

THE COINS FROM 'EN 'AVRONA AND 'EN MARZEV

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'En 'Avrona

Ten coins were retrieved from the site, all of bronze. Seven of them were identified (see Porath, this volume: Table 1).

1. Reg. No. 15, L21, IAA 23987.

Justinian I, Constantinople, 527–537 CE.

Obv.: [dN IV]STINI–[ANVS PP AVC] Diademed, draped bust r.

Rev.: **M** Above, cross(?); to l., eight-pointed star; in ex.: CON

Æ follis, ↓, 14.43 g, 31 mm.

Cf. *MIBE*: 126, No. 83.

2. Reg. No. 19, L22, IAA 23989.

Umayyad, Ramla.

Obv.: In center: لا اله الا الله وحده

Rev.: Within circle: محمد رسول الله Palm branch; marginal inscription: [- -]

Æ fals, 2.44 g, 21 mm.

Ilisch 1993:12, No. 45.

3. Reg. No. 170, L45, IAA 23990.

Umayyad.

Obv.: In center: لا اله الا الله وحده; marginal inscription: [- -]

Rev.: Illegible.

Æ fals, 3.64 g, 20 mm.

4. Reg. No. 517, Surface (south of Building C), IAA 23992.

Umayyad.

Obv. and *Rev.*: Illegible.

Æ fals, 3.45 g, 20 mm.

5. Reg. No. 518, L80, IAA 22371.

Umayyad.

Obv. and *Rev.*: Illegible.

Æ fals, 1.89 g, 16 mm.

6. Reg. No. 55, Surface (north of Building B), IAA 23991.

Al-Zāhir Barqūq Sayf ad-Dīn, Cairo, AH 78[·]/1382–1388 CE.

Obv.: ن الساطا الملك الظاهر سيف الدنيا و برقوق الدين ابو سعيد عز نصره

Rev.: ضرب باقاهرة سنة خمس و ثمانين وسبعماية

Æ fals, 4.34 g, 19 mm.

Cf. Balog 1964:256, No. 554.

7. Reg. No. 9, Surface (north of Building B), IAA 23988.

Mamlūk.

Obv. and *Rev.*: Illegible.

Æ fals, 3.89 g, 20 mm.

'En Marzev

Six coins and a few coin fragments were found in the excavations of Building λ. They apparently derive from two groupings of silver coins, both found very close to the surface, in the debris of W351 and W358, accumulating for roughly 30 cm over the original floor in room L313 (see Porath, this volume: Plan 17). The excavator noted that one coin was found 2 cm below the surface near W351, while three coins and “coin fragments” were found 5–10 cm below the surface near W358; however, these data seem to point to some confusion between the two groups, possibly occurring during their cleaning. As all of the coins are silver and roughly date to the same chronological horizon (from the third quarter of the ninth to the second quarter of the eleventh centuries CE),

and since they all derived from the debris of the same building, the apparent confusion between the six coins does not significantly affect our understanding of them. Consequently, they are presented in the following catalogue in chronological order.

1. Reg. No. 566-1, L313, IAA 23064.

Abassid (Al-Mustaʿin? AH 248–252/863–866 CE).

Obv.: محمد \ رسول \ الله \ ل

Rev.: Illegible.

Æ *dirham*, 1.11 g, 20 mm.

2. Reg. No. 566-2, L313, IAA 23065.

Muḥammad b. Tughj, Abū Bakr al-Ikhshid (AH 323–334/935–946 CE), citing the caliph Al-Mutʿī (AH 334–363/946–974 CE), Tabariya.

Obv.: In center: لا اله الا \ الله وحده \ لا شريك له \ ابو القسم \ الا هشيد

marginal inscription: الله الامر ان

Rev.: In center: الله \ محمد \ رسول الله \ صاي الله عليه \ وعاي الله \ اماطيع الله

Æ *dirham*, 1.44 g, 23 mm.

Cf. Bacharach 2006:136, No. 162.

3. Reg. No. 562-1, L313, IAA 23060.

ʿAlī Abū al-Ḥasan al-Zāhir (AH 411–427/1021–1036 CE).

Obv.: [- -] الله \ الامام

Rev.: محمد رسول الله \ علي ولي الله

Æ fraction of *dirham*, 1.51 g, 15 mm.



4. Reg. No. 562-2, L313, IAA 23061.

Fatimid.

Obv. and Rev.: Illegible.

Æ fraction of *dirham*, 0.57 g, 15 mm.

5. Reg. No. 562-3, L313, IAA 23062.

Fatimid.

Obv. and Rev.: Illegible.

Æ fraction of *dirham*, 0.32 g, 14 mm.

6. Reg. No. 563, L313, IAA 23063.

Fatimid.

Obv. and Rev.: Illegible.

Æ fraction of *dirham*, 1.28 g, 17 mm.

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