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16) God never mentions any of the leaders of Islam (after Prophet Mohammad) by name in the Koran (the Shia and Sunnis' conflict started after these leaders came to power, namely the first four). However, there are references to the kings of Iran (Cyprus and Darius, etc.) in the Old Testament (in books whose validity the Koran confirms).

Several books of the Old Testament tell the story of King Cyrus of Iran. His glory was bestowed when he honored God's words about the Children of Israel and defended the Israelites against their enemies (a great lesson for the sons and daughters of Iran).

First of all, I must say that the Koran agrees totally with the Books of the Old Testament and the New Gospel presented in the Bible. Please note:

Koran 3:3 He sent down to you this scripture, truthfully, confirming all previous scriptures, ...

Koran 2:41 You (Jews and Christians) shall believe in what I have revealed herein, confirming what you have...

More verses about the Koran confirming the books of the Old Testament and the New Gospel include the following:

Koran [2:91, 4:47,5:48,35:31,46:(12, 30),...]

The books of the Old Testament contain many verses that give an account of the below story and many more stories about Iran, where the Kings of Iran were told by God to honor Israel.

Bible-Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, **2** Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. **3** Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. **4**

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And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. **5** Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. **6** And all those who were around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered. **7** King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; **8** and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. **9** This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, **10** thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles. **11** All the articles of gold and silver were five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Bible-Daniel 1:21 Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

Ezra 4:5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. **6** In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. **7** In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter was written in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language. **8** Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion: