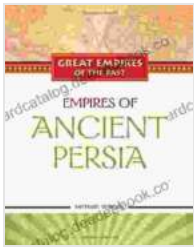


# Empires of Ancient Persia: Great Empires of the Past

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The Persian Empire was divided into 20 satrapies, or provinces. Each satrap was responsible for collecting taxes, administering justice, and maintaining order. The Persians also built an extensive network of roads and canals to facilitate trade and communication. The Persian Empire was a major center of trade and commerce, and its merchants traded with people from all over the world.

The Persian Empire was also known for its culture and art. The Persians were skilled craftsmen and produced beautiful jewelry, textiles, and pottery. They also developed a system of writing and a calendar. The Persian Empire was a major patron of the arts, and its artists produced some of the most famous works of art in the ancient world.

The Persian Empire was eventually conquered by Alexander the Great in 330 BC. However, the legacy of the Persian Empire continued to live on. The Persian Empire was one of the most important empires in the ancient world, and its influence can still be seen today.

## **The Achaemenid Empire**

The Achaemenid Empire was the first Persian Empire. It was founded by Cyrus the Great in 550 BC and lasted for over 200 years. The Achaemenid Empire was the largest empire in the ancient world, and it ruled over a vast territory that stretched from the Indus River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. The Achaemenid Empire was a major center of trade and commerce, and its merchants traded with people from all over the world.

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## **The Parthian Empire**

The Parthian Empire was the second Persian Empire. It was founded by Arsaces I in 247 BC and lasted for over 400 years. The Parthian Empire ruled over a vast territory that stretched from the Caspian Sea in the north to the Persian Gulf in the south. The Parthian Empire was a major center of trade and commerce, and its merchants traded with people from all over the world.

The Parthian Empire was also known for its military prowess. The Parthians were skilled horsemen and archers, and they were able to defeat the Romans in several battles. The Parthian Empire was eventually conquered by the Sassanid Empire in 224 AD.

## **The Sassanid Empire**

The Sassanid Empire was the third and final Persian Empire. It was founded by Ardashir I in 224 AD and lasted for over 400 years. The Sassanid Empire ruled over a vast territory that stretched from the Caspian Sea in the north to the Arabian Sea in the south. The Sassanid Empire was a major center of trade and commerce, and its merchants traded with people from all over the world.

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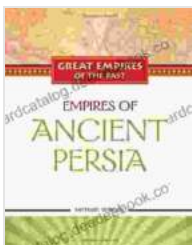
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## The Legacy of the Persian Empires

The Persian Empires left a lasting legacy on the world. The Persians were responsible for the development of many important technologies, including the wheel, the plow, and the sail. They also developed a system of writing and a calendar that were adopted by many other cultures. The Persians were also known for their art and architecture, and their palaces and temples are still admired today.

The Persian Empires were also responsible for the spread of Zoroastrianism, a religion that is still practiced today. Zoroastrianism was founded by the prophet Zoroaster in the 6th century BC, and it teaches that there is one God, Ahura Mazda. Zoroastrianism also teaches that there is a constant struggle between good and evil, and that humans must choose to follow the path of righteousness.

The Persian Empires were a major force in the ancient world, and their legacy continues to live on today. The Persians were responsible for many important developments in technology, culture, and religion, and their contributions have had a lasting impact on the world.



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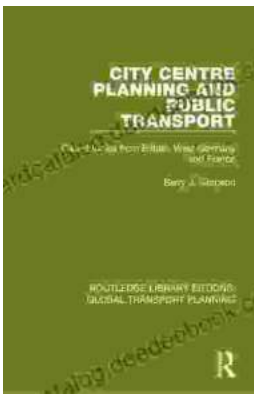
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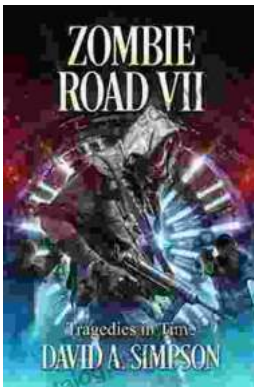
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