

Masterworks from the Morgan
Department of Seals and Tablets
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Press Images



- 1. Goats Before a Shrine**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Late Uruk/Jamdat Nasr period
(ca. 3500–2900 B.C.)
Marble
40 x 35.5 mm
The Pierpont Morgan Library
Seal no. 23



- 2. Libation Before the Weather God and the Rain Goddess**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Akkadian period
(ca. 2334–2154 B.C.)
Shell
35.5 x 20 mm
The Pierpont Morgan Library
Seal no. 220



- 3. A Lion-Headed Eagle Grasping Two Mountain Goats, inscribed**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Post-Akkadian period
(ca. 2154–2100 B.C.)
Steatite
30 x 17 mm
The Pierpont Morgan Library
Seal no. 267



4. **Foundation Figure of King Ur-Namma**
Statue
Mesopotamia, Third Dynasty of Ur
(ca. 2112–2004 B.C.)
Copper
Height: 335 mm
Inscribed: *Ur-Namma, king of Ur, king of Sumer and Akkad, the one who built the temple of Enlil.*
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5. **Male Figure Before a Goddess Drawing Aside Her Mantle**
Cylinder seal and impression
Syria (ca. 1720–1650 B.C.)
Hematite
23 x 11 mm
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6. **A Winged Hero Pursuing Two Ostriches**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Middle Assyrian period
(ca. 1250–1150 B.C.)
Marble
31 x 14 mm
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Seal no. 606



7. **Lion Attacking Mouflon**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Middle Assyrian period
(ca. thirteenth century B.C.)
Banded agate
28 x 12 mm
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Seal no. 602



8. **A Leaping Stag in a Landscape**
Cylinder seal and impression
Mesopotamia, Middle Assyrian period
(ca. thirteenth century B.C.)
Chalcedony
30 x 10 mm
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Seal no. 601



9. **A Winged Hero Contesting with a Lion for a Bull**

Cylinder seal and impression

Neo-Babylonian period (ca. 1000–539 B.C.)

Carnelian, with original copper settings preserved at both ends

38.5 x 18 mm

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Seal no. 747



10. **King Standing on Sphinxes and Holding a Lion in Each Hand; Palm Tree with Winged Sun Disk Above**

Cylinder seal and impression

Persia, Achaemenid period (ca. 550–330 B.C.)

Agate

32 x 15 mm

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Seal no. 824