

THE COINS FROM KEREM MAHARAL

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The excavations at Kerem Maharal (see 'Ad and Sa'id, this volume) yielded seven coins¹ from two distinct periods: Byzantine (from the second half of the fourth to the second half of the sixth century CE) and early Ottoman (sixteenth–eighteenth centuries CE). Particularly interesting is a rare find of a single silver *teston* minted in Nancy under Antoine Duke of Lorraine-Bar (1508–1544 CE). Gold *écus* and silver *testons* from this independent Duchy, located in northeastern France, circulated in both the Balkans and the eastern Mediterranean hinterland of the Ottoman empire, at least until the end of the seventeenth century CE, alongside other European silver coins (Stirbu and Velter 2000:1223, 1237–1238; Kool 2002:52).

CATALOGUE

1. Reg. No. 4506, L452, IAA 109322.

Constantius II, Antioch, 351–361 CE.

Obv.: CONSTAN-[TIVS] PF AVG Bust r., draped, pearl diademed and rosette.

Rev.: FEL [TEMP REPARA]TIO Soldier spearing fallen horseman, raising arm.

Æ, ↑, 5.80 g, 24 mm.

LRBC II:100, No. 2623.

2. Reg. No. 2024, L206, IAA 109321.

351–361 CE.

Obv.: [- -] Bust r.

Rev.: [FEL TEMP REPARATIO] Soldier spearing fallen horseman, raising arm.

Æ, ↓, 1.62 g, 18 mm.

Cf. *LRBC* II:100, No. 2635.

3. Reg. No. 2059, L215, IAA 109324.

First half of the sixth century CE.

¹ The coins were cleaned by Lena Kupferschmidt and photographed by Clara Amit, both of the IAA.

Æ , 0.59 g, 9 mm.

Obv.: [- - -] Bust r.

4. Reg. No. 3057, L312, IAA 109323.

Justin II, Antioch, 570–578 CE.

Obv.: [- - -] Justin and Sophia seated facing on thrones; they hold between them a globe surmounted by a large cross and in their hands a scepter.

Rev.: **M** Above, cross; beneath: Γ; in ex.: T[HEYP]

Æ Follis , ↓, 9.95 g, 32 mm.

DOC 1:243, No.151ff.

5. Reg. No. 5010, L502, IAA 109320.

Antoine, Duke of Lorraine-Bar, Nancy, 1540–1544 CE.

Obv.: +ANTHON [DG] LOTHOR ET BAT Cuirassed bust l. crowned.

Rev.: MONET[A NAJNCEII CVSA Crowned shield; below date: 154[]

AR teston , ↓, 7.93 g, 28 mm.

Cf. Saulcy 1841. Pl. 15, No. 16 (var).



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