

ROSA LAST – ARNON ANGERT

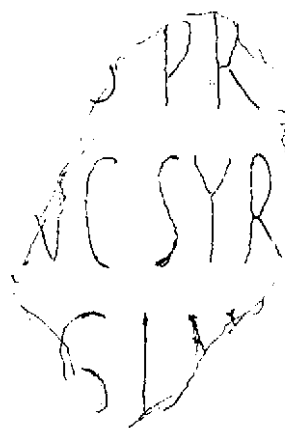
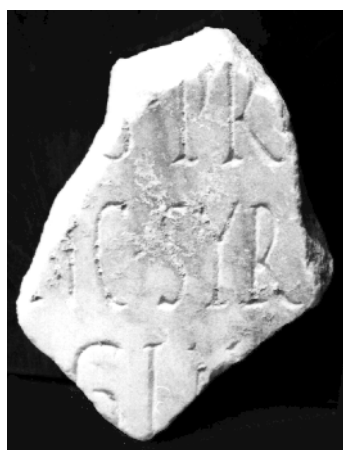
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A slab of gray marble was found by children at Caesarea. The exact provenance is unknown. Height of slab 18 cm., present length 11 cm. and thickness 2.4 cm. Height of letters 4.5 cm. Average distance between lines 2 cm. Average depth of letters 2 mm. In the lines 1 and 2 there are interpuncts placed between words at about midheight of the letters. The forms of the letters are elegant and carefully cut. At the end of line 2 (after the letter R, where the stone is broken) at the edge of the break no part of a letter is visible. The opposite side of the slab has a rough-chiseled surface with signs of cement.



The reading we propose is the following:

[---le]g(ato) pr[o pr(aetore)]
 [provi]nc(iae) Syr(iae) [Pal(aestinae)]
 [. . . .]gin [. . .]

“GIN” or “GIM” may be a part of a cognomen or a nomen of the dedicator.

Parallels with the slabs or columns from Caesarea¹ indicate a date in the second century or very early third century A.D. The terminus post quem for the inscription would be 135 A.D. when the province of Judaea became Syria Palaestina.

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¹ B. Burell, ZPE 99 (1993) 288.