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THE COINS FROM KHIRBAT EL-NIʿANA

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Eighty-eight coins were revealed in the excavations at Kh. el-Niʿana of which 35 were fully identified, 37 were partially defined and 11 were associated to their period according to their general characteristics. The coins are divided into two groups:

1) Coins of the Late Roman period, from the middle of the fourth century to the middle of the fifth century CE.

2) Coins of the Mamlūk period, from the middle of the fourteenth century to the beginning of the fifteenth century CE.

Two earlier coins (Nos. 1 and 2) and the coins associated to the period between these two eras are probably intrusive. Obviously, it is also possible that the site was occupied between the sixth and ninth centuries CE as well.

CATALOGUE

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
	PTOLEMIES **Uncertain**				
1	Head to r.	Eagle stg. facing	End 3rd c. BCE		
	ROMAN PROVINCIAL **Nero**				
2	Bust to r.	Obliterate	54–68		
	THE HOUSE OF CONSTANTINE **Constantine I, *Augustus***				
3*	IMP.C. CONSTANTINVS P.F.AVG Helmeted and cuir. Bust l.,	S.P.Q.R. OPTIMO PRINCIPI Legionary eagle between two standards; in ex. NOSTP	312–313	Ostia	Cf. *RIC* V/1:191, No. 230
	Constantius II, *Caesar*				
4	[FL IVL CONS]TANTIVS NOBC Bust to r.	GLORI[AEXERCITVS] Two soldiers stg., each holding spear and leaning on shield, one standard between them, in ex. CONSA	335–337	Constantinople	*LRBC* 1: 24, No. 1028

1. Reg. No. 134, Surf., worn, 6.40 g, 19 mm, IAA 68098.
2. Reg. No. 1302, L41, worn, 9.40 g, 21 × 18 mm, IAA 68099.
3. Reg. No. 271/20, L53, 2.70 g, 21 mm, IAA 68100.
4. Reg. No. 185, L17, 1.22 g, 13 mm, IAA 68101.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
	Constantius II, *Augustus*				
5	DNFL CONSTANTIVS AVG Bust to r.	Within wreath: VOT / XX / MVLT / XXX in ex.: SMALB	341–346	Alexandria	*LRBC* 1:33, Nos. 1474, 1745
6*, 7	DNCONSTANTIVS PF AVG Bust to r.	FEL TEMP REPARATIO Falling horseman, in ex. RP	352–354	Rome	*LRBC* 2:60, Nos. 680, 681
8, 9	DNFL CONS[TANTIVS AVG] Bust to r.	[FEL TEMP REPARATIO] Falling horseman	355–361	Antioch	*LRBC* 2:100, Nos. 2635, 2636
	Posthumous				
10	DVCONSTANTINVS PTAVGG Bust to r., veiled	In field stg. figure between VN- MR, in ex. SMANA	341–346	Antioch	*LRBC* 1:31, No. 1397
	THE LATER ROMAN EMPIRE **Valentinian I**				
11	[DN VALENTINIANVS PF AVG] Bust to r.	[SECVRITAS REIPVBLICAE] Emperor dragging with r. hand capture r., holding labarum in l.	367–375	Thessalonica	*LRBC* 2:80, No. 1747
	Theodosius I				
12	DN THEODOSIVS PF AVG Bust to r.	CONCOR DIA AVGGG Roma seated facing head helmeted l., holding globe and spear; l. leg bare	378–383	Antioch	Cf. *LRBC* 2:101, No. 2670
13, 14	Same	[SALVS REI-PVBLICAE] Victory to l.; trophy on shoulder, dragging captive, to l. ☧ in ex. SMKA	393–395	Cyzicus	Cf. *LRBC* 2:98, No. 2577
15, 16	Same	Within wreath: VOT / X / MVLT / XX in ex. ANTA	383	Antioch	*LRBC* 2:101, No. 2734

5. Reg. No. 307, L65, 1.47 g, 17 mm, IAA 68102.
6. Reg. No. 248/2, L9, 2.54 g, 19 mm, IAA 68103.
7. Reg. No. 296/3, L57, broken, 1.17 g, 18 mm, IAA 68104.
8. Reg. No. 248/1, L9, 1.67 g, 18 mm, IAA 68105.
9. Reg. No. 248/2, L9, broken, 0.65 g, 13 mm, IAA 68106.
10. Reg. No. 236/3, L9, 1.45 g, 15 mm, IAA 68107.
11. Reg. No. 271/21, L53, 1.90 g, 16 mm, IAA 68108.
12. Reg. No. 277, L56, 1.87 g, 19 mm, IAA 68109.
13. Surf., 1.15 g, 14 mm, IAA 68110.
14. Surf., 1.24 g, 11 mm, IAA 68111.
15. Reg. No. 233/10, L9, 1.20 g, 12 mm, IAA 68112.
16. Reg. No. 233/11, L9, 1.35 g, 12 mm, IAA 68113.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
	Theodosius II				
17	[DN THEODOSIVS PF AVG] Bust to r.	[GLORIA ROMANORVM] Three Emperors, facing; center figure is smaller	402	Same	*LRBC* 2:102, No. 2803
	Marcian				
18	[DN MARCIA]VS PF AVG Bust to r.	Within wreath: 	450–457	Nicomedia	*LRBC* 2:96, No. 2465
	Unidentified				
19, 20	Bust to r.	Obliterate	4th c.		
21	Same	Victory stg. to l.	Same		
22–26	Same	Obliterate	Same		
27	Same	Stg. figure	Same		
28	Same	Obliterate	Same		
29	Obliterate	Stg. figure	Same		
30	Bust to r.	Obliterate	4th–5th c.		
31, 32	Same	Victory stg. to l.	Same		
33	Same	Stg. figure to l.	Same		
34	Same	Within wreath: VOT / MVLT In ex. SIIS	Same		
35	Same	Obliterate	Same		
36	Same	Victory stg.	Same		

17. Reg. No. 271/15, L53, 1.62 g, 14 mm, IAA 68133.
18. Reg. No. 292/1, L43, 1.32 g, 11 mm, IAA 68134.
19. Reg. No. 174, L22, 1.00 g, 14 mm, IAA 68114.
20. Reg. No. 186/2, L19, broken, 0.62 g, 15 mm, IAA 68115.
21. Reg. No. 243/1, L9, 1.71 g, 12 mm, IAA 68116.
22. Reg. No. 271/11, L53, 0.80 g, 13 mm, IAA 68117.
23. Reg. No. 273/1, L53, 0.84 g, 13 mm, IAA 68118.
24. Reg. No. 273/2, L53, 0.60 g, 13 mm, IAA 68119.
25. Reg. No. 273/5, L53, 1.46 g, IAA 68120.
26. Reg. No. 296/7, L57, 1.44 g, 14 mm, IAA 68121.
27. Reg. No. 296/12, L57, 1.24 g, 15 mm, IAA 68122.
28. Reg. No. 1018, L18, 1.20 g, 15 mm, IAA 68123.
29. Reg. No. 1165, L27, 1.74 g, 17 mm, IAA 68124.
30. Reg. No. 152/1, L9, 1.55 g, 13 mm, IAA 68125.
31. Reg. No. 186/1, L19, 0.90 g, 12 mm, IAA 68126.
32. Reg. No. 187/2, L9, 1.10 g, 11 mm, IAA 68127.
33. Reg. No. 187/5, L9, 0.91 g, 12 mm, IAA 68128.
34. Reg. No. 233/1, L9, Barbaric fabric, 0.56 g, 11 mm, IAA 68129.
35. Reg. No. 273/4, L53, 2.13 g, 17 mm, IAA 68130.
36. Reg. No. 1166, L27, 1.66 g, 13 mm, IAA 68131.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
37*	Same	Victory to l., holding wreath and palm	5th c.		Cf. *LRBC* 2:63, No. 840
38, 39	Bust to r.	Obliterate	Same		
40	Same	Victory to l.	Same		
41	Obliterate	Cross within wreath	Same		
42, 43	Bust to r.	Same	Same		
44, 46	Same	Obliterate	Same		
47	Same	Stg. figure facing	Same		
	BYZANTINE **Anastasius I**				
48	Bust to r.	Monogram within wreath	491–518	Constantinople	*DOC* 1:11, No. 15
	Justin I				
49	[DN IVS]TINVS PP AVG Bust of Justin to r.	**M**, between two stars beneath officina mark: Δ; in ex. CON	518–527	Same	*DOC* 1:40, No. 8d
50	Bust to r.	In center ✠ to l. officina mark B to r. E	Same	Same	*DOC* 1:46, No. 22a
	Uncertain				
51	Bust to r.	Obliterate monogram within wreath	6th c.		
	Constans II				
52	Imperial figure stg. facing holds long staff surmounted by cross in l., in r. globe	**m** to l. N / O in ex. IEI	645/6	Constantinople	Cf. *DOC* 2:447, No. 64c(?)

