

Magical gem: Phoenix on column (A) πέπτε, νοχ, characteres (B)

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References	Mastrocinque 2014, no. 149
Former Collections	Seyrig, Henry (Beirut)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	49 x 27 x 5.3 mm
Iconography	phoenix; rays (7); scorpions (2); crabs (2); scarabs (3); birds (6); animal: goats (6); column; nimbus; egg; animal: crocodile; crab; Chnoubis-signs (2)
Divine Names & Voces	Ἰάω



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Description: Upright oblong, both faces flat. Shape 8c-9c. Black haematite. Chipped along the bottom edge.

A: Phoenix with a nimbus with seven rays, standing on an egg placed upon a column or altar. There are five characteres around the rays and two characteres on each side of the phoenix and the egg. Animal triads surrounding the phoenix: from the top: three scarabs, three birds, three goats, a crab and a scorpion on both sides, and a crocodile at the bottom.

B: Inscribed: πέπτε → πέπτε. 'Digest!' followed by six characteres, ιαω → Ἰάω, followed by one character.

Bibliography

[Nagy 2012, comm. ad Bonner IV 60-61](#)

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