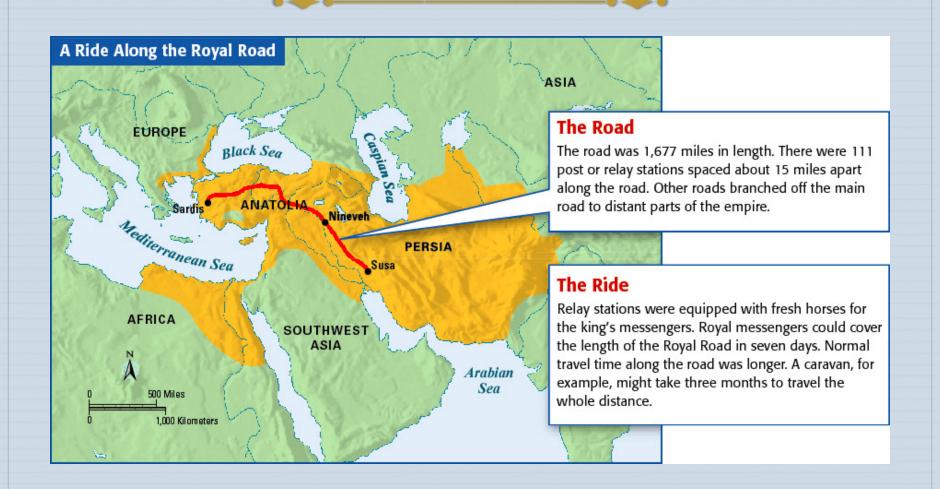
## Rewards of Persian Empire

- BureaucracySatraps
- ✦ InfrastructureRoyal Road
- Military/DefenseThe Immortals

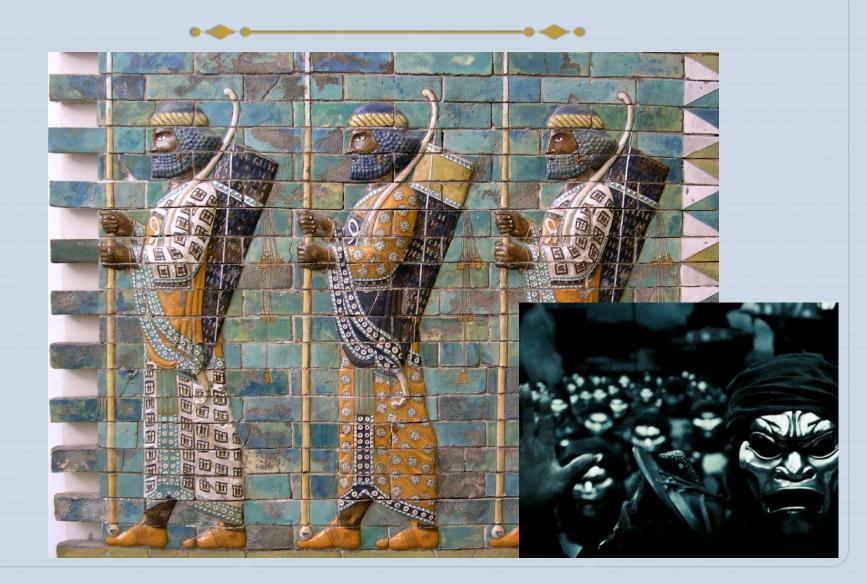


A Persian satrap

## The Royal Road



### The Immortals



## Persian Culture







