

# SILVER DISHES

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In the early medieval burials almost on the entire territory of Azerbaijan from Gakh in the north to Lankaran in the south, archaeologists found silver dishes and vessels. The dishes, made through coinage and using the technique of casting parts in wax models, represent masterpieces of applied art. These vessels are considered to have come from cities of the Sasanian

state, but quite soon this style was borrowed by masters from the South Caucasus to the Urals and Central Asia.

The vessels depicted royal scenes of hunting, Zoroastrian symbols and scenes from mythology. Silver vessels are feast dishes, but they also served as gifts, offerings and insignia. ❁





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