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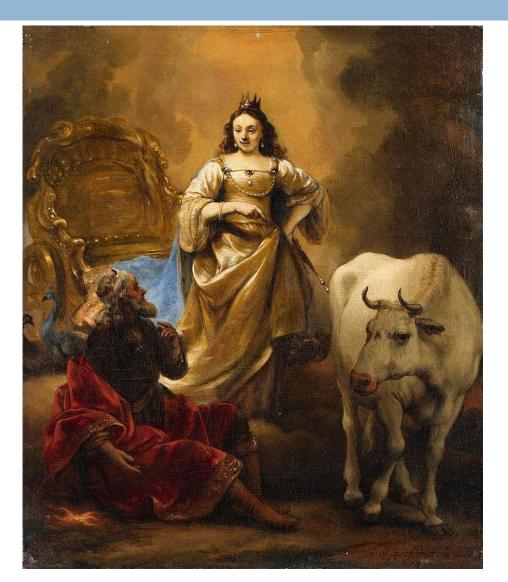


Passage Of The Cow

 Istanbul Strait as known as "Bosphorus" means Cow Passage or Ox-ford in Ancient Greek. Let's discover the mythological story of the Bosphorus:



Zeus,Hera and Io Gerbrand van der Eeckhout (1674)



Formation of the Bosphorus

- □ In the 4th geologic time
- The Ice Age ended and ice floes began to melt.
- Rising waters of the Mediterranean Sea flooded Marmara, and the Marmara Sea have also merged with the Black Sea as a result of continuing rises. Therefore the Bosphorus formed.





Why is the Bosphorus important?

 The only passage between Black Sea and the Mediterranean.



Capitals of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were founded around it.

Conquest of Istanbul, Fausto Zonaro (1903)



Why is the Bosphorus important?

One of the busiest waterways of the world.

□ Around 48.000 ships pass through it annually.

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Its traffic is three times denser than the Suez Canal and four times denser than the Panama Canal.

□ The Bosphorus is the lifeblood of Istanbul.

Thank You For Listening