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NEW ARAMAIC DIVINATION TEXTS: DECIPHERMENT AND INTERPRETATION

Hundreds of Aramaic divination texts are known, especially incantation bowls and amulets. But in recent years, a new type of inscriptions has been uncovered during archaeological excavations in Maresha. These texts are copied on ostraca and present several challenges: seeing the ink, deciphering the script, understanding the syntax, and interpreting the meaning of these fascinating 2000 year old artefacts.

Michael Langlois travels the world to decipher ancient documents written in Semitic languages such as Hebrew or Aramaic. He visits Uppsala University to decipher an Aramaic incantation bowl (pictured), found in a small cardboard box in the university's collections.

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