37. Reg. No. 297, L55, Barbaric fabric, 1.03 g, 12 mm, IAA 68132.
38. Reg. No. 118/1, L5, 0.73 g, 12 mm, IAA 68135.
39. Reg. No. 120/1, L5, 0.74 g, 11 mm, IAA 68136.
40. Reg. No. 120/2, L5, 0.97 g, 12 mm, IAA 68137.
41. Reg. No. 152/2, L9, 0.53 g, 10 mm, IAA 68138.
42. Reg. No. 233/8, L9, 0.73 g, 10 mm, IAA 68139.
43. Reg. No. 1266, L45, 1.01 g, 11 mm, IAA 68140.
44. Reg. No. 187/1, L9, 0.60 g, 12 mm, IAA 68141.
45. Reg. No. 233/5, L9, 0.64 g, 12 mm, IAA 68142.
46. Reg. No. 233/7, L9, 0.58 g, 11 mm, IAA 68143.
47. Reg. No. 292/3, L43, 1.05 g, 12 mm, IAA 68144.
48. Reg. No. 302/2, L43, *nummus*, 0.64 g, 10 × 7 mm, IAA 68145.
49. Reg. No. 125/2, L5, *follis*, 18.23 g, 30 mm, IAA 68146.
50. Reg. No. 282, L43, *Pentanummium*, 1.57 g, 13 mm, IAA 68147.
51. Reg. No. 120, L5, *nummus*, 0.49 g, 10 mm, IAA 68148.
52. Reg. No. 280, L55, *follis*, 2.75 g, 21 × 20 mm, IAA 68149.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
	UMMAYAD **Anonymous**				
53	In field: لااله \ الاالله \ وحده	In field: محمد \ رسول \ الله			Walker 1956:210, No. 634
	'ABBASIDS *Governor* in Egypt **Ṣaliḥ b. 'Alī** citing the Amir **Maḥmūd**				
54	Within circle: الامير \ محمود	Within circle: بخ \ على يدى \ صلح	Mid-9th c.		Miles 1950:124, No. 404
	Uncertain				
55	Obliterate	محمد \ رسول \ الله	Same		
56, 57	Same	Obliterate	Same		
	MAMLŪKS **Al-Ẓāhir Baybars I Rukn al-Dīn** **AH 658–676/1260–1277 CE**				
58	السلطان Lion to l. [الملك الظاهر]	[لااله الا] \ الله محمد رسول \ الله	Undated		Balog 1964:106, No. 101
	Muhammad I Nasir al-Dīn, 3rd reign **AH 709–741/1310–1341 CE**				
59	Within Circle: محمد Marginal legend: السلطان الملك الناصر ناصر الدين	Obliterate	Undated	Al-Qahira	Balog 1964:152, No. 231
60, 61	[الملك] الناصر	In center round shield, in which concave five-petaled rosette Legend around: ضرب بدمشق سنة ثلثين	AH 730 (= 1329)	Dimashq	Balog 1964:162, No. 261
62	Within circle: محمد	Obliterate	Undated	No mint	Cf. Balog 1964:152, No. 230
	Al-Mansūr Abū Bakr Sayf al-Dīn **AH 741–742/1341 CE**				
63	Within linear hexagram: اثنين \ سنة \ واربعن	Within linear hexagram: ب \ ضر \ مشق \ بد	AH 742 (= 1341)	Dimashq	Balog 1964:165, No. 268

