



Medes with earrings and round hats, Central Palace, Persepolis, Iran

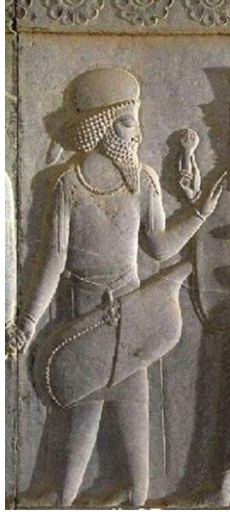




Remains of Ecbatana in Hamedan, Iran



Hagmatana Hill (Tappe-ye Hagmatana), an archaeological mound in Hamedan.



**The standing Mede:** Medes at eastern stairs of the Apadana, Persepolis, Iran  
**The head image:** The Median king “Phraortes” on the Behistun relief



Iranian Kurds celebrating Nowruz.



Iranian Azeris celebrating Norouz



Medes and Persians – Apadana Palace, Persepolis – Iran



**Nooshijan Tappeh: ancient site with fire altars in it**

### **HERODOTUS THE GREEK HISTORIAN**



According to Herodotus, the Magi (Moghan in Farsi), belonged to a Median tribe who trained and provided priests for the Medes and Persians. The Magi apparently played important roles in the palace of the last Median King Astyages, regarding predictions and dream interpretations.

***Three Magi in Parthian Dress***