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- 1 This overview on Sasanian stuccoes includes the Parthian sites hinting at a transmission of iconographies (i.e., Qaleh-I Zohak and Qaleh-I Yazdgird), and also sites with uncertain chronological attribution. On the one hand, it underlines the lack of Sasanian sites within the Iranian plateau, and on the other hand, how the majority of stuccoes was found in the western territories. Noteworthy is the examination and the illustrations of some archaeological discoveries, i.e., Barz Qavela, Qela Gowri, Palang Gerd, Sarab-i Murt, Mele Hairam, and Asadabad.
- 2 Although the religious function of Mele Hairam and Palang Gerd is confirmed by architectural evidence, the use of Barz Qavela and Qela Gowri is not clear yet. Mainly, Barz Qavela's representations of Anahita do not well-fit with the alleged 'residential' interpretation of this site. Our knowledge of stuccoes decoration and its meaning contextualised within the architectural space is still incomplete. For this reason, the interpretations of the functions of the buildings and the role of the decorations are just hypothesised. We can only wish for further archaeological investigations to disentangle these problems of interpretations.

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