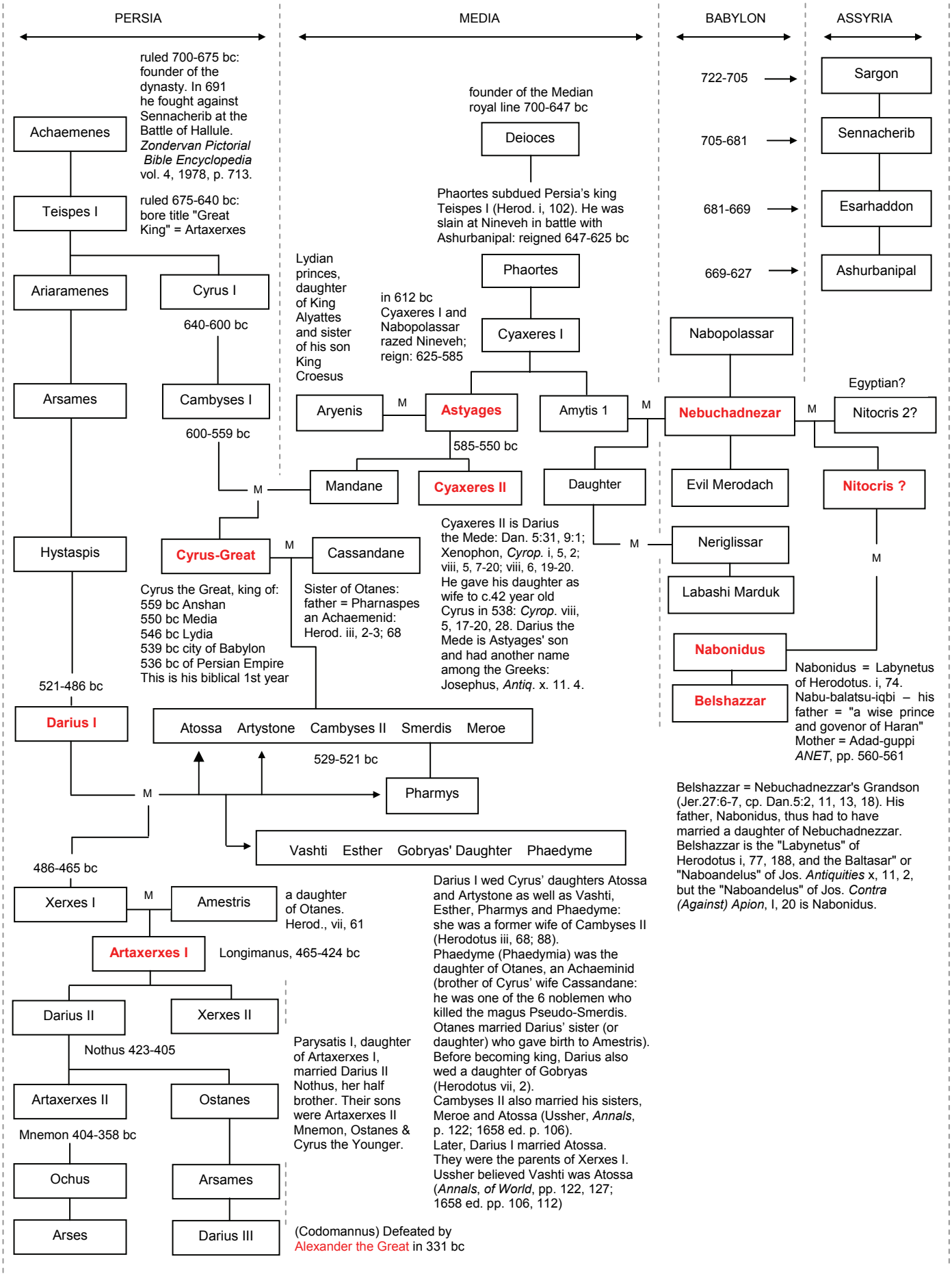
PERSIA
MEDIA
BABYLON
ASSYRIA
ruled 700-675 bc: founder of the dynasty. In 691 he fought against Sennacherib at the Battle of Hallule. *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia* vol. 4, 1978, p. 713.
