

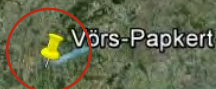
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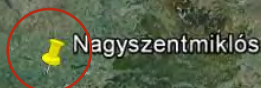
CENTRE AND PERIPHERY LION AS A SCHÉMA MIGRATOIRE

AND A SYMBOL OF POWER
IN THE BULGARIAN AND AVAR ARCHAEOLOGICAL
MATERIAL

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Vörs-Papkert



Nagyszentmiklós



Preslav

The idea: distant parallels



Nagyszentmiklós (RO)

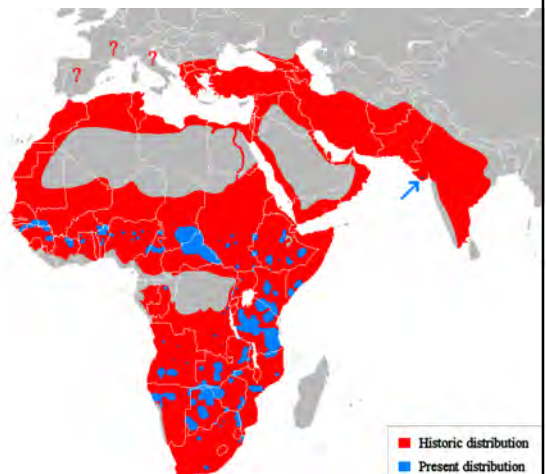


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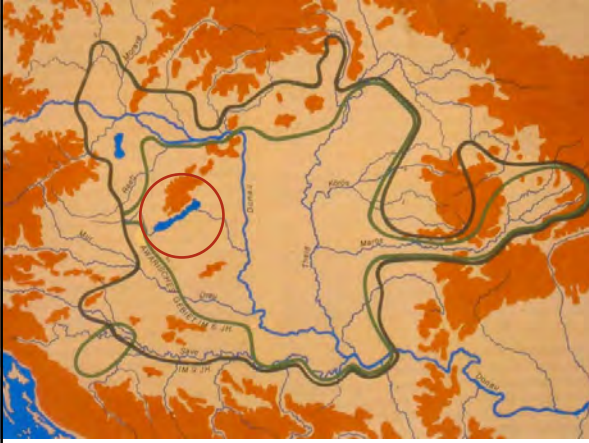


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The distribution of lions in the World



The Avar Khaganate in the Carpathian Basin, 6th-9th centuries AD



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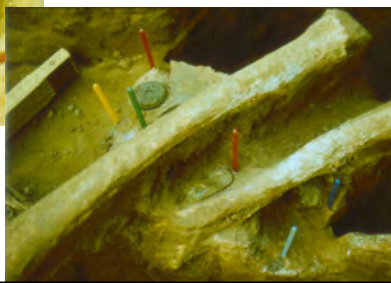
Vörs-Papkert (HU), 8th-10th centuries AD



Vörs-Papkert, Grave 347 (HU)



late 8th c. AD

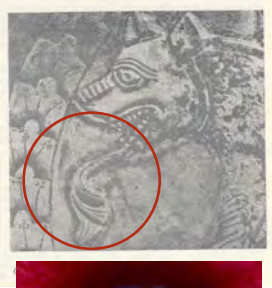


Vörs-Papkert,
Grave 347 (HU)



Rare parallels: the hanging tongue (Oxus, Vörs, Egypt)

Oxus,
ca. 8th
c. AD



Vörs,
8th c.
AD



Coptic textile,
5th century AD

Byzantine jug with hunting scene
from Budakalász (HU), 5th-6th centuries AD



Gold-mounted sword and belt fitting, 6th-7th centuries AD



Szeged-Csengele
(HU)



Kunágota (HU)



