

# ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE

No one can deny it. Archaeology is constantly digging up more evidence for the Bible. One Biblical character who has more than his fair share of historical authentication is...

## CYRUS THE GREAT,



**KING OF PERSIA  
(559-530 B.C.)**

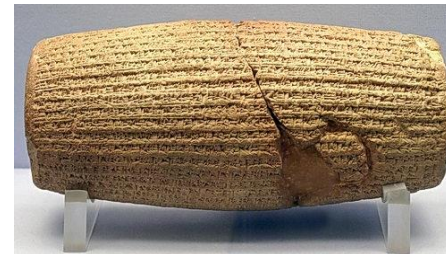
This Persian emperor was actually prophesied about *by name* in Scripture, over one hundred years before he was born! Check it out for yourself. **Isaiah 44:28** gives the Word of the LORD: ***“Who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and he shall perform all my pleasure, saying to Jerusalem, ‘You shall be built,’ and to the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”*** (8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.)

## CONFIRMED

The prophecy came true, confirming the Bible to be inspired by God: Cyrus

decreed that the Jews should return to their homeland and rebuild the temple after he became emperor. In fact, you can read about this in the Bible books of 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 and Ezra 1.

## THE CYRUS CYLINDER



Such decrees by Cyrus were verified with the discovery of **The Cyrus Cylinder**. As W. Keller wrote: *“Archaeology has been able to establish the authenticity of this*

*permit...”* (The Bible as History, p.303)

This cylinder, discovered in the ruins of Babylon in 1879, describes the release of the captives. And as authors Brian Edwards and Clive Anderson say in their book ‘Evidence for The Bible’: *“it confirms 2 Chronicles 36:23.”*

## CYRUS’ TOMB

And his tomb can still be seen in Iran today!

