

Magical gem: Figure surrounded with animals (A) Greek text?, characteres (B)

Cbd-Number	Cbd-842
ID-Number	GB-BM-MMEu_G 499, EA 56499
Collection	GB_London, The British Museum
Inventory	G 499 (EA 56499)
References	Michel, BM, no. 484
Former Collections	Chester, Greville John (1830-1892)
Material	haematite (black)
Dimensions	31 x 12 x 4 mm
Dating	4th c. AD (Michel)
Iconography	bird: swallow; clothing, unspecified; figure, unidentified; snake; scorpion; animal: crocodile



Credits: Photo: Christopher A. Faraone
Rights: © Trustees of the British Museum

A: Broken. Figure clad in a long robe, surrounded by animals: from top to bottom, all to left, a scorpion, a swallow, a snake, and a crocodile (only the right side remains). (For an interpretation, cf. [Cbd-2](#).)

B: Fragment of an inscription in three lines: $\delta\upsilon[- \text{ -}]|\iota\sigma\mu[- \text{ -}]|\alpha\sigma \rightarrow$ unidentified voces. Below: characteres.

Bibliography

[Michel, BM on Cbd-842](#)

[Nagy 2012, comm. ad Bonner IV 60-61](#)

[The British Museum Collection database on Cbd-842](#)

Last modified: 2019-11-04 20:25:35