Wooden pyxis
from
the Early Avar
period,
Zamárdi (HU),
Grave 621

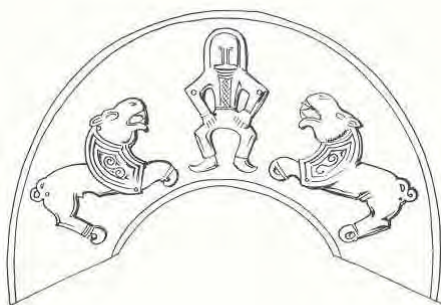
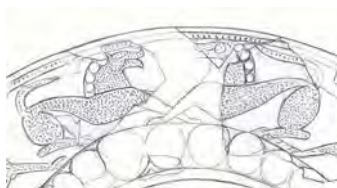


Greek oil flask
ca. 640–625 BC



Greek box,
last quarter of the 5th century BC

Bone saddle mount, Early Avar period Zamárdi, Grave 455b (HU)



Metal saddle mounts and pressed mounts

Martinivka
(UKR) and
other sites in
southern
Russia



6th-7th cc. AD

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Byzantine gifts:
golden belt and
saddle mounts

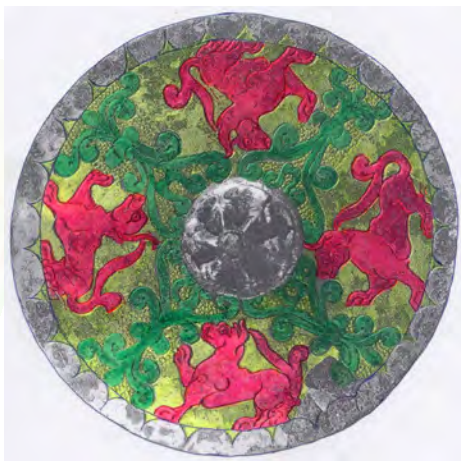


Eastern Mediterranean,
later 6th century AD



Kunbábony (HU),
mid-7th century AD

Phalera from a horse harness set:
Zalakomár, 8th century (HU)



Lions and men

Balmazújváros -
Hortobágy-Árkus (HU)
8th/9th century



Nimrud, Iraq
ca. 612 BC



Large strap-end from the Late Avar period:
Komárno-Lodanice (SLO)



Late Avar belt mount: Mikulčice (SLO), 8th c. AD



Scarab seal: lion and snake
Egypt, ca. 1700–1560 BC



Scarab base with engraved lion and
cobra
Egypt, ca. 664–525 BC



Goddess on the lion

Debrecen-Ondód (HU), 8th c. AD

Burgenland (AU), 8th c. AD

Intercisa/Dunaújváros (HU), 3rd c. AD (Dea Syria)



