

Magical gem: Phoenix on crocodile (A) πέπτε (B)

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Collection	FR_Paris, Cabinet des Médailles
Inventory	AA.Seyrig.35
References	Bonner, SMA D. 392; Michel, DMG, no. 43.1_6; Mastrocinque 2014, no. 148
Former Collections	Seyrig, Henry (Beirut)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	30 x 23 x 4 cm
Iconography	phoenix; globus; scarab; bird: swallows (2); scorpions (2); animal: crocodile; nimbus; rays (7); snakes (2)



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Description: Upright oval, both faces flat. Shape 8-9. Haematite, with minor chips and abrasions on the edge.

A: Phoenix standing to left on a globe, its head surrounded with a nimbus and seven rays. Above, a scarab. On the two sides, from top to bottom: swallows facing inwards, scorpions crawling to top, and coiling snakes. Below, a crocodile to right. (For an interpretation, cf. [CBd-2](#).)

B: Inscribed: πεπτε → πέπτε. 'Digest!'

Bibliography

[Bonner, SMA on CBd-1239](#)

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