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## The Landscapes and Materiality of Power in Persia and the Iranian World

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### Iranian Dynasties and Empires

**Achaemenid Persian Empire:** 550 - 330 BCE

**Alexander/Seleucid Iran:** 330-23/310- ca. 148 BCE

**Arsacid (Parthian) Empire:** Independent Parthia 247 BCE; empire ca. 140 BCE  
- 226 CE

Kushan Empire: ca. 1<sup>st</sup> cent. BCE – ca. mid-3<sup>rd</sup> cent. CE

**Sasanian Persian Empire:** 224 - 642 CE

**Kayanid Dynasty (Legendary)** [Avestan: Kauui-, Middle Persian: Kay]

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