

Early Karakhanidian glazed ceramics from Bukhara (based on materials from the complex of the Vardanzeh citadel)

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Abstract

Despite of significant archaeological research in the Bukhara oasis, the study of glazed ceramics from the era of the developed Middle Ages lags far behind the well-known neighboring regions of Central Asia.

In recent years, in the large urban center of the region - ancient settlement Vardane an interesting complex of glazed tableware from the end of the 10th - first half of the 11th centuries was obtained, which vividly reflecting the emergence of a new phase in the development of stylistic features, both in Bukhara and in other regions of Maverannahr. The materials obtained allow a completely new look at the overall development processes of various schools of glazed ceramics of known urban centers of the studied period in Central Asia. As a result of comparing the earliest stylistic features and then spread throughout the neighboring regional ceramic centers, can definitely be considered Binket-Tashkent, or, more generally, the ceramic school of the northeast, the leading stylistic school of the Transoxian pottery of the late 10th - first half of XI centuries.