

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

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-688
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 118, EA 56118
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum (Σ)
<b>Inventory</b>	G 118 (EA 56118)
<b>References</b>	Michel, BM, no. 302; Michel, DMG, 13_3
<b>Former Collections</b>	Eastwood, George Collection; Mertens-Schaaffhausen, Sibylle Collection; Rhodes, Gregory Collection
<b>Material</b>	jasper (colour unspecified)
<b>Dimensions</b>	11 x 15 x 2 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconographical elements</b>	clothing: cap, Phrygian; clothing: garment; Danubian riders (2); figures, unidentified (2); gesture, lying; Magna Mater; snakes (2); weapon: spear
<b>Names &amp; Voces</b>	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.

[The British Museum Collection database on CBd-688](#)

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