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Coins from the Excavations near the Triple Gate of the Temple Mount, Jerusalem

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Of the 41 coins found in the excavation, 22 were identifiable. All but one coin are bronze; Cat. No. 6 is silver.[1] Most of the coins were from mixed loci, but four were found in stratified contexts: two coins of the fourth century CE (Cat. Nos. 15, 17) from the dismantling of W608 (L6001), perpendicular to the eastern edge of the Triple Gate, and two coins of the sixth century CE (Cat. Nos. 20, 21) from a fill (L6005) sealed by W600 of the Byzantine building (Baruch and Reich, this volume).

The datable coins, ranging from the first to the seventh centuries CE, are presented chronologically in the catalogue, according to coin-types.

Fig. 1.

Note

[1] The coins presented here were cleaned in the laboratories of the IAA by Raisa Vinitzky, and were photographed by Clara Amit of the IAA photography studio.

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CATALOGUE[i]

Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
						First century BCE–First century CE						
1	-	60153	1.15	13		Head r.	Illegible					95236
						Agrippa I (37–44 CE)—*pruṭah*						
2*	-	60125	2.36	17	↖	BACIΛEWC AΓP̣ỊΠ̣ΠA] Canopy	L–[ς] Three ears of corn	Year 6 = 41/2	Jerusalem	*AJC* 2:249, No. 11		95233
						Roman Procurator in Judea Under Claudius: Antonius Felix						
3	-	60158	2.84	17	↑	[TI KΛAYΔIOC] KAICAP [ΓEPM] Two crossed palm branches; between the palms: LIΔ	[IOY/ΛIA AΓ]P̣ỊΠ̣Π̣I/NA within wreath	Year 11 = 54		*AJC* 2:284, No. 32		95241
						Roman Procurator in Judea under Nero						
4	-	60157	2.47	17	↗	NEP/WNO/C within wreath	LE KA[IC–APOC] Palm branch	Year 5 = 58/9		*AJC* 2:285, No. 35b		95240
						Jewish War (66–70 CE)						
5	-	60152	2.02	18	↑	[ים]שנת–שת Amphora	ון[חרת צי] Vine leaf	Year 2 = 67/8	Jerusalem	*AJC* 2:260, No. 11		95235
						Trajan (98–117 CE)—*Denar*						
6	-	60156	2.64	17	↓	[- - -] Draped bust r.	[- - -] Figure stg. facing		Rome		Identified based on portrait	95239
						117–235 CE						
7	-	60123	6.98	18	↙	[- - -] Bust r.	[- - -] Serapis head r.		Caesarea Maritima	Cf. Kadman 1957:114–115, No. 83		95231
						Second century CE						
8	-	60119	6.50	20		[- - -] Bust r. Square countermark: unclear	Illegible. Square countermark: unclear					95229

[i]Items bearing an asterisk are illustrated in Fig. 1.

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						Claudius II Gothicus (268–270 CE)—*Antoninianus*						
9	-	60155	3.63	23	↓	IMP CLAVDIVS AVG Radiate, draped bust r.	IVVENTVS AVG Heracles stg. facing, holding club and lion's skin		Antioch	*RIC* VII:247, No. 138		95230
						Third century CE						
10	-	60117	6.11	24	↑	[- - -] Bust r.	[- - -] Figure stg.				Pierced twice	95228
						Constantine I (307–327 CE)—*follis*						
11	-	60122	2.88	21	↑	IMP CONSTANTINVS PF AVG Laureate, draped, cuirassed bust r.	SOLI IN–VI–CTO COMITI Sol stg. r., looking l., holding globe and raising hand; in fields: R–S; in ex.: ṢARL	317	Arles			95438
						337–341 CE						
12*	-	60154	1.93	14	↓	DN FL CON[- - -] Laureate, cuirassed bust r.	ṢEC[VRI–TAS] RE!P Securitas stg. facing, scepter in r. hand, l. elbow on column		Rome	Cf. *LRBC* I: 15, No. 585		95237
						Constantius II (337–361 CE)						
13	-	60160	2.69	20	↓	DN CONSTAN–[TIVS PF AVG] Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r.	[FEL TE]MP RE–[PARATIO] Virtus spearing falling horseman (FH4); in l. field, unclear letter; mintmark illegible	346–350		Cf. *LRBC* II: 86, No. 2022		95243
						Theodosius I ? (379–395 CE)						
14	-	60159	1.12	12		[- - -]–ṢIVS PF AVG Pearl-diademed, draped bust r.	Illegible					95242

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						383–395 CE						
15	6001	60102	1.10	13	↑	[- - -] Bust r.	[- - -] Victory advancing l., dragging captive and holding trophy			Cf. *LRBC* II: 89, No. 2183		95224
						Fourth century CE						
16	-	60126	0.86	11 × 13		[- - -] Bust r. ?	[- - -] Figure stg.					95234
17	6001	60101	0.57	13		[- - -] Bust r.	Illegible				Cast	95222
						Anastasius I (498–518 CE)—*Half follis*						
18	-	60124	4.29	20	↑?	[- - -] Diademed draped bust r.?	K To l., cross; to r.: Є.	507–512		*MIBE*:88, No. N32		95232
						Justin II (565–578 CE)						
19	-	60116	9.32	29 × 32	↓	[- - -] Justin and Sophia facing, enthroned; between them, cross	M Above, cross(?); to l.: ANNO; beneath: A̤; in ex.: THЄUP; to r.: X	574/5	Antioch	*DOC* 1:245, No. 157a	*Follis*	95227
20	6005	60115	4.58	20 × 25	↑	[- - -] Justin and Sophia facing, enthroned	K				Half *follis*	95226
						Sixth century CE—*Dodecanummium*						
21	6005	60114	2.33	15	↙	[- - -]NV̤S PP AVC Bust r.	I+B In ex.: AΛЄ̤Ξ		Alexandria	Cf. *DOC* 1: 56, No. 58		95453
						Constans II (641–661 CE)—*Follis*						
22	-	-	3.89	18 × 23		ЄNTɣTO-NIKA Imperial figure stg. facing, holding long scepter and globus cruciger	M In r. field: X/X. Round countermark: unclear Arabic letters	660/1 ?	Constantin?	Cf. *DOC* 2/2: 456, No. 83	Misstrike	95504