

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

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Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 1986,5-1,10
References	Michel, BM, no. 443; Michel, DMG, no. 44.1.a_4
Former Collections	Ogden Collection
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	37 x 15 x 4 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	animal: horse; Ouroboros; clothing: tunic; clothing: mantle; rays; Lilith; Solomon; weapon: spear; gesture, lying
Divine Names & Voces	Σολομών



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A: Encircled by an Ouroboros: fragment of the Solomon and Lilith motif: only the behind of the horse, and Solomon's upper body remain, clad in tunic and mantle, with the spear held in his right hand. Around, a pseudo-inscription → Σολομών?

B: Inscription in three lines: [- -]ρα[- -]θε[- -]υ → [σφ]ρα[γὶς] θε[ο]ῦ. 'Seal of God.'

Bibliography

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