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PASSAGE A

In this passage, Croesus, king of the Medes, consults the Pythia, an oracle who lives at Delphi, and makes plans before attacking the Greeks and Spartans.

- 1 Κροῖσος, ὁ τῶν Λυδῶν βασιλεύς, καταστρεψάμενος τοὺς
(see end) Lydians king (nom.) having subdued
- 2 ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ Ἕλληνας, διανοεῖτο πρὸς τοὺς Πέρσας πόλεμον
Asia Greeks διανοέομαι: Persians
to intend
- 3 ποιεῖσθαι. ἔπεμπεν οὖν ἐς τὸ ἐν Δελφοῖς χρηστήριον Λυδῶν τινας
(see end) Delphi (see end) Lydians
- 4 δῶρα μάλιστα καλὰ φέροντας. τούτῳ γὰρ πάντων μάλιστα
(see end) in this (oracle) (see end)
- 5 ἐπίστευεν. ἀφικνούμενοι δὲ ἐχρῶντο τῷ θεῷ, εἰ δεῖ Κροῖσον,
πιστεύω: (see end) whether (see end)
to believe in (+ dat)
- 6 τὸν Λυδῶν βασιλέα, τοῖς Πέρσαις ἐπιστρατεύειν, καὶ εἴ τινα
Lydians king (acc.) Persians to march against whether
- 7 στρατὸν ἀνδρῶν δεῖ προσθέσθαι σύμμαχον. οἱ μὲν ταῦτα
army of men to join, associate σύμμαχος οὖν:
(as an) ally
- 8 ἐχρῶντο, ἣ δὲ Πυθία ἀπεκρίνατο λέγουσα ὅτι, ἦν
(see end) Pythia answered if ever
- 9 τοῖς Πέρσαις ἐπιστρατεύσει Κροῖσος, μεγάλην ἀρχὴν
Persians should march against (see end) (see end)
- 10 καταλύσει. τοὺς δὲ τῶν Ἑλλήνων μάλιστα δυνατοὺς
would destroy Greeks (see end) (see end)
- 11 συνεβούλευεν αὐτῷ φίλους προσθέσθαι. ἐπεὶ δὲ ταῦτα
to join, associate
- 12 ἐπυνθάνετο ὁ Κροῖσος, ὑπερήδετο τὲ τῷ χρησμῷ καὶ
(see end) (see end) ὑπερήδομαι: oracle
to be very pleased
- 13 ἄνδρας ἄλλους εἰς τὸ χρηστήριον ἔπεμπεν ἐπερωτήσοντας,
men (acc.) other (see end) (see end) in order to ask

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- 14 εἰ πολυχρόνιος αὐτῷ ἔσται ἡ μοναρχία. χρωμένῳ δὲ αὐτῷ
whether for a long time monarchy (see below)
- 15 ἡ Πυθία ἀνέειπεν ὅτι τότε δὴ ἡ μοναρχία φεύζεται, εἰ ἡμίονος
Pythia answered monarchy mule
- 16 βασιλεὺς Μήδοις γενήσεται. διὰ οὖν τὰ χρησμά, ἔλεγε
king (nom.) Medes oracles
- 17 ὅτι ἡμίονος οὐποτε ἀντὶ ἀνδρὸς βασιλεύσει Μήδων, καὶ
a mule never in place a man Medes
(adv) of (genitive)
- 18 ὅτι οἱ αὐτῷ ἐπιγενησόμενοι οὐποτε παύσονται τῆς ἀρχῆς.
descendents never (adv.) (see below)
- 19 ἐπεὶ ἐπυνθάνετο ὅτι οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι μάλιστα δυνατοὶ
(see below) Spartans (see below) (see below)
- 20 τῶν Ἑλλήνων ἦσαν, ἔπεμπε ἐς Σπάρτην ἀγγέλους
Greeks (see below) Sparta
- 21 ζητήσοντας συμμαχίας. βαίνοντες δὲ ἔλεγον, "ὦ
in order to seek (see below)
- 22 Λακεδαιμόνιοι, Κροῖσος ὁ Λυδῶν βασιλεὺς, ἐπεὶ ὁ θεὸς
Spartans (see below) Lydians king (nom.)
- 23 ἐκέλευεν αὐτὸν τοῖς Ἕλληνας φίλοις προσθέσθαι, ὑμᾶς κατὰ
(see below) Greeks to join, associate
- 24 τὸ χρηστήριον προσκαλεῖται, φίλους ἐθέλων γενήσεσθαι
(see below) summon, invite
- 25 ἄνευ δόλων." οἱ δὲ Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἐποιοῦντο τὰ ὅρκια
without tricks Spartans oaths
- 26 περὶ συμμαχίας.
(see below)

δυνατός, ἡ, ὄν: powerful

Κροῖσος, -ου: Croesus

τὸ χρηστήριον, -ου: oracle

ἡ ἀρχή: rule, empire

ἡ συμμαχία: alliance

κελεύω: to order

χράσμαι: to ask, consult (+ dat.)

πυνθάνομαι: to learn, understand

πέμπω: to send

μάλιστα: (adv.) very much