

The
**CYRUS
CYLINDER**
and **Ancient Persia**

A New Beginning



1. The Cyrus Cylinder, after 539 B.C.
Achaemenid
Found at Babylon, Iraq
Terracotta
L: 22.9 x Diam.: 10 cm (9 x 3 15/16 in.)
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2. Inscribed Tablet Fragment, 6th–5th century B.C.
Achaemenid
Found at Babylon, Dilbat, or Borsippa, Iraq
Unfired Clay
W: 4.1 x D: 2 x L: 2.7 cm (1 5/8 x 13/16 x 1 1/16 in.)
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3. Inscribed Tablet Fragment, 6th–5th century B.C.
Achaemenid
Found at Babylon, Dilbat, or Borsippa, Iraq
Unfired Clay
W: 4.3. x D: 1.9 x L: 1.7 cm (1 11/16 x 1/4 x 1/3 in.)
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4. The Darius Cylinder Seal, 522–486 B.C.
Achaemenid
Chalcedony
H: 3.7 x Diam.: 1.7 cm, Weight: 21 g (1 7/16 x 11/16 in., 0.0463 lb.)
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5. Plaque with a Priest, 500–330 B.C.
Achaemenid
Found in Tajikistan
Gold
From the Oxus Treasure
H: 15.1 x W: 7.5 cm, Weight: 82.7 g (5 15/16 x 2 15/16 in., 0.1824 lb.)
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6. Bowl with Lions, 500–330 B.C.
Achaemenid
Found in Tajikistan
Gold
From the Oxus Treasure
H: 2.3 x Diam.: 12.1 cm, Weight: 73.5 g (15/16 x 4 3/4 in., 0.162 lb.)
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7. Armlet with Griffins, 500–330 B.C.
Achaemenid
Found in Tajikistan
Gold
From the Oxus Treasure
H: 12.3 x W: 11.6 x D: 2.6 cm, Weight: 396.5 g (4 13/16 x 4 9/16 x 1 in., 0.8741 lb.)
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8. Achaemenid Relief with a Lion Attacking a Bull, Persepolis,
(first rotation)
Luigi Pesce, *Album fotografico della Persia* (Photographic Album of Persia), 1860
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