



Anthropomorphic Funerary Eye Stele

Yemen

4th - 3rd Century B.C.

Limestone

H: 12 x W: 15.5cm

A highly striking and stylised stele, in the form of a rectangular face with large almond shaped eyes and detailed pupils. A rectangular nose joining with arched eyebrows. The forehead has been inscribed with the following: ?bs³l Grbm (Abiwasal Gharbum) The name ?bs³l (which is not attested) is probably a defective orthography of the known name ?bws³l and can be compared to other known inscriptions '?ms³l' and '?mws³l'. The 'Gharbum' lineage is Qatabanite. It is therefore likely that the stele comes from the necropolis of Timna which is called today ?ayd Ibn'Aqil.

Literature:

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