

VI. Achaemenid Persia

The Ancient East between Tradition and Domination

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SCYTHIANS

Danube

MACEDONIA THRACE

GREECE

Thermopylae

Marathon

Plataea

Athens

Sparta

Mycalae

Miletus

CRETE

PHRYGIA

Sardis

LYDIA

CARIA

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

PHOENICIA

SYRIA

ASSYRIA

LIBYA

EGYPT

SAHARA

ETHIOPIA

ELEPHANTINE

Red Sea

Nile

SINAI DESERT

Memphis

Amon

Pelusium

CAUCASUS

Black Sea

Sea of Azov

Ural

Volga

SCYTHIANS

CHORASMIA

Maracanda

SOGDIANA

Bactra

GANDHĀRA

SATTAGYDIA

BACTRIA

ARACHOSIA

ARIA

SOLEYMĀN MTS.

SIND

INDIA

Narbada

Arabian Sea

MAKA

PERSIS

CARMANIA

DRANGIANA

Pasargadae

Persepolis

BABYLONIA

Babylon

Cunaxa

ELAM

Susa

ELBURZ MTS.

Media

Shahr

Ecbatana

Bisitun

Jarmu

Karim

ARMENIA

MANNAI

Lake Urmia

Lake Van

Hyrcania

DAHAE

OKUS

MARGIANA

Harī

Helmand

Jhelum

Sutlej

Persian Gulf

Arak

Okus

Harī

Jhelum

Sutlej

Indus

Royal Road

Halys

Granicus

Thermopylae

Marathon

Plataea

Athens

Sparta

Mycalae

Miletus

Sardis

Sidon

Assur

Nineveh

Phoenicia

Salamis

Cyprus

Libya

Egypt

Sahara

Ethiopia

Elephantine

Sinai Desert

Memphis

Amon

Pelusium

Caucasus

Black Sea

Sea of Azov

Ural

Volga

Scythians

Chorasmia

Maracanda

Sogdiana

Bactra

Gandhara

Sattagydia

Bactria

Arachosia

Aria

Soleymān Mts.

