Cyrus (580-529 BC), the first Emperor of Persia

I am Cyrus.
King of the world. When I entered Babylon I did not allow anyone to terrorize the land. I kept in view the needs of Babylon and all its sanctuaries to promote their well-being... I put an end to their misfortune.

Cyrus the Great Cylinder, the First Charter of Rights of Nations.
Inscribed on a clay cylinder in cuneiform discovered in 1879 now in the British Museum, London.
In the Charter, after introducing himself and mentioning the names of his father, first, second, and third ancestors, Cyrus says that he is the monarch of Iran, Babylon, and the four continents:

"I am Kourosh (Cyrus), King of the world, great king, mighty king, king of Babylon, king of the land of Sumer and Akkad, king of the four quarters, son of Camboujiyah (Cambyases), great king, king of Anshan, grandson of Kourosh (Cyrus), great king, king of Anshan, descendant of Chaish-Pesh (Teispes), great king, king of Anshan, progeny of an unending royal line, whose rule Bel and Nabu cherish, whose kingship they desire for their hearts, pleasure.

When I well-disposed, entered Babylon, I set up a seat of domination in the royal palace amidst jubilation and rejoicing. The great lord, caused the big-hearted inhabitations of Babylon to...... me, I sought daily to worship him.

In my deeds the great lord, rejoiced to me, Kourosh (Cyrus), the king who worshipped him, and to Camboujiyah (Cambyases), my son, the offspring of (my) loins, and to all my troops he graciously gave his blessing, and in good sprit before him we glorified exceedingly his high divinity. All the kings who sat in throne
rooms, throughout the four quarters, from the Upper to the Lower Sea, those who dwelt in ......, all the kings of the West Country, who dwelt in tents, brought me their heavy tribute and kissed my feet in Babylon. From ...... the cities of Ashur, Susa, Agade and Eshnuna, the cities of Zamban, Meurnu, Der as far as the region of the land of Gutium, the holy cities beyond the Tigris whose sanctuaries had been in ruins over a long period, the gods whose abode is in the midst of them, I returned to their places and housed them in lasting abodes.

I gathered together all their inhabitations and restored (to them) their dwellings. The gods of Sumer and Akkad whom Nabounids had, to the anger of the lord of the gods, brought into Babylon. I, at the bidding of the great lord, made to dwell in peace in their habitations, delightful abodes. May God address a daily prayer in my favour before Bel and Nabu, that my days may be long, and may they say to my lord, "May Kourosh (Cyrus) the King, who reveres thee, and Camboujiyah (Cambyases) his son ..."
king of Iran, Babylon, and the nations of the four directions, I never let anyone oppress
any others, and if it occurs, I will take his or
her right back and penalize the oppressor.

And until I am the monarch, I will never let
anyone take possession of movable and
landed properties of the others by force or
without compensation. Until I am alive, I
prevent unpaid, forced labor. Today, I
announce that everyone is free to choose a
religion. People are free to live in all regions
and take up a job provided that they never
violate other's rights. No one could be
penalized for his or her relatives' faults. I
prevent slavery and my governors and
subordinates are obliged to prohibit
exchanging men and women as slaves
within their own ruling domains. Such a
traditions should be exterminated the world
over.

I implore to Ahuramazda (God) to make me
succeed in fulfilling my obligations to the
nations of Iran (Persia), Babylon, and the
ones of the four directions.

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