Fabric 1

Date: 2nd-3rd century A.H./8th-9th century A.D.

Physical description: Five pieces of fabric (conserved on together on one board).

Piece 1 (bottom left): 2nd century A.H. 21 cm. x 18 cm. 2nd century. 2 lines.

Text:
Script
Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. Jim, hā' and kā' are usually written with a single curved stroke. Dal/dāl approximates to a straight line. Sin/ṣin normally has teeth.

Content
Address indicating sender and addressee: من على بن أبي سعيد الى محمد بن عطا مولى عمر بن مرون.

Piece 2 (bottom right): 2nd century A.H. 19 cm. x 15 cm. 3 lines.

Text:
Script
Some features of early script. Independent 'alif bends to the right at the bottom. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. Initial kāf is haipin-shaped. Sin/ṣin has teeth.

Content
Address to a certain 'Abū al-'Abbās. The text reads: أبو العباس السيد عزه الله لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له سبحانه. The spaces between the lines are filled with 'Star of David' shapes.

Piece 3 (top left): 3rd century A.H. 15 cm. x 14 cm. Script arranged in a circle.

Text:
Script
Sin/ṣin has teeth. Final yā' extends backwards.

Content
The text appears to be a record of some payment. The phrase ودفع الى ابن ابرهيم 'And he paid to 'Abū Ibrāhīm' is legible.

Piece 4 (top middle): 2nd century A.H. 18 cm. x 12 cm.
Text:

Script
Some features of early script. Independent 'alif' bends round to the right. Medial 'ayn is V-shaped. Final 'alif' extends below the connecting stroke. Final 'ya' bends backwards.

Content
Address. Mentions a certain Muḥammad ibn al-Nuʿmān (محمد بن النعمان).

Piece 5 (top right): 3rd century A.H. 16 cm. x 13.5 cm.

Text:

Script
Circle containing script.

Content
The text seems to be an instruction for conveyance. The phrase بلغ حيي سيدنا 'Convey to our lord' is visible.