

Magical gem: Magna Mater, Danubian riders (A) θουριβηλ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum (Σ)
Inventory	G 118 (EA 56118)
References	Michel, BM, no. 302; Michel, DMG, no. 13_3
Former Collections	Eastwood, George Collection; Mertens-Schaaffhausen, Sibylle Collection; Rhodes, Gregory Collection
Material	jasper (colour unspecified)
Dimensions	11 x 15 x 2 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconographical elements	clothing: cap, Phrygian; clothing: garment; Danubian riders (2); figures, unidentified (2); gesture, lying; Magna Mater; snakes (2); weapon: spear
Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Βήλ and variants



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A: Female figure in a long garment (Magna Mater), standing to front, and holding two horses, represented in profile, by the reins, each trampling figures lying with face down on the ground. Both riders wear Phrygian caps, and hold spears, behind them: snakes.

B: Inscription in two lines: θουριβηλ → vox including Βήλ.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-688](#)

[Zwierlein-Diehl 2010](#), 854.

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