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Coins from Ras el-'Amud, Jerusalem

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During excavations at Ras el-'Amud (see Nagorsky and Greenhut, this volume), 27 bronze coins were found, 22 of which were identified.[1]

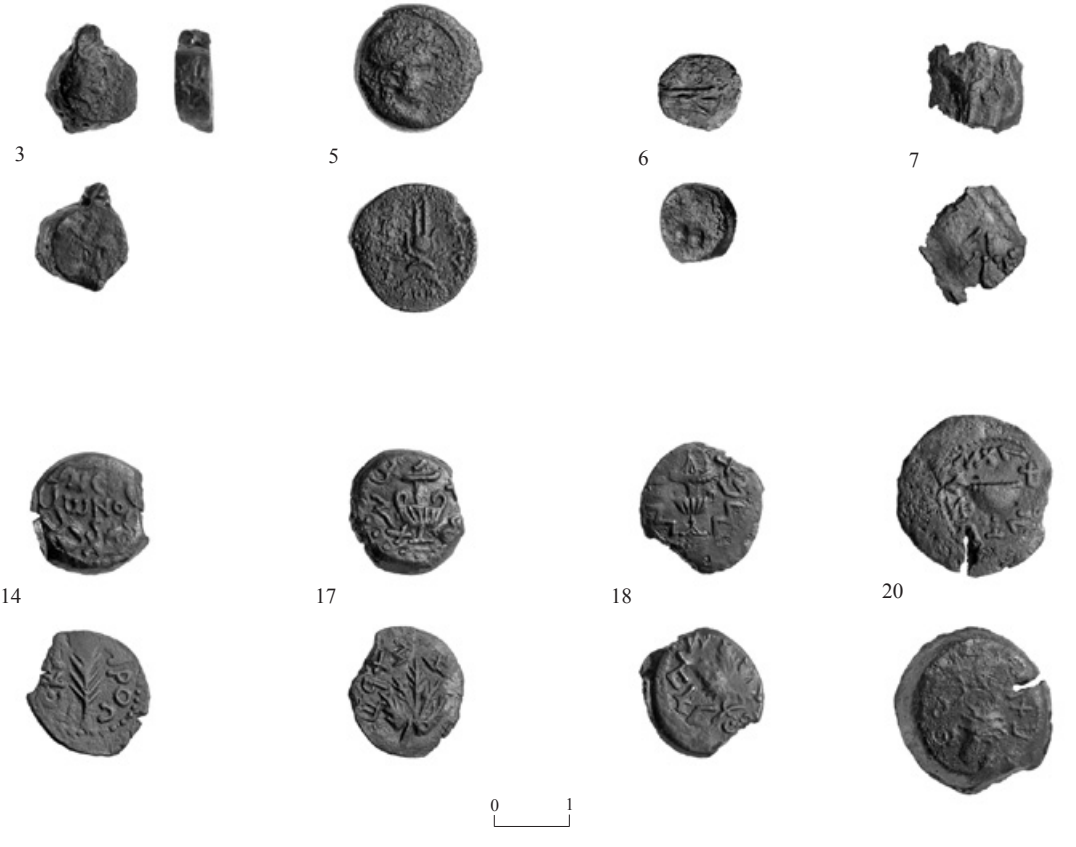


Fig.1.

CATALOGUE[i]

Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (BCE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
						Ptolemy I–II (305–246 BCE)						
1	102	19	10.28	22	↑	Diademed head of Alexander the Great r., with horn of Zeus Ammon, clad with elephant's scalp and aegis	[ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ–ΠΤΟΛΕΜ]ΑΙΟΥ Eagle stg. l. on thunderbolt, wings open		Alexandria	Cf. *SNG Ptolemies*: Pl. II, No. 50	Hole-centered	115126
						SELEUCIDS **Antiochus III (222–187 BCE)**						
2	102	23	1.56	11	↑	Laureate head of Apollo r.	[ΒΑ]ΣΙΛΕΩΣ–[ΑΝ]ΤΙΟΧΟΥ Apollo stg. l.		Antioch	*SC* I:406, No. 1055		115127
3*	100	29	3.46	11×15		Same	Obliterated	198–187	ʻAkko-Ptolemais	*SC* I:416, No. 1096	Extremely thick coin: 43 mm	115123
						Antiochus IV (175–164 BCE)						
4	Surf.	82	2.20	14	↑	Diademed, radiate head r.	[ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ/Α]ΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ Veiled and draped female figure, stg. facing, holding long scepter or torch		ʻAkko-Ptolemais	*SNG Israel* I: 156, No. 1130		115142
						Antiochus VII (175–164 BCE)						
5*	118	75	4.96	16×18	↑	Bust of Eros r.	[ΒΑΣ]ΙΛ̣ΕΩΣ]/ ΑΝΤΙΟΧ[ΟΥ]/ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟ[Υ] Isis headdress; below, star within downturned crescent; in ex.: ΖΟΡ; in l. field: 𐤑(?)	Year 167 = 136/5	Antioch	*SNG Israel* I: 258, No. 1918		115137
6*	Surf.	81	1.22	11	↓	Prow l.; below, letter(?)	ΒΑΣ]ΙΛ̣[ΕΩΣ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΥ] Dioscuri caps		Same	Cf. *SNG Israel* I: 256, No. 1973	Possibly unpublished *obv.*: prow r.; above: Ạ	115141

