

Fixed Price Offer January, 2008



A Select Group of Mesopotamian Tablets and
Inscribed Old Babylonian Cylinder Seals from
a Private Collection in Virginia

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- The authenticity of any items listed here is guaranteed for lifetime or a full refund will be made, upon return of the artifact in its original condition.
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-You can find a selection of our stock on the internet at www.trocadero.com/PBJI/ . Please feel free to visit the site and check back from time to time as new items are always being added.

Preview of the Next Offer and Consignment Information

In our next fixed price offer, we hope to share a very nice group of Roman intaglios, more cylinders and stamp seals, a small run of very fine Roman glass as well as a small selection of other small antiquities for the discerning collector.

If you have items that you would like to consign with us, please contact us directly to make arrangements. We offer competitive consignment rates and fair turn around time for our clients.

Mesopotamian Tablets



1: Old Babylonian. c. 1925 -1595 B.C. 70 x 45 mm. The text is a contract for a portion of the harvest yield in exchange for the use of the base of a field. Text on both sides of the tablet as well as three sides: the fourth is stamped in three places with administrative marks. \$995



2: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 52 x 45 mm. The text is for the trade of textiles. Text on both sides and a very clear administrative stamp. \$475



3: Ur III c. 2200-1925 B.C. 47 x 42 mm. Subject of the text has yet to be determined. Text on two faces with very clear administrative stamps present. \$450



4: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 45 x 41 mm. The text is for the trade of flour. Administrative stamps present over the entire document. Text on two sides. \$475



5: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 30 x 28 mm. The text relates to a dispersement of goods. Full text on two sides and run over to third. \$350



6: Ur III. c 2200-1925 B.C. 43 x 41 mm. The text relates to an exchange for reeds. Text and administrative stamps present on both sides. \$450



7: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 42 x 40 mm. The text relates to an exchange for reeds. Text and administrative stamps present. The bulla on this example shows not only an administrative stamp, but also portion of a presentation scene from the cylinder. \$475



8: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 50 x 43 mm. The text relates to securing bread and beer for a messenger. Text present on three sides, administrative stamp on bottom. \$450



9: Old Babylonian. c. 1925-1595 B.C. 52 x 39 mm. The text is a statement regarding missing a deadline. Text present on all 8 sides. \$525



10: Ur III. c. 2200-1925 B.C. 58 x 45 mm. This is a lock, or "tag," used to seal a door. The text has not been translated. Text on two faces with administrative stamps present on two sides. The piece has been broken and restored. \$325

Cylinder Seals



1. Hematite. Old Babylonian Period. 1925-1595 B.C. 16 x 9 mm. Presentation scene with inscription in two lines (partially translated):

[---?] ---
d.UTU of Shamash

Some wear on the piece, but still an attractive example of early OB linear style.

\$595



2. Hematite. Old Babylonian Period. 1925-1595 B.C. 25 x 11 mm. Scene of a god, facing l. in Hittite robes with staff on shoulder. Before, a worshipper in formal dress, facing r. In between, a duck and a tree of life. Inscription in two lines – very faint (partially translated):

UR
[---?]

Fairly worn example.

\$250



3. Green ardstone. Old Babylonian Period. 1925-1595 B.C 20 x 9 mm. Two individuals in formal Babylonian dress facing each other. In between, a tree of life. Inscription of two lines:

d.UTU Shamash
d.A-a and Aja (his wife)

Seal cracked down the middle and has been repaired. Otherwise a fine example.

\$595



4. Hematite. Old Babylonian Period. 1925-1595 B.C. 24 x 13 mm. Shamash, standing to the r., facing l. in formal robes and leg propped. Above, the sun, behind him the standard of Adad (forked lightning). Two worshippers facing r. in front, hands raised in supplication. Inscription of one line:

d.ISH.KUR [the god] Adad

Fairly fine example with classic style.

\$650



5. Hematite. Late Ur III/Old Babylonian Period. 2200-1925/1925-1595 B.C. 30 x 15 mm. Presentation scene very much influenced by late Akkadian style of seated figure in formal robes with hand raised, in support of the crescent above. Before him, two figures facing r. with hands raised in supplication. There is an area for inscription that shows later recutting (probably in antiquity). The original inscription is too worn to make out. Otherwise, the seal is of good style and engraving.

\$550

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