

490 B.C.

Dear Miltiades,

Miltiades, Darius 1 of Persia has set off for battle and shall attack in a short amount of time and I write to warn you in Athens and the soldiers in Sparta that they shall prepare for war.. He is going by sea and I found the reason on why he is attacking. He says that after he gained control of the Ionians, they became a bother and, unless they go to war, they shall stay a bother. He also said that he was determined to conquer Greece, secure his western frontier, and lay the groundwork for Persia's expansion to Europe. Now I shall give you helpful information so you can win this war.

First off, he has a strategy. He will travel by boat and as they are sailing they will send heralds to you and Sparta. Do not get tricked by them. Throw them in wells, ignore them, but most of all, do not fall for them.

Second, the Persians wait for you to come to them. Once their enemies are close, they bury them with arrows and they win that battle. Do not stay back but go forth. If you do it fast enough, they will begin to think you are getting tired and not make an effort. Do not go slow, but do not hesitate or they will beat you.

Third, if they lose, they will sail to Attica. Warn Attica, tell them to expect war with the Persians. But make sure they guard their city- state day and night. If the Persians win, they will gain control over us and take away our accomplishments and cultures. We can not let that happen, Miltiades.

Fourth, fight for your city- state, fight for everything you have. Fight for your family, your home, your freedom, and for yourself. Fight for all of the other city- states. Fight as hard as you can. Don't stop fighting.

Fifth, A strategy that I believe will work well is to strengthen the wings of your army and weaken the middle. If you do that, the Persians will have a hard time getting through. Again, attack at a run. Make them worried and weak. Make them think you will be tired by running and then attack with full force.

Sixth, remember, this victory could be a defining moment in Greece. You can make the Greeks more confident when they fight and we could win more battles with more confidence. If we lose, we are then under the Persians power with nothing, not even our cultures.

Now, Miltiades, remember what you are fighting for. Remember these strategies. Remember to win. I hope to see you when I get back.

Good luck and fight well,

Your Greek Spy