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THE  
PERSIAN  
EMPIRE

*A Corpus of Sources from the Achaemenid Period*

# The Persian Geography

- ❑ Located between the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean
- ❑ Coast of the Mediterranean
- ❑ now called Iran

# Rise and Fall



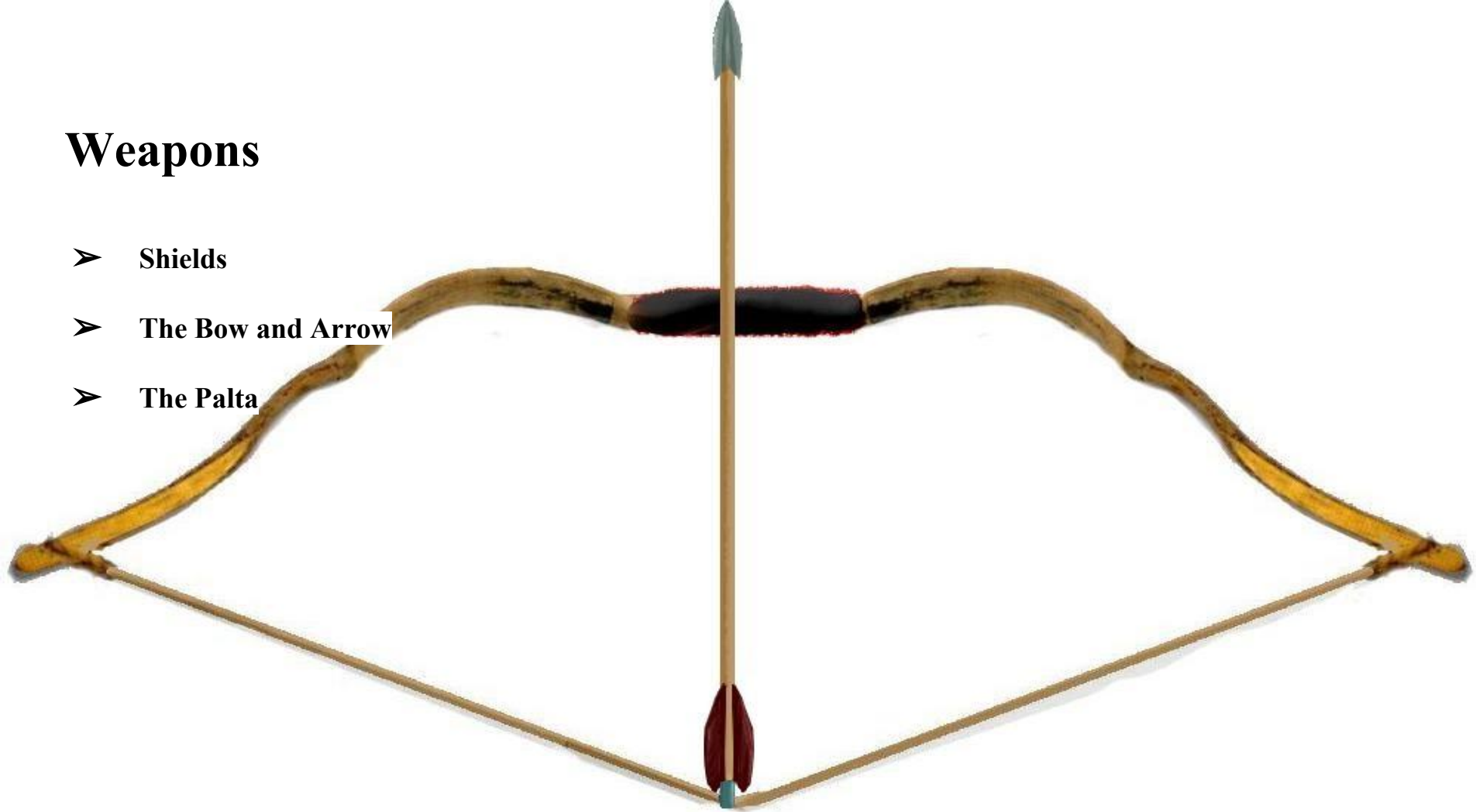
- ❖ The rise was started by **Cyrus the Great** ➤ **Alexander The Great** started war with Persia in **334 B.C.E.**
- ❖ Took over Egypt in **525 B.C.E.** ➤ Took over western Persia in **330 B.C.E.**
- ❖ Took over Lydia in **546 B.C.E.**
- ❖ Conquered Cyrene in **518 B.C.E.**

# Government

- ❑ to maintain control area each place had a Vice Roy called a Satrap.
- ❑ like a governor, a person = controls the area.
- ❑ Just like Obama doesn't control Illinois, Bruce Rauner does.
- ❑ The satrap tried to enforce the laws, kind of like how Rabbi Holman makes us follow the rules.
- ❑ They also make sure people pay their taxes. There were 20 to 30 in the empire.

