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Coins from Two Burial Caves in the Qidron Valley, Jerusalem

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Eighteen coins, sixteen of which were identifiable, were found in the excavations (see Zissu and Adawi, this volume). The coins were cleaned in the laboratories of the IAA headed by Lena Kupershmidt and were photographed by Clara Amit of the IAA photography studio. Nine coins (Nos. 4–12), spanning the fourth, fifth and first three-quarters of the sixth centuries CE, may belong to the period of use of the burial caves.[1]

Catalogue

1. Reg. No. 1055, L100, IAA 96286.
Prefect under Tiberias, Jerusalem, 17/18–24/25 CE.
Obv.: TIB/KAI/CAP within wreath
Rev.: Palm branch; in fields: IOV–Λ[IA] / L–[·]
Æ, ↑, 2.28 g, 16 mm.
Cf. *TJC*:257, No. 327.

2. Reg. No. 1006B, L103, IAA 96293.
Procurator under Claudius, Jerusalem, 54 CE.
Obv.: NEP]W KΛAY KAIÇ[AP] Two oblong shields and two spears crossed
Rev.: Palm tree; above: ḂPIT; in fields: [L]–IΔ]/ [K]–AI
Æ, ↑, 2.85 g, 18 mm.
TJC:259, No. 340.

3. Reg. No. 1006A, L103, IAA 96292.
Procurator under Nero, 58/9 CE.
Obv.: In wreath: [NE]P/WṆQ/[C]
Rev.: LE KA[IC–APOC] Palm branch
Æ, ↑, 2.19 g, 17 mm.
TJC:260, No. 345.

4. Reg. No. 1009, L101, IAA 96288.
Third century CE.
Obv.: [- - -] Laureate bust r., seen from rear
Rev.: [- - -] Stg. figure. Rectangular countermark: unclear
Æ, ↑, 11.36 g, 26 mm.

5. Reg. No. 1007, L103, IAA 96294.
Diocletian, Cyzicus, 284–294/296 CE.
Obv.: IMP CC VAḶ DIOCLETIAN[VS AVG] Radiate, draped bust r.
Rev.: CONCORDIA MILITVM Emperor, stg. r., receiving Victory from Jupiter, stg. l.; in field, Γ; in ex.: XXI
Æ Antoninianus, ↑, 2.11 g, 19 × 21 mm.
RIC V/II:253, No. 306.

6. Reg. No. 1015, L102, IAA 96291.
Constantine I, Rome, 314 CE.
Obv.: [IMP] CONSTANTINVS PF AVG Radiate, draped bust r.
Rev.: [SOLI INVI]CTO COMITI Sol stg. l., holding globe; in fields: R–F; in ex.: R*T
Æ *Follis*, ↓, 2.70 g, 18 mm.
RIC VII:298, No. 19.

7. Reg. No. 1008, L101, IAA 26287.
346–383 CE.
Obv.: [- - -] Head or bust r.
Rev.: ṲQṬ/ XX / MṲḶT / XX[X] within wreath
Æ, ↓, 1.47 g, 15 mm.

8. Reg. No. 1011, L101, IAA 96290.
383–392 CE?

Obv.: [- - -] earl-diademed, draped bust r.
Rev.: [- - -] within wreath
Æ, ↓, 1.02 g, 13 mm.

9. Reg. No. 1026, Burial Cave II, Trough 0, IAA 96299.
Justin I (518–527 CE), Constantinople.
Obv.: [DN IVSTI]–NVS PP ẠVÇ Diademed, cuirassed bust r., with paludamentum
Rev.: **M** Above, cross; to l. and r., ∗; in ex.: CON; beneath: Δ
Æ *Follis*, ↓, 15.24 g, 30 × 32 mm.
DOC 1:39, No. 8.

10. Reg. No. 1027, Burial Cave II, Trough 0, IAA 96300.
Justinian I, Constantinople, 527–538 CE.
Obv.: [DN IVSTI]–NVS PPẠVÇ Diademed, cuirassed bust r., with paludamentum
Rev.: **M** Above, cross; to l., ∗ ; to r., cross; in ex.: CO[N]; beneath: A
Æ *Follis*, ↓, 14.07 g, 31 mm.
DOC 1:78, No. 28a.

11. Reg. No. 1032, Burial Cave II, entrance threshold to courtyard, IAA 96298.
Justin II, Thessalonica, 569/70 CE.
Obv.: [- - -] Justin and Sophia facing, enthroned
Rev.: **K** Above, cross; to l., A/N/N/O; to r. ϵ; beneath: ṬẸṢ
Æ Half *follis*, ↘, 5.20 g, 21 mm.
DOC 1:221–222, No. 66.

12. Reg. No. 1056, Burial Cave II, from the plaster of the closing slab, IAA 96296.
Justin II, Nicomedia, 572/3–573/4 CE.
Obv.: [- - -] Justin and Sophia facing, enthroned.
Rev.: **K** Above, cross; to l., A/N/N/O; to r. μ; beneath: NI II (or III)
Æ Half *follis*, ↘, 5.20 g, 21 mm.
DOC 1:233, No. 110.

13. Reg. No. 1012, Burial Cave II, courtyard, IAA 96297.
Al-Mansûr Salāh al-Dîn Muhammad, Dimashq, AH 762/1361 CE.
Obv.: المنصور \ الملك [\ السلطان]
Rev.: Illegible
Æ *Fals*, 2.14 g, 17 mm.
Cf. Balog 1964:204, No. 388.

14. Reg. No. 1019, L106, IAA 96295.
Al-Zahir Sayf al-Dīn Barqūq, al-Qahira, AH 792–801/1390–1399 CE.
Obv.: السلطان الملك \ الظاهر سيف \ الدين ابو سعيد برقوق
Rev.: ضرب بالقاهرة
Æ *Fals*, 2.72 g, 20 mm.
Cf. Balog 1964:263–264, Nos. 578–584.

15. Reg. No. 1010, L106, IAA 96289.
Ottomans? 16th c. CE.
Obv. and *Rev.*: Illegible
Æ *Fals-Mangir?* 1.66 g, 17 mm.

16. Reg. No. 1013, Burial Cave II, above the tomb from the west.
Ottomans? 16th–17th c. CE.
Obv. and *Rev.*: Illegible
Æ *Mangir*?, 0.29 g, 13 × 16 mm.

NOTE

[1] The provenances of Cat. Nos. 9–12 relate them to the burial caves reported above (see Zissu and Adawi, this volume: n. 2).

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