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OIL LAMP FOR THREE WICKS, CAST AND ENGRAVED BRONZE

EASTERN IRAN OR AFGHANISTAN; 10TH-12TH CENTURY

H: 20.5; L: 15.5; W:8.3 CM

With its three wicks, this oil lamp could emit a strong light. The effect was further enhanced when the flame was mirrored in the upright reflector, whose bronze surface was originally polished and bright. Behind the reflector is a handle in the shape of a ring.

The stylized, angled animal legs give the oil lamp an unusual combination of naturalistic and geometric shapes. The reflector is decorated with a latticework of palmettes

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