Sind

India

Narbada

Arabian Sea

Maaka

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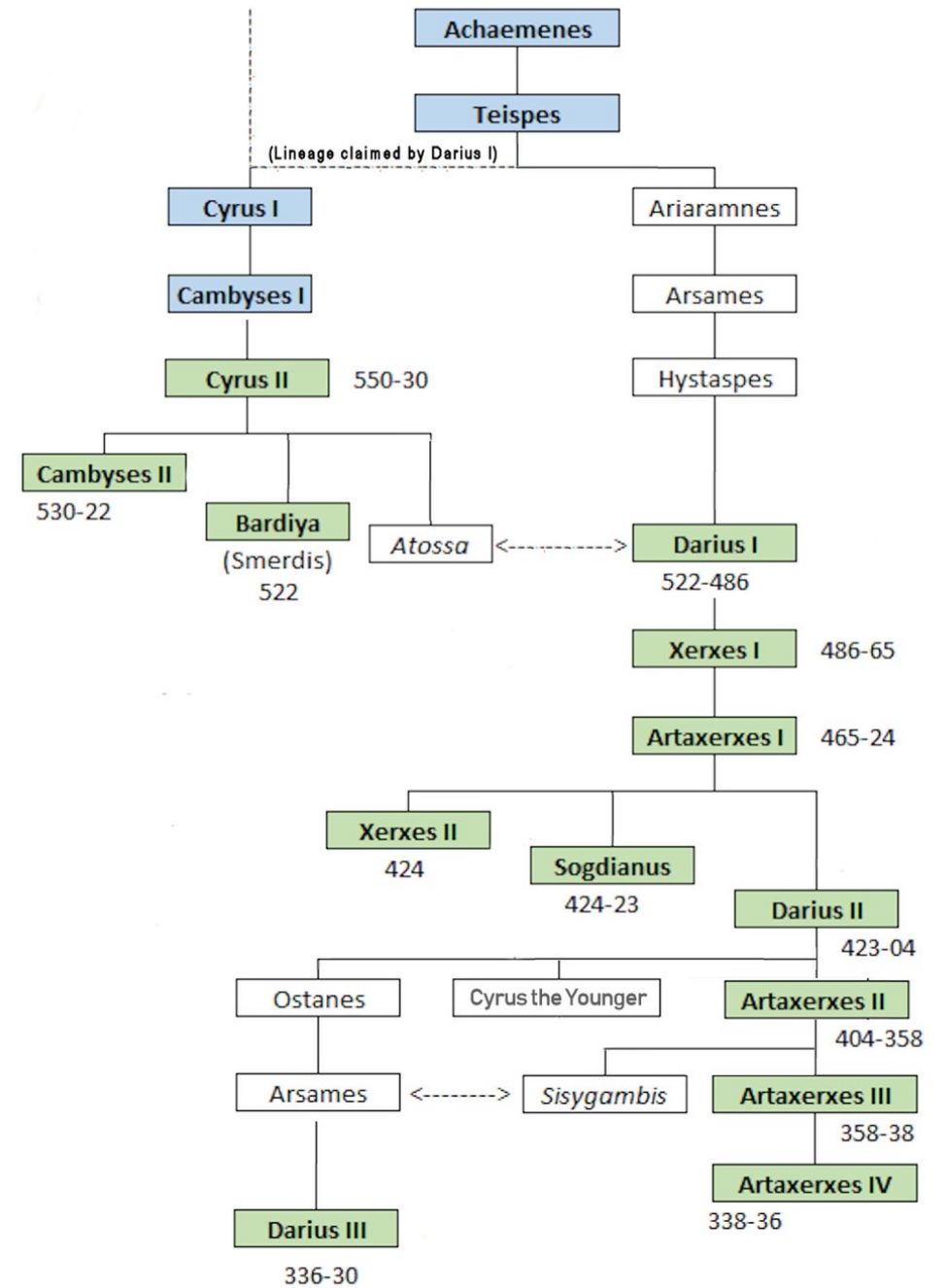
Memphis

Amon

Pelusium

0 200 400 mi
0 300 600 km

Achaemenid Empire















Gold with horned lion-griffins, part of a belt ornament (?), $13.5 \times 9.8 \times 1.2$ cm, 0.1 kg, c. 6th–4th century BCE / Metropolitan Museum, New York



Vessel / Rhyton, $17 \times 13.8 \times 9.2$ cm, 1 kg, c. 5th century BCE
Metropolitan Museum, New York



