

Magical gem: Lion-headed figure (A) figure standing on chariot (B)

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References	Michel, BM, no. 276; Michel, DMG, no. 37.B.1.g_1
Material	jasper, yellow
Dimensions	17 x 13 x 3 mm
Dating	3rd c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	figure, lion-headed; figure, unidentified; star; crown, unspecified; snakes (2); chariot; whip; scepter, unspecified; Gorgoneion; gesture, hand raised to mouth
Divine Names & Voces	Ἀβρασάξ; Ἰάω



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A: Lion-headed figure standing in profile to left. Right hand slightly outstretched and holding the head of Medusa, left hand held closed to the body, and holding a short scepter and a whip.
B: Figure in a long robe, with hand to mouth, standing on a chariot indicated by a small wheel and drawn by two long, bearded and horned snakes with crowns. Inscription above, in the free field: $\iota\omega \rightarrow \text{Ἰάω}$. Above it, characteres with an eight-pointed star.
C: Inscription around: $\alpha\beta\rho\alpha\sigma\alpha\xi \rightarrow \text{Ἀβρασάξ}$.

Bibliography

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