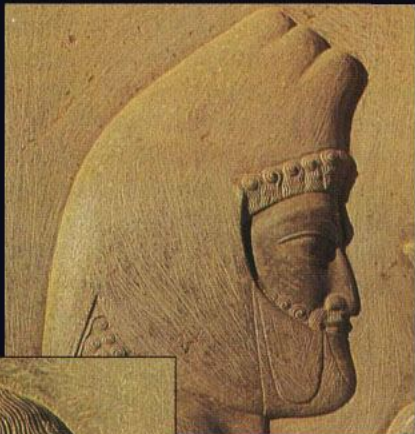
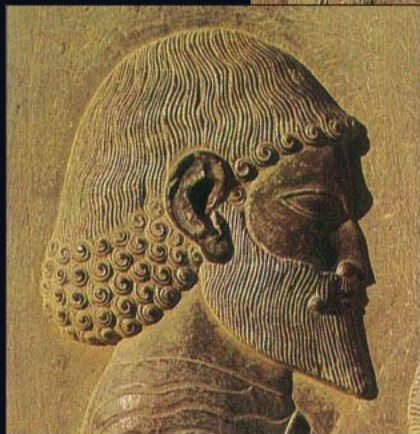


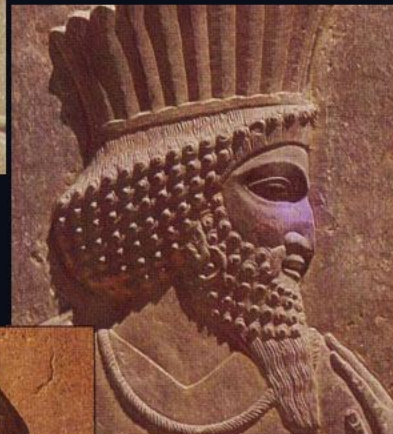
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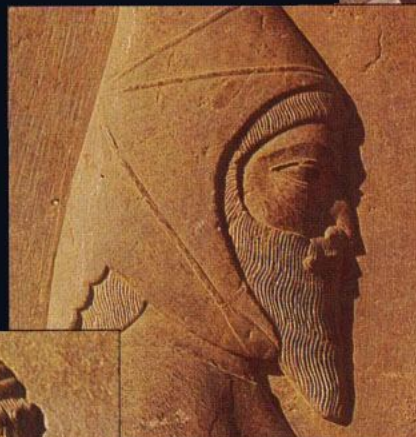
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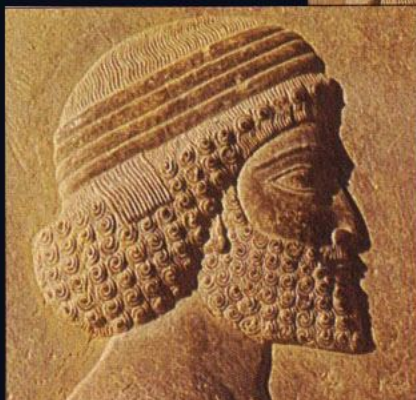


Persian



Scythian

Cilician



The faces shown on these pages were carved on the stone facades of staircases at Persepolis, the ceremonial capital established by Darius I. These men were among a group of officials who, representing more than twenty nations, marched through the city each spring in a splendid parade held to celebrate the Persian New Year. The procession ended at the foot of the king's throne in his apadana, or audience hall, where each vassal delegation paid homage to the King of Kings.