Gold armlet, from the Oxus Treasure /
British Museum, London





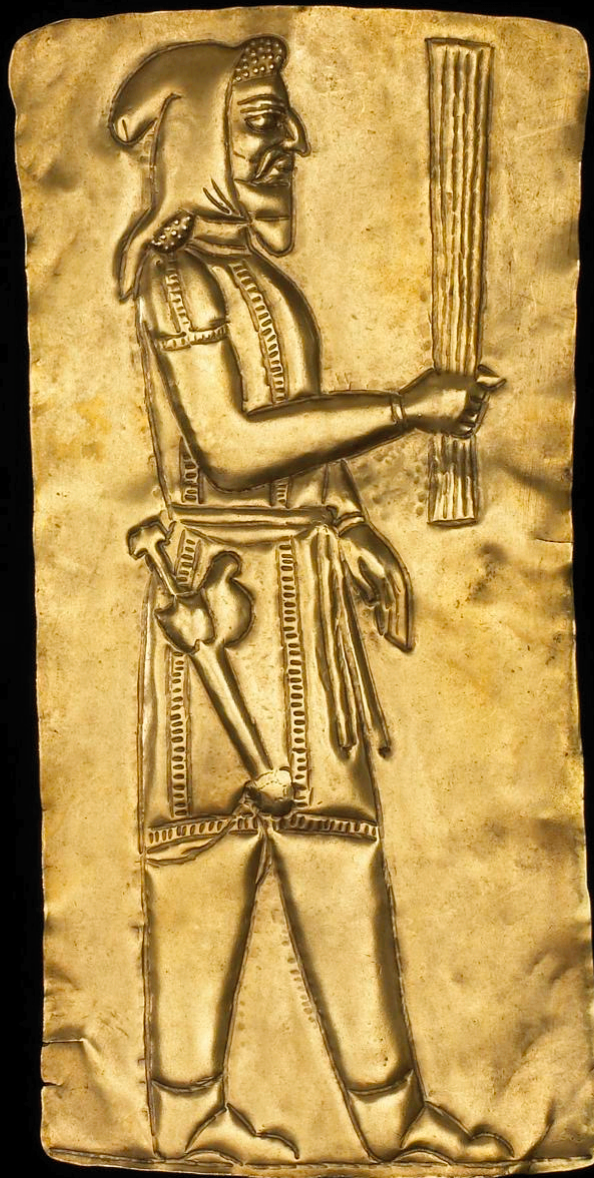
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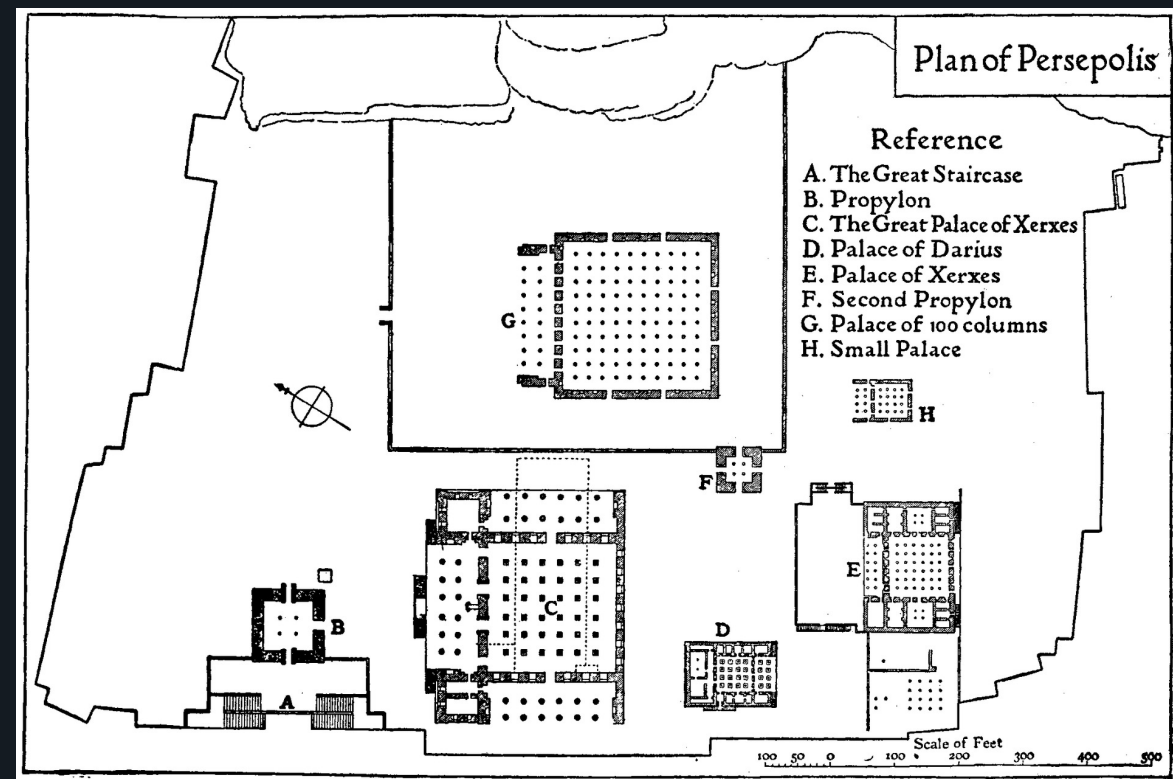
Gold dress ornaments, 6th-5th century BCE
Brooklyn Museum, New York



