

THE COINS FROM KHIRBAT BURIN

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Fourty-eight coins were found during the second and third seasons of excavation at Khirbat Burin (see Kletter and Stern, this volume). Of these, 21 were unidentifiable.¹

No clear picture emerges from the published and unpublished coin finds from the various excavations (since 1998) at Khirbat Burin regarding the various periods of settlement. However, coins have been found roughly continuously from the Seleucid through the Mamlūk periods. The single Seleucid coin from this excavation (No. 1) may be associated with a Seleucid settlement phase recognized in a subsequent salvage excavation at the same site ('Ad 2012:24; Sokolov 2012:29–30, Nos. 1–13). Coin Nos. 2–12 find parallels in five published (Sokolov 2006:223, Nos. 1–5) and other unpublished coins from the site dating to the middle Roman and early Byzantine periods (fourth–fifth centuries CE).

The present excavations, however, yielded coins of the sixth and seventh centuries of the Byzantine period, as well as Islamic-period coin finds from the Umayyad through the Ayyubid dynasties, i.e., the eighth through twelfth centuries CE (Nos. 13–22). Such coins have not been found in any of the previous or subsequent excavations at Khirbat Burin. Two of these (Nos. 21, 22) in all likelihood relate to the Crusader-period site, Casal Neuf, identified with Khirbat Burin (Kletter and Stern 2006:173). The Mamlūk-period coins published in this report (Nos. 23–27), however, do have parallels in Sokolov's catalogue (2006:223, Nos. 6–8), as well as in finds from 'Ad's excavations at the site in 2009 (Kool, in prep.).



Fig. 1. Coin No. 14.

¹ Ariel Berman identified the Islamic coins. Donald T. Ariel identified the non-Islamic material and prepared this report. The coins were cleaned in the IAA laboratories headed by Ella Altmark. Coin No. 14 was photographed by Clara Amit.

CATALOGUEⁱ

Cat. No.	Locus No.	Basket (g)	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
Seleucids												
Antiochus III (222–187 BCE)												
1	363	3324	1.27	9		Obliterated	[- -] Apollo sig. l.	198–187	'Akko-Ptolemais	SC 1:416, No. 1096		92501
Roman Provincial												
2	218	2092	3.71	15	↑	[- -] Bust r.	[- -] Tyche stg. l., with gabled temple	3rd c.				92482
3	334	3260	6.77	19	↑	[- -] Bust r.	[- -] Bust of Tyche l.	249–251	Caesarea Maritima	Cf. Kadman 1957:134–135, No. 190		92492
Roman Imperial												
4	218	2077	3.73	20	↑	I[MP] CC VAL DIOCLETI[ANVS PF] AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r.	I[OVI CONSERVATORI] Emperor stg. r. receiving victory on globe from Jupiter stg. l.; between them: B; in ex.: XXI	284	Antioch	R/IC V/II:256, No. 324		92479
5	218	2093	7.99	28	↑	GAL VAL MAXIMINVS NOB CAES Radiate and cuirassed bust r.	GENIO POPV-LI ROMANI Genius stg. l.; in l. field: K; in r. field: ΓΝV; in ex.: ANT	c. 300–301	Antioch	R/IC VI:620, No. 55b		92483
Constantine I (307–337), <i>Follis</i>												
6	218	2090	2.3	19	↙	[INP C]ONS[TANTINVS] PF AVG Head or bust r.	VICTORIAE LAETAE PRIN PERP Two Victories; between, VOT/PR on altar; in ex.: ASIS[]	318–319	Siscia	R/IC VII:431, No. 53		92481

ⁱ The coins are arranged chronologically, according to coin-types. All are bronze, except No. 21, which is billon. Coin No. 14, marked by an asterisk, is illustrated in Fig. 1.

