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These archers were masters of the famous Parthian shot, an arrow shot by a horseman who pivoted on his mount during retreat. With the siege making no progress, the morale of his troops drooping and the campaigning season nearing its end, Trajan gave up his attempt to take Hatra, and ordered his troops to pack up and pull out.

Trajan's Parthian War

Most of this territory has remained Muslim, if not Arab, until the present day. Quietus discharged his commission successfully, so much that the war was afterward named after him — Kitus being a corruption of Quietus. As with Trajan, Septimius was an emperor with a very keen grasp of military affairs.

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Where the Parthians were loosely organized, the Sassanids were centralized; while the Parthians stood on the defensive, the Sassanids moved aggressively in hopes of restoring ancient Persian glory and driving Rome from the Near East; while the Parthian threat was sporadic, the Sassanids kept up the pressure; while the Parthians were poor at siegecraft, the Sassanids were skilled in the technology of siege warfare. By spring 129 BC, the Medes were in open revolt against Antiochus, whose army had exhausted the resources of the countryside during winter.

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The capture of Ctesiphon was particularly devastating. .

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