

THE SEAL OF TERVEL

A documentary film by Plamen Petkov



The Face of the Seal



Reverse: "Mother of God, lend Thy aid. Tervel, Caesar."

A mysterious seal, cast 13 centuries ago, preserves the only surviving portrait of a Bulgarian ruler who changed the course of world history. Today, this extraordinary artifact lies locked in a vault in Washington, D.C. How did it arrive in America, who protects it, and what ancient secrets does it hold? The Seal of Tervel sets out to uncover the truth.

Two Bulgarian researchers from Harvard gain unprecedented access. What begins as a simple mission to scan the seal quickly becomes an epic investigation filled with startling questions: Does a symbol on the seal point to an ancient burial and the DNA of the Dulo dynasty - the founders of Bulgaria? Could cutting-edge DNA labs finally reveal the origins of the Bulgarian people? Was Tervel - ruler of Bulgaria and Caesar of Rome - also the first Bulgarian saint? Can advanced lasers decode invisible inscriptions on the rock of the Madara Rider? Could artificial intelligence reconstruct his true face? Was Pliska once the largest city in early medieval Europe? And where is the lost crown of the Bulgarian kings?

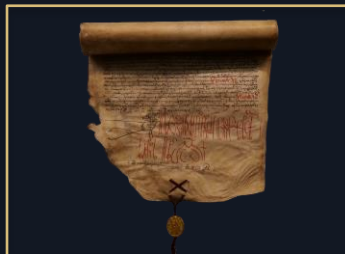
The Seal of Tervel blends history, science, and adventure, using the expertise of leading scholars and the latest technology to unravel mysteries that challenge long-held assumptions about identity, heritage, and the roots of European civilization.

This is the astonishing story of a seal - and of the ruler who saved Europe.

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Charter with a Bulgarian royal seal



St. King Triveliy – fresco

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