Magical gem: Solomon spearing Lilith (A) Acclamation (B)

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Materialhaematite (black)Dimensions21 x 18 x 3 mmDating4th c. AD (Michel)

animal: horse; weapon:

spear; star; Solomon; rays;

Iconography Lilith; gesture, defensive; clothing: tunic; clothing:

mantle; gesture, lying

Divine Names &

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A: Rider on horseback, to right (Solomon), trampling over a figure lying on the ground (Lilith). The rider wears tunic and mantle, right arm raised and holding a spear. Lilith lies naked on the ground, her arms are raised in defence. In the free field behind Solomon, an eight-pointed star. Inscription around, beginning next to the feet of Lilith: $\sigma o \lambda o \mu |\omega \rightarrow \Sigma o \lambda o \mu \dot{\omega} < \nu >$.

B: Inscription in three lines: εισθ|εοσ|υγια → εἶς θεὸς ὑγί<ει>α. God and health are the same? (Michel). Or perhaps: acclamation and prayer for health?

Bibliography

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