

COINS FROM MESILLOT

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Fourteen coins were found in the excavations (five in the 1968 season and nine in the 1972 season; see Porat, this volume);¹ all but one (Cat. No. 5), which is gold, are copper. Five coins were unidentifiable. The coins appear to reflect occupation at the site in the fourth century CE and the Umayyad period.

CATALOGUE

1. Reg. No. M/1/**ن**, L21, IAA 29407.
Constantius II, Antioch, 341–346 CE.

Obv.: [CONSTANT]INVS IVN NOB Ç Laureate, cuirassed bust r.

Rev.: G[LOR-IA E]XERC-ITVS Two soldiers standing, with spears and shields; between them, one standard; in ex.: SMAN[.].

Æ, ↓, 0.84 g, 15 mm.

LRBC 1:31, No. 1364.

2. Reg. No. M/45/**ن**, L7, IAA 29408.
335–341 CE.

Rev.: [GLOR-IA EXERC]-ITVS Two soldiers standing, with spears and shields; between them, one standard.

Æ, 1.50 g, 17 mm.

Cf. LRBC 1:24, No. 1024.

3. Reg. No. M/19/**ن**, L16, IAA 29409.
383–395 CE.

Rev.: [SA]LVS [REI-PUBLICAE] Victory l. dragging captive; in l. field: ♀

Æ, 0.30 g, 10 mm.

Cf. LRBC 2:89, No. 2183.

4. No Reg. No., Surface, IAA 81855.
Constantine IV, Syracuse, 668–674 CE.
Obv.: Bust facing, holding *globus cruciger*.

Rev.: M Above E; to l. Heraclius; to r. Tiberius;
in ex.: SCL.

Æ *follis*, ↓, 2.93 g, 22 mm.

DOC 2/2:554, No. 60. A discussion of the circulation of this coin type in Israel is found in Avner 2006.



5. No Reg. No., Surface, IAA 81852.
Umayyad, 739/40 CE (= AH 122).

Obv.: Central legend: لا إله إلا الله وحده / لا شريك له
Marginal legend: محمد رسول الله ارسله بالهدى
ودين الحق ليظهره على الدين كله
الله احده الله / الصمد لم يلد / ولم يولد

Rev.: Central legend: بسم الله ضرب هذا الدين سنة ثنين
عشرين ومئة
Marginal legend: وعشرين ومئة

A dinar, 4.18 g, 19 mm.
Walker 1956:97, No. 242.



6. No Reg. No., L1, IAA 81853.
Umayyad (post reform), Tabariya.

Obv.: Within triple circle: لا إله إلا الله وحده

Rev.: Central legend: محمد / رسول / الله
Marginal legend: بسم الله ضرب هذا الفلس طبرية

Æ fals, 3.34 g, 22 mm.
Walker 1956:268, No. 890.



7. No Reg. No., L10, IAA 81854.
Umayyad (post reform), Dimashq.
Obv.: لا إله إلا الله / وحده
Rev.: ضرب بدمشق
 Æ fals, 1.82 g, 11 × 18 mm.
Walker 1956:249, No. 819.

8. Reg. No. M/27/۲, L24, IAA 41822.
Umayyad (post reform).
Obv.: Central legend: لا إله إلا الله / وحده
Rev.: Fish to l.; around, legend: رسول محمد / الله رسول
 Æ fals, 1.82 g, 11 × 18 mm.
Walker 1956:217, No. 686.

9. Reg. No. M/37/۲ or M/43/۲, L21, IAA 41821.
Umayyad (post reform).
Rev.: ضرب هذا القلنس بدمشق
 Æ fals, 2.09 g, 15 mm.
Cf. Walker 1956:217, No. 686.

NOTE

¹ The coins were cleaned in the IAA laboratories headed by Ella Altmark, and photographed by Sandu

Mendrea of the IAA. Nitzan Amitai-Preiss and Ariel Berman kindly identified the five Umayyad coins.

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