

Amulet gem: Isis, Sarapis

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References	Mastrocinque, SGG II, no. Ro 8
Material	carnelian, red to brown
Dimensions	16.4 x 16.4 x 2.2 mm
Iconography	Sarapis; clothing: mantle; scepter, with falcon on the top; weapon: spear; throne; figure, male; stars (2); calathus; Isis; Cerberus; clothing: tunic
Divine Names & Voces	Ζεύς



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Transverse oval gem with trapezoid section, edge diagonally cut, both faces flat. The obverse is polished, the reverse matt. Broken.

A: On the left, smaller standing nude figure to right, holding a spear in his right hand, left hand behind his back. Above the figure, a six-pointed star. In the centre, Isis with calathus on her head, wearing a tunic and a mantle, in her right hand a standard with a falcon. Next to her head, a six-pointed star. Isis faces Sarapis, who is seated on a throne, crowned with the calathus, right hand extended over Cerberus. The three-headed Cerberus is represented to front between Isis and Sarapis.

Inscription in two lines above and below the figures: εἰς Ζεὺς Σ[άραπις]. 'Zeus and Sarapis are the same.'

B: Plain.

(Description: Chiara Ciampi – CBd. Alterations from A. Mastrocinque in SGG are based on close observation of the gem by Chiara Ciampi and Á. M. Nagy, 2015-2016).

Bibliography

[SGG II](#), 133, Ro 8.

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