Votive plaques

Zoroastrianism

“Barsom”





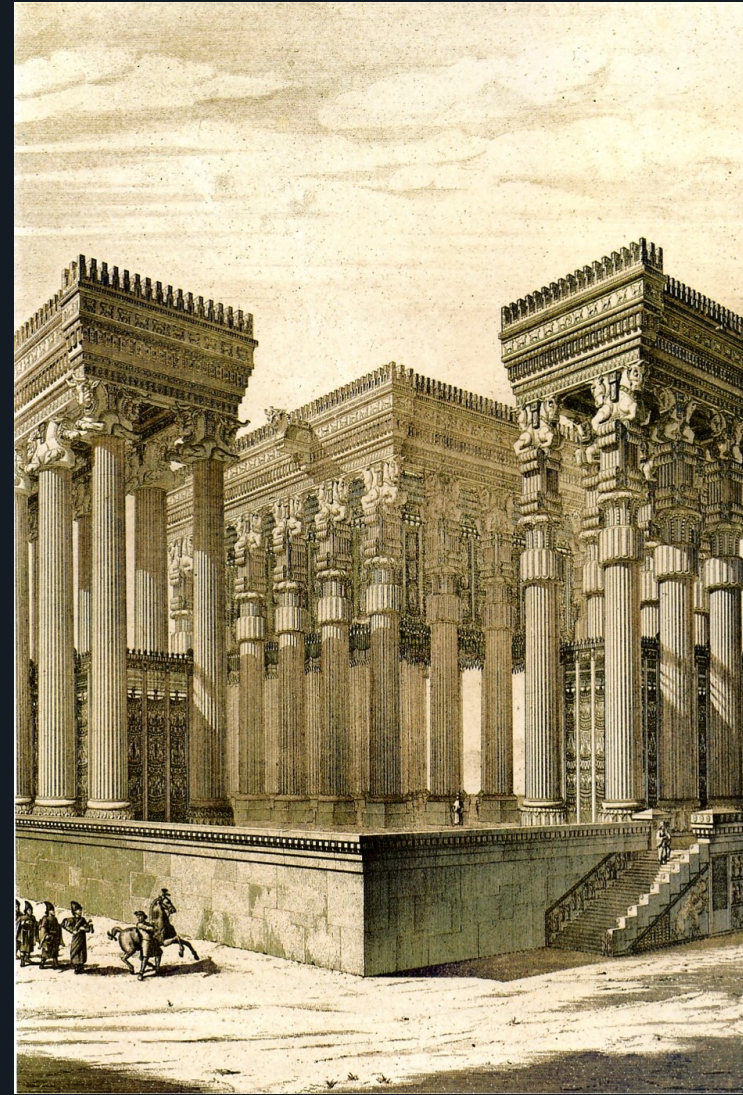


Tachara Palace, 5th century BCE





Fragment of a Wall Decoration from the Palace of
Xerxes, gray limestone, 53x43,6 cm, 486-465 BCE,
Persepolis / Cleveland Art Museum





