

Magical gem: Solomon spearing Lilith (A) σφραγὶς θεοῦ, Chnoubis-sign (B)

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Inventory	G 1986,5-1,2
References	Michel, BM, no. 431; Michel, DMG, no. 44.1.d_5
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	35 x 22 x 3 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconographical elements	animal: horse; Chnoubis-sign; clothing: mantle; clothing: tunic; crown, unspecified; gesture, defensive; gesture, lying; Lilith; shoes, unspecified; Solomon; star; weapon: spear
Names & Voces	voces, unidentified; Σολομών



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A: Rider on a rearing horse to right (Solomon). He is wearing boots, tunic, mantle and a crown in his hair, and stabbing a woman lying on the earth with a spear held in his right hand. The woman has long hair and is raising her right hand in a defensive gesture (Lilith). In the free field: an eight-pointed star in front of the head of the rider.

Inscription around: σολομων|σεσγιατ → Σολομών, unidentified voces.

B: Inscription in three lines: σφραγισθειου → σφραγὶς θεοῦ. 'Seal of God.' Characters including the Chnoubis-sign.

Bibliography

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