

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. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Address indicating sender and addressee: من على بن ابي سعيد الى محمد بن عطا مولى عمر بن مروان

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. *Sīn/šīn* has teeth.

Content

Address to a certain 'Abū al-'Abbās. The text reads: ابو 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

Sīn/šīn has teeth. Final *yā'* extends backwards.

Content

The text appears to be a record of some payment. The phrase *ودفع الى ابي ابراهيم* '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 yā' bends backwards.

Content

Address. Mentions a certain Muḥammad ibn al-Nu'mān (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 حتى سيدنا 'Convey to our lord' is visible.