53. Reg. No. 1136, Surf., *fals*, 2.57 g, 21 mm, IAA 68150.

54. Reg. No. 1069, L17, *fals*, 1.49 g, 16 mm, IAA 68151.

55. Reg. No. 125/1, L5, *fals*, cast., 0.45 g, 10 mm, IAA 68152.

56. Reg. No. 292/2, L43, *fals*, 0.46 g, 12 mm, IAA 68153.

57. Reg. No. 1137, Surf., *fals*, cut off, half coin, 0.81 g, 20 mm, IAA 68154.

58. Reg. No. 1195, *fals*, 2.47 g, 21 × 16 mm, IAA 68155.

59. Reg. No. 1130, L27, *fals*, 2.68 g, 18 mm, IAA 68156.

60. Reg. No. 1215, L36, *fals*, 2.35 g, 18 mm, IAA 68157.

61. Reg. No. 1057, L19, *fals*, worn, 3.33 g, 19 × 17 mm, IAA 68158.

62. Reg. No. 1177, L35, *fals*, 0.91 g, 14 mm, IAA 68159.

63. Reg. No. 1175, L37, *fals*, 2.87 g, 18 mm, IAA 68160.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
	Al-Ashraf Shaʿbān II Nāsir al-Dīn AH 764–778/1363–1377 CE				
64	السلطان الملك \ الاشرق شعبان \ [بن حسن \ السلطان الملك الناصر\ محمد بن قلاون]	[ضرب بالقاهرة] سنة خمس \ وستين \ وسبعماية	AH 765 (= 1363)	Al-Qahira	Balog 1964:217, No. 438
65, 66	In central segment: الملك الاشرف	ضرب \ وسبعماية \ سنة سبعين \ بدمشق	AH 770 (= 1368)	Dimashq	Balog 1964:220, No. 454
67, 68	Within cartouche: حسن \ بن Marginal legend: [السلطان الملك] الاشرق[شعبان]	Within Octolobe: ضرب \ مشق \ بد	Undated	Same	Balog 1964:221, No. 458
	Al-Sālih Hājjī II Salāh al-Dīn, 1st reign AH 783–784/1381–1382 CE				
69	Within circle: حاجي Marginal legend: [السلطان الملك] الصالح صلاح الدين	Within circle: fleur-de-Lis Marginal legend: ضرب بدمشق سنة ثلث وثمانين وسبعماية	AH 783 (= 1381)	Dimashq	Balog 1964:243, No. 524
	Al-Zāhir Barqūq Sayf al-Dīn, 1st reign AH 784–791/1382–1389 CE				
70	السلطان \ الملك الظاهر \ ابو سعيد \ برقوق	ضرب \ سكندرية \[سنة اربع] \ وثمانين	AH 784 (= 1382)	Iskandariya	Balog 1964:257, No. 556
71	Obliterate	ضرب بالقاهرة \ سنة ست وثمانين وسبعماية	AH 786 (= 1384)	Al-Qahira	Balog 1964:256, No. 555
	Al-Zāhir Barqūq Sayf al-Dīn, 2nd reign AH 792–801/1390–1399 CE				
72	[السلطان الملك] \ الظاهر ابو سعيد [برقوق خلد ملكه]	ب بد \ ضر مشق \ سنة [---]	Date missing	Dimashq	Balog 1964:266, No. 590
	Uncertain				
73–75	Obliterate	Obliterate	14th c.		
76	السلطان الملك	Same	Same		

64. Reg. No. 1377, L72, *fals*, 2.43 g, 25 × 21 mm, IAA 68161.

65. Reg. No. 1136, L64, *fals*, 2.79 g, 18 mm, IAA 68162.

66. Reg. No. 1176, L37, *fals*, 2.06 g, 18 mm, IAA 68163.

67. Reg. No. 1190, *fals*, 2.04 g, 17 mm, IAA 68164.

68. Reg. No. 1138, *fals*, 2.35 g, 19 × 16 mm, IAA 68165.

69. Reg. No. 1065, Surf., *fals*, 2.29 g, 15 mm, IAA 68166.

70. Reg. No. 1196, *fals*, 3.62 g, 20 mm, IAA 68167.

71. Reg. No. 1023, L4, *fals*, 4.27 g, 22 mm, IAA 68168.

72. Reg. No. 1355, L59, *fals*, 3.24 g, 19 × 17 mm, IAA 68169.

73. Reg. No. 1197, silver fraction of *dirham*, 0.92 g, 14 × 10 mm, IAA 68170.

74. Reg. No. 1296, L42, silver fraction of *dirham*, 1.20 g, 10 × 8 mm, IAA 68171.

75. Reg. No. 1139, Surf., silver fraction of *dirham*, 0.89 g, 12 × 10 mm, IAA 68172.

76. Reg. No. 1179, L38, *fals*, 2.02 g, 18 mm, IAA 68173.

CATALOGUE (cont.)

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference
77–82	Obliterate	Same	Same		
83*	Within two cable like border: السلطان الملك	In center of radiated sun: حلب	15th c.	Halab	
84–88	Obliterate	Obliterate	Same		

77. Reg. No. 1194, *fals*, 1.52 g, 15 mm, IAA 68174.
78. Reg. No. 1022, L6, *fals*, 92 g, IAA 68175.
79. Reg. No. 1066, Surf., *fals*, 1.35 g, 16 mm, IAA 68176.
80. Reg. No. 1133, L29, *fals*, 0.64 g, 13 × 15 mm, IAA 68177.
81. Reg. No. 1098, L25, *fals*, 1.44 g, 17 mm, IAA 68178.
82. Reg. No. 1064, L10, *fals*, 1.68 g, 17 mm, IAA 68179.
83. Reg. No. 1296, L47, *fals*, 1.53 g, 23 mm, IAA 68180.
84. Surf., *fals*, 2.12 g, 17 mm, IAA 68181.
85. Reg. No. 1191, *fals*, 1.51 g, 17 × 14 mm, IAA 68182.
86. Reg. No. 1139, Surf., *fals*, 3.53 g, 20 × 17 mm, IAA 68183.
87. Reg. No. 1142, Surf., *fals*, 3.96 g, 20 × 17 mm, IAA 68184.
88. Reg. No. 1174, *fals*, 2.41 g, 20 × 17 mm, IAA 68185.



Fig. 1.

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