

Inscriptions on Stone and Marble Coffins from the Cities of Shehr Sebz and Samarqand: An Archaeological and Artistic Study

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The region of Central Asia is rich with funerary inscriptions which are found on gravestones and coffins of all kinds, made from a variety of different materials. People of all social status took great care to record funerary inscriptions for themselves and their families in order to immortalize their memories.

This study focuses on the inscriptions found on a group of stone and marble coffins from the cities of Shehr Sebz and Samarqand dating from the ninth century AH / the fifteenth century CE. Most of these inscriptions have not been displayed before, nor have they been previously read or analyzed. There are seven coffins in all.