[i] Coins marked with an asterisk appear in Fig. 1.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (BCE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
						HASMONEANS **Alexander Jannaeus (104–76 BCE)**						
7*	100	28	0.87	11×14		[Unstruck; casting channel is visible]	[- - -] Star within circle of dots	80/79–76	Jerusalem	*TJC*:210, Subgroups L7–14		115122
						Uncertain Ruler						
8	Surf.	36	1.82	14×16	↑	[- - -]/[- - -]/[- - -]/[- - -] Within wreath	Double cornucopia; between horns: pomegranate		Same			115138
						Roman Prefects in Judea under Tiberius						
9	103	21	1.66	16	↑	[TIB]EPI[OY KAICAPO] C L[Iς] Simpulum	[IO]VΛI[A KAICAPOC] Three ears of wheat, tied together by stalks	Year 16 = 29/30 CE	Same	*TJC*:258, No. 331		115129
						HERODIANS **Agrippa I (37–44 CE)**						
10	103	20	2.56	18	↖	BACIΛ[EWC AΓPIΠA] Canopy	Three ears of grain; in fields: L–[ς]	Year 6 = 41/2 CE	Same	*TJC*:131, No. 120		115128
11	105	79	1.33	14×17	↑	BA[CIΛEWC AΓPIΠA] Same	Same; in fields: [•]–[•]	Same	Same	Same		115133
12	105	85	2.09	16	↑	BACIΛEWC AΓ[PIΠA] Same	Same; in fields: L–[ς]	Same	Same	Same		115134
13	104	78	1.97	16	↖	[- - -] Same	Same; in fields: [•]–[•]	Same	Same	Same		115140
						Roman Procurators in Judea under Nero						
14*	111	56	2.53	16	↑	NEP/WNO/C Within wreath	LE KA[IC]–APOC Palm branch	Year 5 = 58/9 CE	Same	*TJC*:260, No. 345		115135
						JEWISH WAR (66–70 CE)						
15	101	24	3.06	18	↑	שנת–ש[תים] Amphora	חרת ציון Vine leaf	Year 2 = 67/8 CE	Same	Cf. *TJC*:241, No. 196		115125
16	104	77	3.10	18	←	שנת–[שתים] Same	חרת [ציון] Same	Same	Same	Same		115130

CATALOGUE (cont.)

Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (BCE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
17*	105	30	2.73	14 × 16	↑	שנת–שת[י]ם Same	חרת צי[ון] Same	Same	Same	Same		115131
18*	115	76	2.41	17	↑	שנת [של]וש Amphora with lid	[חרות] ציון Same	Year 3 = 68/9 CE	Same	*TJC*:242, No. 204		115136
19	101	13	4.88	20	↖	לג[אלת צ]יון Cup	[שנת ארב]ע *Lulav* between two *ethrogs*	Year 4 = 69/70 CE	Same	*TJC*:243, No. 214		115124
20*	Surf.	42	5.99	22	→	לגאלת ציון Same	שְׁנַת אַרְבַע Same	Same	Same	Same		115139
21	Surf.	43	4.37	19	↑	לגא[לת צ]יון Same	[שנת א]רבע Same	Same	Same	Same		115143
						Theodosius (379–395 CE)						
22	105	31	0.53	7×14	↑	DN THEODO–[SIVS PF AVG] Pearl-diademed draped bust r.	[- - -] Victory advancing l., dragging captive and holding trophy	383–395 CE		Cf. *LRBC* II:89, No. 2184		115132

NOTE

[1] The coins were cleaned by Raisa Vinitzky in the IAA laboratory, and photographed by Clara Amit.

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