

~MINNI (40) **(Min'ni)**

- An ancient kingdom that was divinely summoned to fight against Babylon. At that time **Minni** was allied with the kingdoms of Ararat and Ashkenaz, all under the control of Cyrus.
- Lift up a signal in the land, O men. Blow a horn among the nations. Sanctify against her the nations. Summon against her the kingdoms of Ararat, **Minni** and Ashkenaz. Commission against her a recruiting officer. Make the horses come up like bristly locusts. (**Jeremiah 51:27**)
- Sanctify against her the nations, the kings of Media, its governor's and all its deputy rulers and all the land of each ones dominion. (**Jeremiah 51:28**)
- And let the earth rock and be in severe pain, for against Babylon the thoughts of Yehowah have risen up to make the land of Babylon an object of astonishment, without an inhabitant. (**Jeremiah 51:29**)
- The exact location of this ancient kingdom and its people is uncertain. Some map makers have placed it in the region between Lake Van and the Araxes River, to the Northeast in eastern Armenia. But most commentators are of the opinion it lay in the general area Southeast of Lake Van.
- If the **Mannai** or **Manneans** were inhabitants of **Minni**, as some scholars say; then according to cuneiform inscriptions **Minni** was intermittently under subjugation, first by the Assyrians and then by the Median Empire.
- According to a Babylonian chronicle, **in his tenth year of reign, 636 B.C.E, Nabopolassar, captured the Manneans who had come to their, the Assyrians, aid. [Assyrian and Babylonian Chronicles, by A. K. Grayson, 1975, p. 91]** But by the time Babylon fell in **539 B.C.E. Minni** was dominated by the Medo-Persian Empire.