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The Coins from Meron

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Of the twenty-two coins found in the excavation, only thirteen could be identified with certainty, and these are presented in the catalogue below.[1] Seven of the remaining nine coins can be tentatively assigned to the following periods: Late Roman (fourth century CE), Byzantine (sixth–seventh centuries CE), Abbasid (eighth century CE), Mamluk (fourteenth–sixteenth centuries CE, three coins) and Ottoman (seventeenth–eighteenth centuries CE).

Catalogue

1. Reg. No. 3012, L301, IAA 102658.
Alexander Jannaeus (104–76) BCE, Jerusalem.
Obv.: Star
Rev.: Traces of Aramaic inscription; anchor.
Æ *peruṭa*, 0.62 g, 11 mm.

2. Reg. No. 3028, L314, IAA 102657.
City coin, Tyre(?), third century CE.
Obv.: Bust r. Countermark 1: Murex; countermark 2: not clear.
Rev.: Illegible.
Æ, 9.52 g, 25 mm.

3. Reg. No. 1055, L111, IAA 102660.
Diocletian, Antioch, 294–305 CE.
Obv.: IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS PF AVG Bust r., radiate, draped.
Rev.: CONCORDIA MILITVM Emperor receiving Victory from Jupiter. In field: Z. In exergue: XXI
Billon, antoninianus, ↑, 3.6 g, 21 mm.
RIC V/II: No. 322.

4. Reg. No. 2043, L213, IAA 102652.
Late Roman, late third–early fourth centuries CE.
Obv.: …]AN[… Bust r., diademed.
Rev.: [---] Sol l. (?).
Æ, ↓, 1.75 g, 20 mm.

5. Reg. No. 3024, L312, IAA 102653.
Late Roman, 346–361 CE.
Obv.: [---] bust r.
Rev.: [Fel Temp Reparatio] Virtus spearing fallen horseman
Æ, ↑, 2.36 g, 17 mm.

6. Reg. No. 1054, L111, IAA 102654.
As above.
Æ, ↓, 1.83 g, 15 mm.

7. Reg. No. 1052, L111, IAA 102656.
Justin II (565–578 CE), Constantinople.
Obv.: [---] Justin and Sophia on thrones.
Rev.: **M**; above: cross; below: Є, to l.: ANNO
In exergue: CON
Æ *follis*, ↓, 10.89 g, 32 mm.

8. Reg. No. 3003, L301, IAA 102659.
al-'Adil I, Damascus, 1199–1218 CE.
Obv.: دل] الملك العا / الدن] / …
Rev.: ...د]مشق…
Æ *fals*, 5.05 g, 22 mm.
Cf. Balog 1980: No. 322.

9. Reg. No. 3031, L301, IAA 102655.
Barquq, Ḥalab, 1382–1389 CE.
Obv.: Traces of Arabic inscription.
Rev.: Traces of Arabic inscription.
Æ *fals*, 2.40 g, 16 mm.
Cf. Balog 1964: No. 565.

10. Reg. No. 3008, L301, IAA 102648.
Aynal (1453–1461 CE), Cairo.

Obv.: السلطان الملك الاشرف ابو النصر اينال Arabesque.
Rev.: بالقاهرة \ سنه ...
Æ *fals*, 3.05 g, 18 mm.
Cf. Balog 1964: No. 775.

11. Reg. No. 2044, L211, IAA 102651.
Selim II, Damascus, 1566 CE.
Obv.: Six-petaled rosette in cable border.
Rev.: 974 / دمشق ornament.
Æ *fals*, 1.52 g, 12 mm.

12. Reg. No. 1020, L103, IAA 102650.
Ahmad I (1603–1617 CE), Misr.
Obv.: Illegible Arabic inscription.
Rev.: Illegible Arabic inscription.
Æ *fals*, 8.01 g, 18 mm.
Valentine 1911: Nos. 13–15.

13. Reg. No. 3016, L306, IAA 102649.
Mustafa III (1757–1774 CE), Misr.
Obv.: Tughra.
Rev.: ش/ ضرب في مصر Below ١١٧١
Æ *para*, →, 0.43 g, 16 mm.
Pere 1968: No. 643.

NOTE

[1] Some of the Islamic coins were identified by Ariel Berman.

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