# Weapons

- Shields
- The Bow and Arrow
- The Palta





# Technology

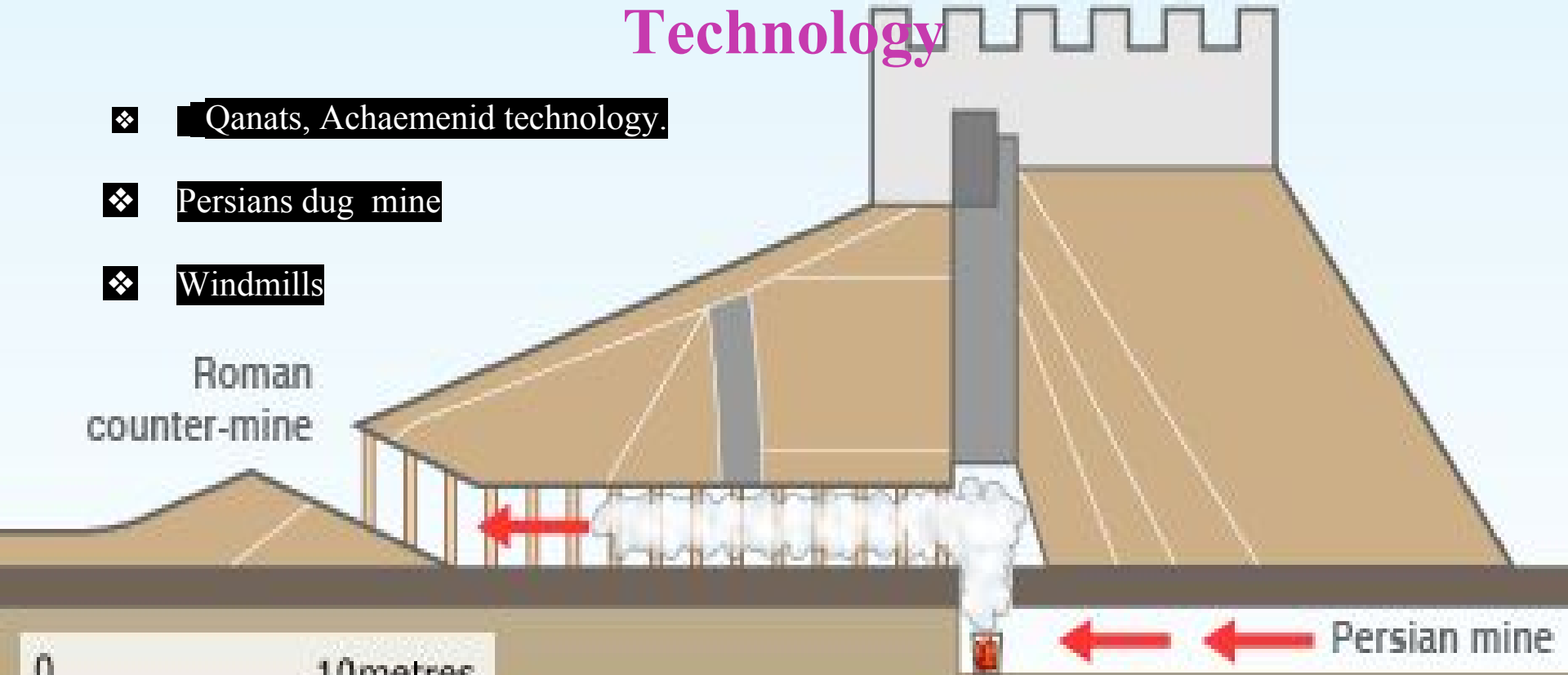
❖ Qanats, Achaemenid technology.

❖ Persians dug mine

❖ Windmills

Roman  
counter-mine

City wall and towers



Persian mine

# Persian Economy

- ❑ Persian economy =  
agriculture
- ❑ used crops for money





# The Persian Religion

- Although each country was allowed to keep their own religion
  - Persians learned the teaching of the prophet Zoroaster
    - Religion was called Zoroastrianism
    - Believed in one main god called Ahura Mazda

# The Persian Slavery



# Persian Contribution

- created popular game poker
- created air conditioning [ air vents because there was no electricity ]
- created streets
- created popular game polo
- created checks
- {in terms of money}



# Pictures



A Persian Temple



Cyrus The Great



A Persian Coin



The Persian Symbol



Persian Writing



Persian Art

THE END!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!