

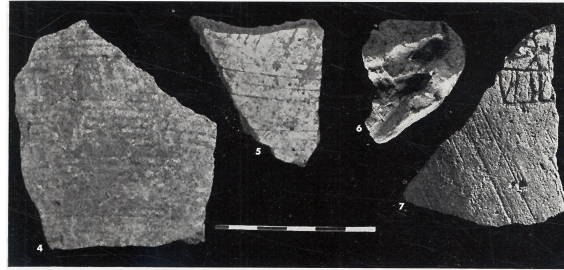
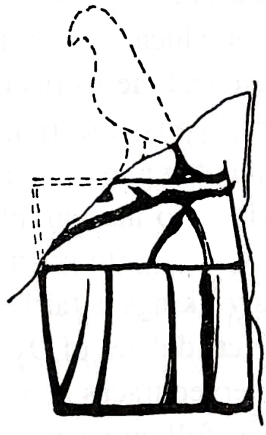
Catalog No. 0547	Region The Southern Levant
Name Partial Narmer(?) <i>serekh</i> from En Besor	Site En Besor
Date (Period) Dyn. 1	Locality Unknown
Date (King) Narmer(?)	Depository Unknown
Dated By Royal name	Registration No. Unknown
Type Vessel	Dimensions 1.6 cm H, 1.2 cm L (inscription)
Method of Inscription Incised	
Material Pottery	

References:

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Comments

Raffaele 2003 interprets this inscription as belonging to Narmer. Williams 1986 attributes this inscription to Ka. According to van den Brink (personal communication 2015), "I personally doubt that the En Besor fragment actually belongs to a Narmer *serekh*; it is exceptionally diminutive, and, in any case incised (scratched would be the more correct word) post-firing of the vessel." Jiménez-Serrano suggests it is Narmer or Qaa. Schulman (1976) attributes it to Den, while Schulman (1992) attributes it to Den or Iry-Hor. Mittmann 1981, Helck 1987, Quack 1989, Kahl 1994, and Regulski attribute it to Aha. Van den Brink 2001 attributes it to "Aha (?)". Kaiser and 1982 include this inscription in Horizon B (Iri-Hor-Narmer) but classify the name as "??". According to Pätznick (personal communication, 2017), this is certainly not Narmer and could instead be read *grg.t*.



4-5. Sherds with combed decoration (Stratum II). 6. Underside of clay sealing showing knot impressions. 7. Sherd with incised *serekh* (Stratum III).

Schulman, 1976

p. 25, fig. 2; pl. I.7