



Persian Bronze Ring

This Persian bronze ring is a genuine antiquity and dates back to approximately 900 BC making this wonderful artefact almost 3,000 years old. It was uncovered in Greece and is in original condition.

The *Greco-Persian Wars* (often called the Persian Wars) between Persia and Greece took place in the early part of the 5th century BC - approximately 450 years after this ring was made. How the ring came to be in Greece we will never know. Perhaps it was lost by the Persian who wore it in the times before the *Greco-Persian Wars*, or found its way there through trade? Maybe it was an old family heirloom worn by a soldier of the Persian army who fought against the Greeks? Maybe you would like to decide and write a wonderful story about it?

Persia had a huge empire and had every intention of adding Greece to it. The Persian king *Darius* first attacked Greece in 490 BC, but was defeated at the Battle of *Marathon* by a mainly Athenian force. *Darius'* humiliation led to the attempt to conquer Greece in 480-479 BC.

The invasion was led by *Xerxes*, *Darius*'s son. The Persians won most of the battles at first but were eventually defeated by the Greeks, both on land and at sea.

The wars with the Persians had a great effect on the ancient Greeks. The *Athenian Acropolis* was destroyed by the Persians, but the Athenian response was to build a new and better *Acropolis* whose beautiful ruins we can still see today.

There are many depictions of Greeks fighting Persians which can be found in their art and their pottery, their buildings and sculpture. Greek plays also feature the Persian enemy. The *Greco-Persian Wars* were important as they united the Greeks who usually fought against each other, which was essential to their success in defeating their enemy.

Please note that the ring has recently lost a section out of the band. Please handle with care and be aware that it may break when dropped. Thank you!

