THE BAŠKA SLAB

The Baška Slab is one of the most important monuments of Croatian literacy and literature, dating from around 1100, carved after the death of Croatian King Zvonimir. It was found on the largest Croatian island of Krk. The slab is weighing 800 kg, and its dimensions are 2×1 m. Carved in the Croatian Glagolitic Script in 13 lines, it comprises about 100 words, altogether 400 letters. And its third line reads as follows:

ZVONIMIR, THE CROATIAN KING

or in the Glagolitic, with separated words:

ⰸⱏⰲⱏⱀⰻⰿⰻⱃⱏ
ⰽⱃⰰⰾⱏ ⱈⱃⱏⰲⰰⱅⱏⱄⰽⱏⰺ

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According to academician Branko Fučić, the language of Baška Slab is old Croatian language dating from 11/12 centuries, imbued with elements of liturgical Old-Slavonic language. Here we provide a table of Glagolitic characters appearing on the slab, with their Latin equivalents, spelling (according to George de Sorbonne, a glagolitic priest and professor at Sorbonne in Paris around 1400), and the corresponding numerical values:

Ⰰ, Ⰰ	A (az)	1
Ⰱ	B (buki)	2
Ⰲ, Ⰲ	V (vidi)	3
Ⰳ	G (glagole)	4
Ⰴ	D (dobro)	5
Ⰵ	E ((j)est)	6
Ⰶ	Ž (živite)	7
Ⰸ	Z (zemla)	9
Ⰺ	Ï (iže)	10
Ⰻ, Ⰻ	I (i)	20
Ⰽ	K (kako)	40
Ⰾ	L (ljudi)	50
Ⰿ, Ⰿ	M (mislite)	60
Ⱀ, Ⱀ	N (naš)	70
Ⱁ, Ⱁ	O (on)	80
Ⱂ	P (pokoi)	90
Ⱃ	R (rci)	100
Ⱄ	S (slovo)	200
Ⱅ, Ⱅ	T (trdo)	300
Ⱆ	U (uk)	400
Ⱈ	H (hir)	600
Ⱋ	Št, Šć, Ć (šća)	800
Ⱌ	C (ci)	900
Ⱍ, Ⱍ	Č (črv)	1000
Ⱎ	Š (ša)	
Ⱏ, Ⱐ	semivowels (yor, yer)	
Ⱑ	Ja, Je (yat)	
Ⱓ	Ju (yus)	
Ⱖ	yeszt-ye	

Ⰿore details about this precious stone of Croatian literacy and about fascinating history of the exotic Croatian Glagolitic Script can be found via Internet at

`http://www.hr/hrvatska/Croatia-HCS.html`