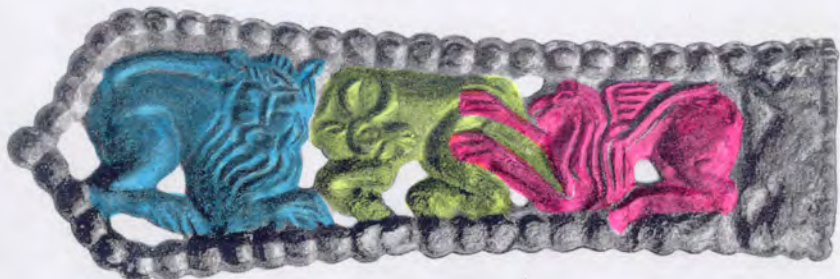
Daniel in the lion's den

Coptic stove tile (Egypt):
earlier 6th c. AD



Strap-end from the Late Avar period:
Vasasszonyfa (HU), 8th c. AD

Strap-end from the Late Avar period:
Kecel (HU), 8th c. AD



Strap-end from the Late Avar period:
Bánhalom (HU), 8th c. AD



Large strap-end from the Late Avar period:
Tiszafüred, Grave 496 (HU), 8th c. AD



Dolny Dunajovice, Grave 7 (TS)
Pakistan, ca. 1st century AD

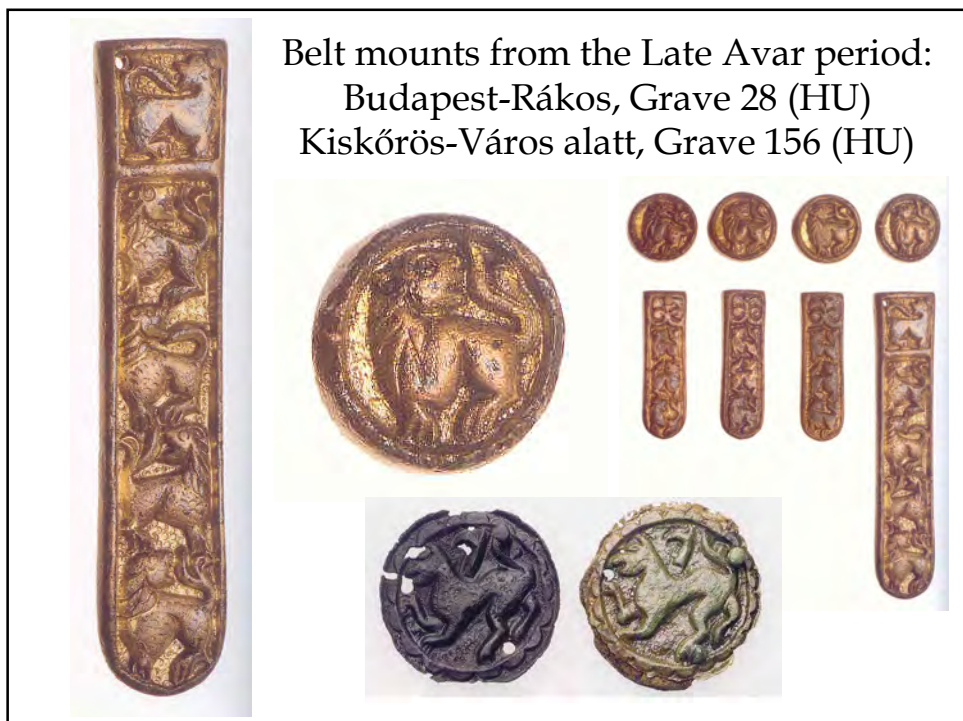
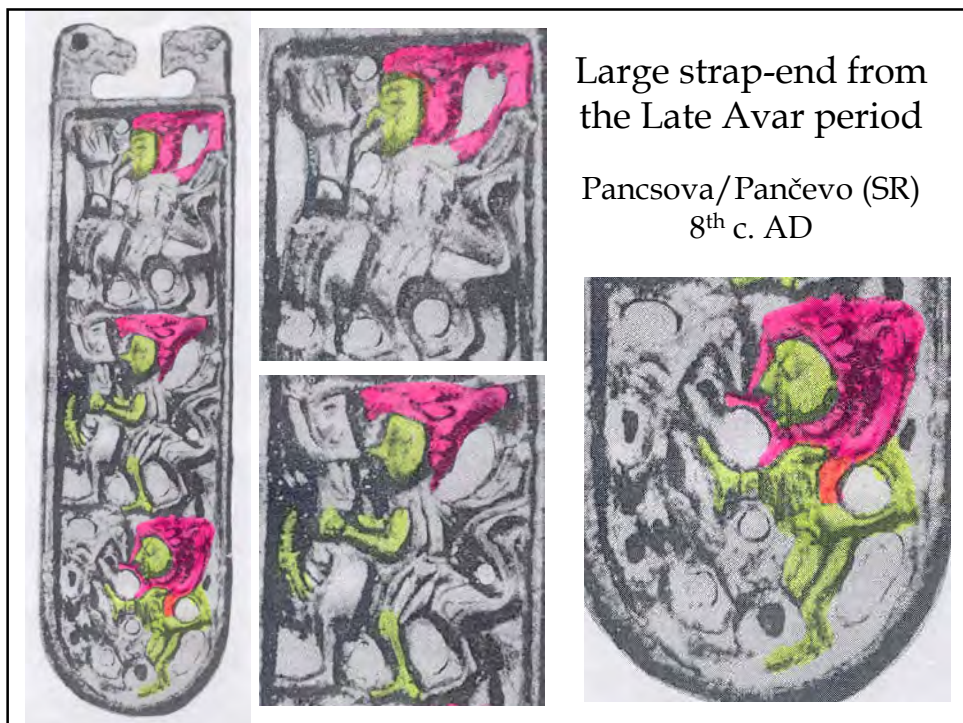