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Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
355–361 CE												
7	218	2082	1.02	15	[---] Bust r.		[---] Virtus stg. l., holding spear and globe			Cf. <i>LRBC</i> 2: 87, No. 2053		92480
364–375 CE												
8	370	3376	2.56	14	[---] Pearl-diademed, draped bust r.		[---] Emperor dragging captive r.; in l. hand, <i>labarum</i>	364–375		Cf. <i>LRBC</i> 2: 87, No. 2068		92503
Julian II, <i>Majorina</i>												
9	335	3209	6.76	28	↙	[---] Bust r.	[---] Bull r., above two stars(?)	361–363		Cf. <i>LRBC</i> 2: 87, No. 2056		92496
End of 4th–5th Centuries CE												
10	334	3172	1.03	11	[---] Bust r.		Obliterated					92494
11	301	3024	0.92	10	[---] Bust r.		Obliterated					92488
12	326	3173	0.74	12	[---] Bust r.		Obliterated					92491
Justinian I (527–565), <i>Follis</i>												
13	209	2048	11.05	29	↓	[---] Bust r.	M	518–539	Constantinopolis			92485
14*	380	3377	18.66	34	↗	DN IVSTINI-ANVS PP AVC	M	550/51	Antioch	<i>MIBE</i> 1: 147, No. 146		92504
							Above, cross; beneath: ε, to l., A/N/N/O; to r.: X/ / /; in ex.: THUPX					

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Cat. No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diam. (mm)	Axis	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
Maurice Tiberius (582–602), <i>Half follis</i>												
15	369	3341	3.26	20	↑ ?	[---] Bust facing	K To I., A/N/N/O				Uncertain	92502
Sixth–Seventh Centuries CE												
16	334	3261	1.81	12	↑	[---] Bust r.	ε	6th c.	Antioch			92493
17	335	3240	5.68	24		[---] Bust?	K To I., A/N/N/O	601/2 or 629/30		Cf. <i>DOC</i> 1: 315, No. 63 Cf. <i>DOC</i> 2/1: 302, No. 118		92495
Umayyad, <i>Fals</i>												
18	332	3214	4.26	22	Center: الله وحده لا شريك له		Center: الله وحده / الصمد لم يلد marginall legend: [---] مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ	734/5		Walker 1956: 293, No. 954	Double struck	92497
19	303	3049	1.7	15	Center: الله وحده		In field, within plain circle a pentagram, around legend: [---]	Ilyya (Jerusalem)	<i>SNAT</i> 1993: 10, No. 23 Walker 1956: 204, No. 599			92490
Abbasid, <i>Fals</i>												
20	303	3031	0.82	14	Center: الله وحده		Center: محمد رسول الله					92489
Fatimid, <i>Dirhem</i>												
21	358	3280	1.7	19	Obliterated	Obliterated	11th c.					92499

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Ayyubid: Al-Nāṣir I Yusuf Ṣalāḥ al-Dīn (AH 570–589/1174–1193), <i>Fals</i>												
22	362	3285	5.17	22	Center:	Center: الملك / الناصر	Center: يُوشَّفُ / يُنْ أَبْرَقْ (=1193)	AH 589 (=1193)	Dimashq	Cf. Balog 1980:94, No. 148		92500
Mamlūk: Al-Nāṣir Muḥammad I Nāṣir al-Dīn, Third Reign (AH 709–741/1310–1341), <i>Fals</i>												
23	201	2007	2.73	18	Center: خَلِيفَةُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ	Center: خَلِيفَةُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ	Center: خَلِيفَةُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ	AH 720 (=1320)	Al-Qahira	Cf. Balog 1964:156, No. 242		92484
Mamlūk, <i>Fals</i>												
24	214	2078	1.01	15	Obliterated	Obliterated	End 13th c.					92478
25	203	2031	2.07	20	Same	Same	14th c.					92486
26	201	2005	4.3	19	Same	Same	15th c.					92487
Probable Anatolian issue, <i>Fals</i>												
27	208	2034	1.34	17	[-] ^{سَعْدٌ} قسم بن	Lion to r.; above, two stars; border of dots	13th–14th c.					92477

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