Column from the Apadana of
Susa / Musée du Louvre, Paris



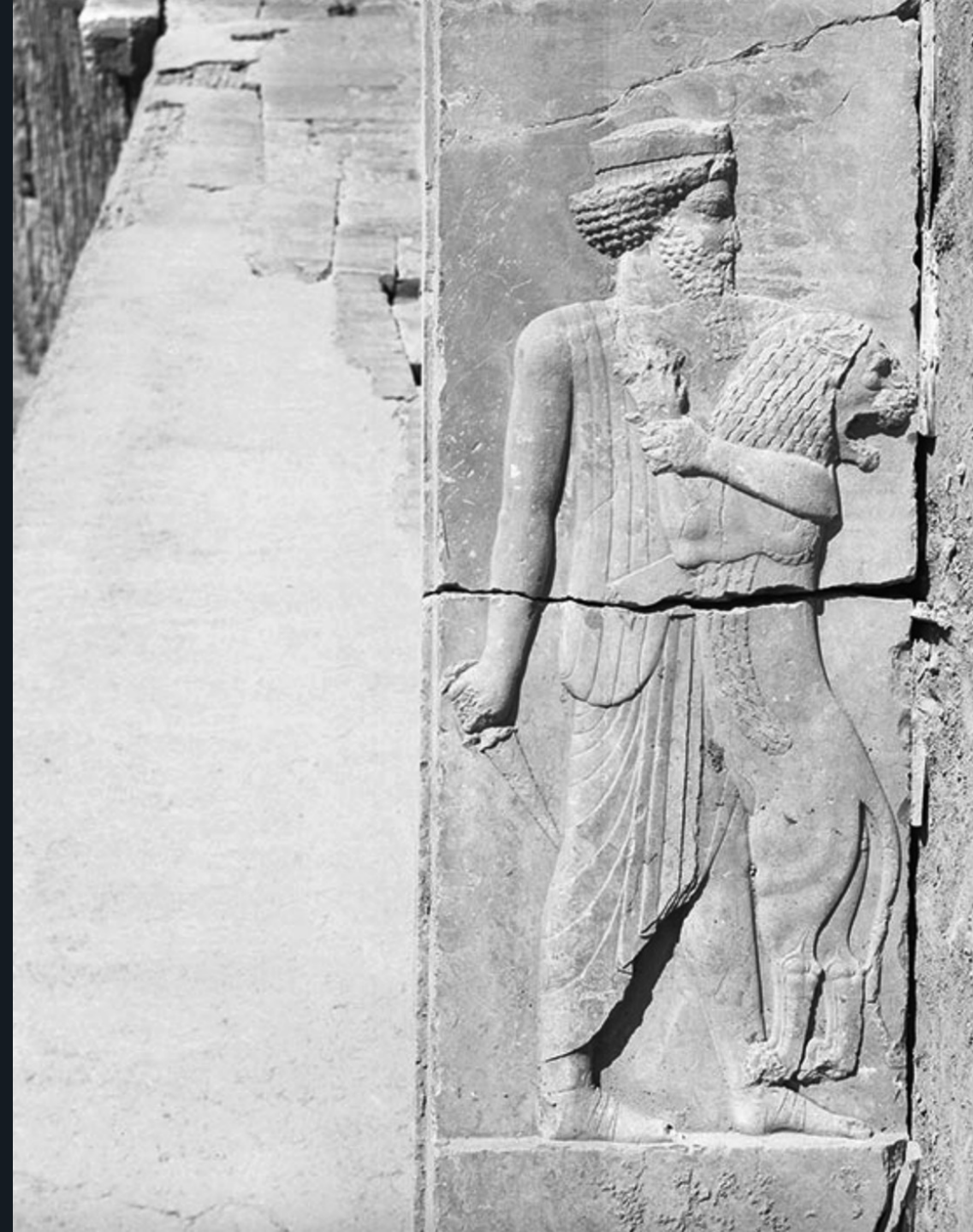


Apadana, Persepolis





Scythian gold belt buckle made of gold, found in
Siberia, 5th-4th century BCE
Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg





Tomb of Cyrus I, 559–529 BCE



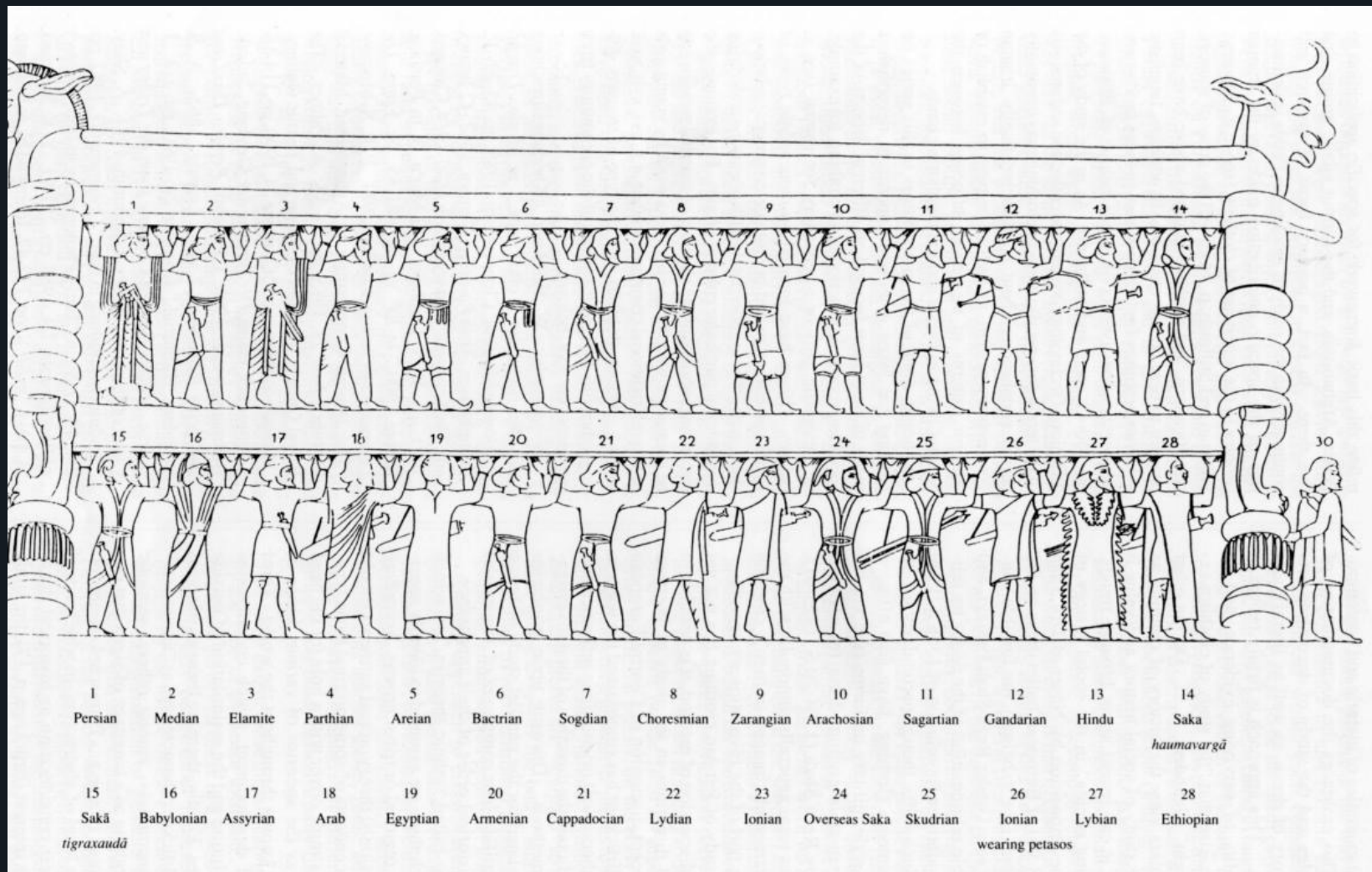
Necropolis of Naqsh-e Rostam, with the tombs of Darius II, Artaxerxes I, Darius I, Xerxes I, in use ca. 550–330 BCE





Darius I







Tomb of Xerxes I at Naqsh-e Rostam,



Ka'ba-ye Zartosht, the “Kaaba of Zoroaster”, fire temple (?), mausoleum (?), treasury (?), sixth century CE





Sasanian relief with the triumph of Shapur I over the Roman emperors Valerian and Philip the Arab, ca. 241-272 CE





300, directed by Zack Snyder (2007)

Battle of Thermopylae, 480 BCE



Persian cylinder seal and modern impression, c. 550–486 BCE
Metropolitan Museum, New York



Greek hoplite and Persian warrior fighting on
ancient kylix (cup), 5th c. BCE / National
Archaeological Museum of Athens



Alexander Mosaic (Battle of Issus), House of the Faun, Pompeii, c. 100 BCE / Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Naples