Achaemenes
ruled 675-640 bc: bore title "Great King" = Artaxerxes
Teispes I
Ariaramenes
Cyrus I
640-600 bc
Arsames
Cambyses I
600-559 bc
M
Hystaspis
Cyrus-Great
M
Cassandane
Cyrus the Great, king of:
559 bc Anshan
550 bc Media
546 bc Lydia
539 bc city of Babylon
536 bc of Persian Empire
This is his biblical 1st year
Sister of Otanes: father = Pharnaspes an Achaemenid: Herod. iii, 2-3; 68
521-486 bc
Darius I
Atossa Artystone Cambyses II Smerdis Meroe
529-521 bc
M
Pharmys
Vashti Esther Gobryas' Daughter Phaedyme
486-465 bc
Xerxes I
M
Amestris
a daughter of Otanes. Herod., vii, 61
Artaxerxes I
Longimanus, 465-424 bc
Darius II
Xerxes II
Nothus 423-405
Artaxerxes II
Ostanes
Mnemon 404-358 bc
Ochus
Arsames
Arses
Darius III
(Codomannus) Defeated by Alexander the Great in 331 bc
founder of the Median royal line 700-647 bc
Deioces
Phaortes subdued Persia's king Teispes I (Herod. i, 102). He was slain at Nineveh in battle with Ashurbanipal: reigned 647-625 bc
Phaortes
Lydian princes, daughter of King Alyattes and sister of his son King Croesus
in 612 bc Cyaxeres I and Nabopolassar razed Nineveh; reign: 625-585
Cyaxeres I
Aryenis
M
Astyages
Amytis 1
M
585-550 bc
Mandane
Cyaxeres II
Daughter
M
Cyaxeres II is Darius the Mede: Dan. 5:31, 9:1; Xenophon, *Cyrop.* i, 5, 2; viii, 5, 7-20; viii, 6, 19-20. He gave his daughter as wife to c.42 year old Cyrus in 538: *Cyrop.* viii, 5, 17-20, 28. Darius the Mede is Astyages' son and had another name among the Greeks: Josephus, *Antiq.* x. 11. 4.
722-705
Sargon
705-681
Sennacherib
681-669
Esarhaddon
669-627
Ashurbanipal
Nabopolassar
Nebuchadnezar
M
Egyptian?
Nitocris 2?
Evil Merodach
Nitocris ?
Neriglissar
M
Labashi Marduk
Nabonidus
Belshazzar
Nabonidus = Labynetus of Herodotus. i, 74. Nabu-balatsu-iqbi – his father = "a wise prince and govenor of Haran" Mother = Adad-guppi *ANET*, pp. 560-561
Belshazzar = Nebuchadnezzar's Grandson (Jer.27:6-7, cp. Dan.5:2, 11, 13, 18). His father, Nabonidus, thus had to have married a daughter of Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar is the "Labynetus" of Herodotus i, 77, 188, and the Baltasar" or "Naboandelus" of Jos. *Antiquities* x, 11, 2, but the "Naboandelus" of Jos. *Contra (Against) Apion*, I, 20 is Nabonidus.
Darius I wed Cyrus' daughters Atossa and Artystone as well as Vashti, Esther, Pharmys and Phaedyme: she was a former wife of Cambyses II (Herodotus iii, 68; 88). Phaedyme (Phaedymia) was the daughter of Otanes, an Achaeminid (brother of Cyrus' wife Cassandane: he was one of the 6 noblemen who killed the magus Pseudo-Smerdis. Otanes married Darius' sister (or daughter) who gave birth to Amestris). Before becoming king, Darius also wed a daughter of Gobryas (Herodotus vii, 2). Cambyses II also married his sisters, Meroe and Atossa (Ussher, *Annals*, p. 122; 1658 ed. p. 106). Later, Darius I married Atossa. They were the parents of Xerxes I. Ussher believed Vashti was Atossa (*Annals, of World*, pp. 122, 127; 1658 ed. pp. 106, 112)
Parysatis I, daughter of Artaxerxes I, married Darius II Nothus, her half brother. Their sons were Artaxerxes II Mnemon, Ostanes & Cyrus the Younger.