

This sarcophagus from catacomb 20 is the most highly decorated of all, with moldings on the top and bottom and with schematic and simple representations of garlands, bull's heads and eagles in heraldic style. On both long sides stand two half-crouched lions flanking a bull's head. In all, this Jewish sarcophagus contains three eagles, four lions, six garlands and seven bull's heads. The figures have caused considerable speculation among interpreters of ancient Judaism, but they seem to function here simply as artistic decoration.