Strap-end
from the Late Avar period:
Egyházaskér/Vrbica (SR),
8th c. AD



Greek amphora with Heracles,
beginning of the 5th c. BC





Komarno-Lodanice (SL)



Sceptre with lion head



Rock crystal lion head,
a piece of furniture?
4th-6th cc. AD(?)



Bone whip finial from
the Late Avar period:
Balatonszőlős (HU)
8th c. AD

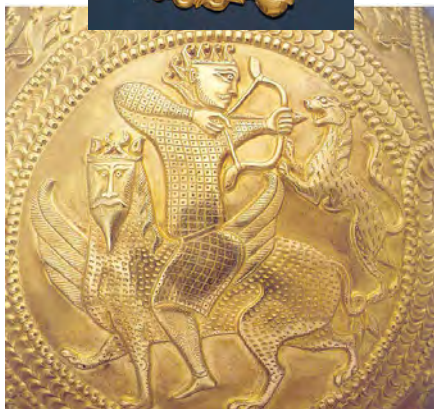
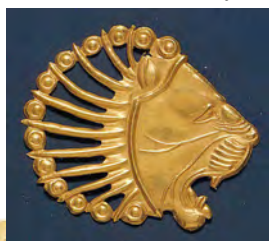


The Hungarian
coronation sceptre 11th
c. AD

The treasure from
Nagyszentmiklós / Sinnicolau Mare (RO),
late 7th c. – early 9th c. AD



Applique ornament in the shape
of a lion's head
Iran: ca. 6th–4th century BC



Winged lion with crown



Nagyszentmiklós (RO), Jug 2

Greek bronze mirror,
later 6th century BC
(from southern Italy)



Zamárdi
(HU),
8th c. AD



Nagyszentmiklós
(RO), Jug 7



Winged lion with crown

Lions with Tree of Life



Nagyszentmiklós (RO), Bowl 8



Hatra, Iraq, ca. 2nd century AD



Preslav (BG)



Bull-headed
cups 13 and 14
Nagyszentmiklós
(RO)



Plaque with
horned lion
Iran, ca. 6th-4th
centuries BC



Syrian bowl
ca. 8th
century BC



Animal
combat scene



Nagyszentmiklós (RO), Bowl 21



Madara: The lion hunt
as a symbol of power

Bulgaria



Rock bas-relief
with inscription
of the 8th c. AD



The lion hunt on silver plates Iran, ca. 7th century AD



Pharaoh slaying the enemies of Egypt represented by a lion ca. 1295-1069 BC



Sogdian wood carving from Pendzhikent, Inner Asia, ca. 7-8th cc. AD



Coptic textiles,
6th-7th cc. AD
(Egypt)



Parallels of the Preslav brooch



Coptic
textiles,
5th c. AD
(Egypt)



Lions with collar

Byzantine brooch from Preslav (BG);
finds from the Roman period, Pannonia:
Gorsium/Tác (HU)



ca. 10th c. AD



ca. late 2nd century AD



Parts of a Byzantine diadem
with Alexander the Great

from the Preslav Treasure (BG),
mid-10th c. AD

Limestone blocks from Pliska (BG)



Lion representations from Bulgaria, 9th-10th cc. AD



Nova Zagora



Preslav



Lion statues

Delos (GR), 7th c. BC



Car Krum (BG)
early 9th c. AD



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Thank you very much for your attention!