

Stele commemorating Hammurabi of Babylon (Iraq, c.1,750 BCE)



Sculptures commemorating Queen Napir-Asu of Elam (Iran, c.1,300 BCE)



Relief from the palace of Assurnasirpal II of Assyria (Iraq, c.870 BCE)



Assyrian palace guardian/‘Lamassu’ (Iraq, c.700 BCE)



'Ishtar Gate' of Babylon (c.575 BCE)



I placed wild bulls and ferocious dragons in the gateways and thus adorned them with luxurious splendor so that people might gaze on them in wonder
(Nebuchadnezzar II)



Persian reliefs referencing Ahura Mazda at Persepolis and Mount Behistun (Iran, c.500 BCE)



Audience hall/‘Apadana’ at Persepolis (Iran, c.500 BCE)



Relief depicting King Darius I and Xerxes receiving tribute at Persepolis (c.500 BCE)

