

**Goryeo Metal Crafts: From Luxury Goods to Sacred Offerings**  
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**Dynasty Dates**

**Three Kingdoms Period 57 BCE – 676**

Ancient Silla 57 BCE – 676

Koguryō 37 BCE – 668

Paekche 18 BCE – 660

**North and South Kingdoms Period 676 - 935**

Unified Silla Period 676 – 935

Parhae 698 – 926

**Koryō 918 – 1392**

**Places**

**Capital of Silla**

present-day Kyōngju 慶州

**Capitals of Koryō**

Central Capital: present-day Kaesōng 開城

Western Capital: present-day Pyongyang 平壤

Eastern Capital: present-day Kyōngju 慶州

Southern Capital: located inside present-day Seoul 서울

**Important Objects and Sites**

**<Metal Crafts>**

**Bell from Chōnhūngsa, National Treasure No. 280.** Koryō, 1010. H. 187cm. Bronze. National Museum of Korea.

**Incense burner.** Koryō, 1077. H. 13.3cm. Gilt bronze. National Museum of Korea.

**Ewer and bowl.** Koryō, 12th century. H. 34.3cm. Gilt silver. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

**Incense burner.** Koryō, 1229. H. 38.1cm. Bronze with inlaid silver. Ho-Am Art Museum.

**Reliquary of the monks Naong (1320-1376) and Jigong (?-1363).** Koryō, 14th century. H. 22.2cm, W. 12.1cm. Gilt silver. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

**Miniature shrine.** Koryō, 14th century. H. 26cm, W. 25cm, D. 12.7cm. Gilt bronze. National Museum of Korea.

**Portable Buddhist Shrine with Two Removable Standing Bodhisattvas, a Lotus Base for a Seated Buddha Image (now missing).** Koryō, 14th century. H. 30.0 x W. 34.5 x D. 11.2 cm. Gilt bronze. Harvard Art Museums/Arthur M. Sackler Museum

**Kundika, National Treasure No. 92.** Koryō, 14th century. H. 37.5cm, W. 16.8cm. Bronze with inlaid silver. National Museum of Korea.

**Kundika.** Koryŏ, 14th century. H. 36.2cm, W. 16.8cm. Bronze with inlaid silver. [Asian Art Museum](#).

**Mirror stand,** Koryŏ, 10-14th century. H. 55.5cm. Gilt Silver. National Museum of Korea.

**Reliquary commissioned by Yi Sŏnggye.** Koryŏ, 1390-1391. H. 20cm. Gilt silver. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

**Incense burner.** Chosŏn, 1397. H. 39cm. Bronze with inlaid silver. National Museum of Korea.

#### <Reference Objects in Other Media>

**Kundika.** Koryŏ, ca. 12th century. H. 33.7cm, W. 15.9cm. Celadon with inlaid decoration. [Asian Art Museum](#).

**Kundika with waterscape motifs, crane and clouds.** Koryŏ, late 12th-early 13th century. H. 31cm, W. 16.1cm. Celadon with inlaid decoration. Freer Gallery of Art.

**Water-Moon Avalokiteśvara.** Koryŏ, ca. 14th century. H. 115.2cm, W. 54.9cm. Ink and color on silk. Sen'oku Hakukokan, Japan.

**Avalokiteśvara Bodhisattva.** Koryŏ, mid-14th century. H. 7.6cm, W. 4.8cm. Gilt bronze. Ho-Am Art Museum.

**Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara (Gwaneum bosal).** Chosŏn, ca. 17th century. H. 176.5 cm, W. 73.7. Ink and color on linen. [Asian Art Museum](#).

#### Suggested Reading

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