

Enda Semon

The greatest volume of glass came from here; all except one purple sherd (ES III) belongs to ES II period, and in ES came chiefly from ES V (10), ES V (15) and ES IV (4) (4a) (5), where the majority of lipped ledge rims, handles, footrings, phials and bases of small vessels were found - also the only part of a goblet and stem (both quite substantial fragments). (Footring of goblet from AX ST XIX (3))

The majority of lipped-ledge rims came from vessels with nearly vertical sides and were colourless. Those from ES V (10) and (15) were colourless, often of thin glass with an iridescent patina similar to the fragments of bases of small vessels, quite distinctive from the sherds from elsewhere. The greater number were of rims, D. 5 cm. Much of the glass, rims, footrings, handles and phials, from ES IV (4) (4a), ES V (4) had a thick dark patina over silver on colourless glass or colourless with a greenish tinge (Manda glass).

The ridged handle, either with four folds or one, was characteristic of glass sherds from Enda Semon, in particular from ES V (10) (15), ES IV (4) (4a) and ES V (4) - with the exception of one of four folds from KAL I (2), was found nowhere else

One example of white opaque on cobalt blue, one each of purple handle and yellow handle on colourless.

No distinct pattern evolved from the various fragments of flasks found.

Of unusual glass, yellow on white marvered in; honeycomb pattern exemplified in two sherds.

Ear plugs: 2 cobalt blue, 1 green; glass rods: 3 yellow, 1 Indian Red; moulded pillar decoration - footring? in ES IV (4).

13% of the bead collection was found in ES. In only a few instances were beads from ES I and ES III periods. Med/lt./blue, especially as a hexagonally faceted bicone is characteristic of this site with no occurrences in SP and only one in K II and three in THA, T IIa, T IIb and T III. Other shapes of the med/lt./bl. are oblate, drawn, ellipsoid and piriform. The green/white occurs twice, in ES II as a faceted bicone and ellipsoid. The deep/blue ring beads in ES I and II occasionally. Copper rings.

Not many beads found from the locations where the greatest volume of glass was found. Less variety of beads than in THA or SP.

Kaleb

There were very few beads and little glass found from Kaleb. Amongst the few rims found were several that fitted in to the lipped-ledge, almost vertical-sided category, with similarities to the ES V variety, both in K I and K II. Two handles, one of cob/bl with four ridges and another colourless with one ridge, belonged to the same group as in ES II. Fragment of black bangle from K II as SP III and T I, IIa and T III. As for beads, deep/bl. was the predominant colour, all belonging to K II period.

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The phials were either colourless with light brown patina as in one from ES V (15) or colourless with heavy dark patina - slightly bigger than the ES lot.

Again, no trends in flasks; dark bl/gr sherds from a fairly large flask; colourless small footring, trails in bl/gr on neck of flask (footring from AX ST XIX (3))

Handles: only two; white opaque on pink and dk bl/gr. Handles slight different from each other; not similar to the only other one from ES IV (4).

Fragment of black bangles from the tomb, the only other place for such being TI and T IIa. From AX ST V (4) a base of beaker similar to ES V (10) and (15).

Window glass (?) from the tomb, SP III and SP I as well as from T IIc.

From SP III a specimen of hellenistic glass resembling those sherds from THA. Also moulded "loopy" in high relief from the tomb resembling THA bits.

A sherd of "honeycomb" pattern came from SP II c showing that this type of decoration was found in all sites.

Wheel-engraved glass (only found in THA otherwise).

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Stele Park

The second most abundant source of glass sherds was from SP, found in all periods, but chiefly from that of the tomb, SP III, SP IIa, SP IIc, SP IIb and SP I in that order, the beads being nearly all from SP III, the tomb, with a sprinkling from SP IIc and hardly any from SP I, IIa or b. Both glass and beads exhibited the greatest variety of colour from those of any other site.

In the case of the glass, while there were a few cases of the flippid-ledge rim, most of the rims were of the thickened, rounded variety with vertical sides, though there were some of the latter belonging to vessels of the open or outward curving varieties. Many rims were decorated with trails of glass either of the same colour or others. Some of the colours were, lt/gr, dk bl/gr, purple, pink, cob./bl, lt/bl, opaque yellow and the gr/yel millefiore open bowl rim.

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Discs in royal/bl, lt/gr, IR with a yellow patina, found in SP III, tomb. (Also T IIc, T IIb.)

Stele Park (continued)

Facetted bicones SP III, tomb - gr/wh, royal/bl, deep/bl.

Ellipsoids in SP III, tomb - gr"wh, deep/bl, pink, IR,
wh - (ES) none in (THA)

Ellipsoids of small diameter - royal/bl, lt/gr, IR yel.pat.,
wh - SP III.

Far fewer oblate moulded than in THA, ES - no drawn versus
many in THA and ES.

A few deep/bl ring beads (most in THA) (least in ES).

Spheroids - lt/gr with straitions SP III.

Polychrome yel/blk on ocean/bl, SP I.

Drawn of small diameter - yel, lt/gr, purple, deep/bl, SP III.

Great Tomb (THA)

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Glass is not as abundant as in SP or ES but great variety in types of glass, such as

- 1) opus sigillatum (found nowhere else) in T I, T IIa, T IIb, T IIc
- 2) hellenistic in T IIa, T IIc (SP also)
- 3) moulded with loops in high relief, in T I, T IIa, T III
- 4) moulded 'honey-comb', in T IIa, T IIc, T III
- 5) wheel-engraved herring-bone
- 6) polychrome inlay cob/bl, bl/gr, ocean/bl
- 7) IR on purple applied decoration

The lipped-ledge rim of nearly vertical sides occur in T IIa and T IIb, colourless and gr/yel. A more flattened variety of the lipped-ledge as in ES also occurs.

A notable rim with fluted decoration on the sides.

The rim of thickened rounded variety is found in T IIa and T IIb with two examples of very thick glass from T III.

Fragments of flasks occur in all periods except T IIb; no distinctive pattern.

Fragments of glob. phial unique T IIc, cyl. phial T IIa, unlike phials of ES.

No handles except one frag, T IIa.

Frag of black bangles from T I and T IIa, cob/bl from T III, as from SP tomb, k II.

4 glass weights, T IIa and T IIb

Ear plugs, cob/bl, green, T IIa

Rods, 2 cob/bl, T IIb

Beads from THA formed 13% of the total. Nearly all types found here - virtually none in T III. Most in T I, T IIa and b, tapering off to T IIc.

Facetted bicones (as in SP and one or two ES) one gr/wh, T IIb cone lenticular, T I, T IIa (more than in other sites)

Deep/bl ring beads mostly all found here, T I, T IIa, T IIb

Rectangular tube chamfered at corners: T IIa 2 deep/bl, T IIb 1 purple

Discs as in SP III. T IIb, 3 lt/gr; T IIc lt/gr, royal/bl

Spheroids more than other sites, including T I, gr/wh

Star and crescent T I, 2 T IIa, and unstratified

Stone beads in various shapes - more than in other sites

Polychrome T IIa (other instance SP I)

As in ES most beads either drawn or oblate with deep/bl a favourite colour for above.