

## Magical gem: Anguipes (A) σεμσειλαμ (B)

<b>CBd-Number</b>	CBd-605
<b>ID-Number</b>	GB-BM-MMEu_G 403, EA 56403
<b>Collection</b>	GB_London, The British Museum
<b>Inventory</b>	G 403 (EA 56403)
<b>References</b>	Goodenough, JS, III, no. 1091; Michel, BM, no. 207; Michel, DMG, no. 3.A.2.f_1
<b>Material</b>	jasper, green and red
<b>Dimensions</b>	14 x 10 x 2 mm
<b>Dating</b>	3rd c. AD (Michel)
<b>Iconography</b>	Anguipes, cock-headed; weapon: armour; weapon: shield; whip
<b>Divine Names &amp; Voces</b>	Ίάω; Σαβαώθ; Ἄδωναί; σεμσειλαμ and variants



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A: Frontal view of cock-headed Anguipes in armour. Head to left. Whip held in the right hand, round shield in the left hand. Inscription below the figure: ιαω → Ίάω. Next to the left snake's leg from bottom to top: σαβαωθ → Σαβαώθ. Next to the right snake's leg from bottom to top: αδωναι → Ἄδωναί.

B: Inscription in two lines: σεμ|σιλαμ → variant of σεμσειλαμ.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-605](#)

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