

Magical gem: Solomon spearing Lilith (A) σφραγὶς θεοῦ (B)

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 476 (EA 56476)
References	Michel, BM, no. 437; Michel, DMG, no. 44.1.b_11
Former Collections	Wellings, H. Esq.
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	15 x 12 x 2 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	animal: horse; object, unidentified; weapon: spear; Solomon; shoes, unspecified; Lilith; gesture, defensive; crown?; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; gesture, lying
Divine Names & Voces	Σολομών



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A: Rider on a rearing horse to right (Solomon). He is wearing shoes, tunic, mantle, and crown (?), stabbing a woman lying on the earth with a spear held in his right hand. The woman has long hair and is raising both her hands in a defensive gesture (Lilith). Rest of an inscription around, beginning above the tail of the horse: : [- - -]μ[.]ν → [Σολο]μ[ώ]ν.

B: Inscription in three lines: σφραγισθε|ου → σφραγὶς θεοῦ. 'Seal of God.' In the third line on the left, an unidentified object (a scroll?)

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on CBd-795](#)