

Magical gem: Rider spearing the evil (A) σφραγὶς θεοῦ (B)

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References	Henig, Cambridge 511; Michel, DMG, 44.1.b_20
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	30 x 19 x 4 mm (lower face 25 x 13 mm)
Dating	4th–5th c. AD (Henig)
Iconographical elements	animal: horse; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; figure, female; gesture, defensive; gesture, lying; rider spearing the evil; star; weapon: spear



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A: Rider on a rearing horse, to right, wearing tunic and mantle, striking down with his spear upon a female figure lying on the ground, hands held in a defensive gesture. In front of the rider's head, an eight-pointed star. Around the edge, notches imitating inscription?

B: Inscription in three lines: σφραγὶς θεοῦ → σφραγὶς θεοῦ. 'Seal of God.'

Bibliography

[Henig 1994](#), 233-34, no. 511.

[Michel, DMG](#), 44.1.b_20

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