

Babylon

The Babylon area is generally located behind the town of Leeds, Utah in a canyon that empties into the Virgin River. Babylon was a historic silver mining town that contained both mines and a smelter. Many mine openings are still visible on the landscape. Remnants of some historic buildings are still visible.

There are two petroglyph sites in the Babylon area. The first is located in the narrows where a creek runs through a gap in a ridge line (Figure 1).



Figure 1

The first site consists of one panel (Figure 2). The details of the panel are shown from left to right in Figures 3 through 7.

Figure 3 shows what could be an anthro with either a coyote or a cat and another cat with an exclamation point symbol (!).

Figure 4 shows 2 anthros with 3 fingers and toes, a sheep and a horizontal wavy line (a map?) leading to a lake (?).

Figure 5 adds a square shape divided into 6 sections. Also added are a coyote symbol and perhaps another anthro (bottom right). Leading to or from the square shape is the beginning of a line of symbols (shown in more detail in Figure 6 and 7).

Figure 6 shows the line of figures.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

Figure 7 shows the line of figures in detail. These are thought to be a series of quail or anthros with packs on their backs. There is also a cross and another coyote and a horizontal curvy line.

The line of figures make this panel interesting.



Figure 6



Figure 7

The second site is located on a trail about one half mile from the first site. It is located on an insolated large rock (Figure 8). There is the start of some glyphs on the side of the rock, but they are very faint.

Moving around the rock, one sees a lone image (Figure 9). This anthro has so much character – he seems to be saying “Who knows...”, “I don’t know...”, “I give up...”. You name it and he can be saying it.



Figure 8



Figure 9

The main panel is shown in Figure 10. The symbols are interesting. There is a double spiral, two double serpents, a double “v” shape. There is a ladder with 8 rungs – 7 spaces.

Interesting also are the “song” or “rug” glyphs in the bottom center and on the lower right. These are generally found only on the Santa Clara River (Anasazi Ridge and Gunlock Road).



Figure 10