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## COINS FROM THE 1973 AND 1974 EXCAVATIONS

AT HESHBON

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### *Coins from the 1973 Excavations*

The third season of excavations at Heshbon<sup>1</sup> yielded the smallest number of coins: 35. Yet among them was found the long awaited city coin of Esbus (no. 249), minted during the reign of Elagabalus (A.D. 218-222), who elevated the city to municipal status.<sup>2</sup> This coin is undoubtedly the best specimen of its rare type.<sup>3</sup>

Other interesting finds of the same year include a *denarius* or *drachma* (no. 247) of Trajan (A.D. 98-117) and a *stater* or *tetradrachm* (no. 248) of Caracalla (A.D. 211-217). The italicized words are familiar to Bible students: the one (*dēnariōn*) as the ordinary pay for a day's work<sup>4</sup> or as the "tribute money,"<sup>5</sup> the other (*stater*), the equivalent of four *denarii* or a *shekel*, as for paying the temple dues for two.<sup>6</sup>

No Islamic coins of particular importance were found.

The 35 coins are catalogued as follows:<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The numismatic reports on the first two seasons: 1968 and 1971, appeared in *AUSS* 9 (1971): 147-160 and 12 (1974): 35-46 respectively. These earlier reports are referred to by the years in which excavations were made.

<sup>2</sup> The coins of Esbus, like those of most other cities in the Province of Arabia, are our only source of information on this status. See Michael Avi-Yonah, *The Holy Land* (Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1966), p. 117.

<sup>3</sup> See George F. Hill, *Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Arabia, Mesopotamia and Persia* (London, 1922), pp. xxxiii, 29-30, Pl. V, no. 2.

<sup>4</sup> Mt 20:2, 9, 10, 13. The *denarius* was worth 18 cents, devalued to 8 cents during the reign of Nero (A.D. 54-68). Rev 6:6 may betray the inflationary prices of a later time when about a quart of wheat was sold for a *denarius*. Cf. Mk 6:37; Mt 14:21, where a *denarius* is estimated as enough to buy bread for more than 25 people.

<sup>5</sup> Mt 22:19.

<sup>6</sup> Mt 17:27.

<sup>7</sup> Six coins are not included in this catalogue because of their very poor and hardly recognizable condition. Of these, nos. 263-267 (1517, A.6:3; 1526, D.6:59; 1538, B.2:80; 1540, A.7:61; 1541, Tomb F.16:5) are possibly Late Ro-

234. (1644—B.4:88, yellow-brown, crumbly, clayish soil) Tyre, 96/5 B.C.  
Similar to no. 1 in the 1968 report.

*Phoenician*

235. (1515—A.5:61-62, cleanup debris above bedrock.) Alexander Jannaeus,  
103-76 B.C.  
*Maccabean*

236. (1523—B.4:124, soft, moist, brown soil.) Antigonus Matathias, 40-37 B.C.  
Obv. Double cornucopias; around, from l. below and between horns:  
—[𐤃𐤌] 𐤏𐤍 / 𐤏𐤍 [𐤃𐤌]

Rev. Ivy wreath; around, from l. above: BACIAEBC [ANTITONOT].

*Nabataean*

237. (1646—B.3:72, loose brown soil with rocks of various sizes.) Arcas IV,  
9 B.C.-A.D. 40.

Similar to no. 2 in the 1968 report.

238. (1645—B.4:120E LC, over an E-W wall split into two sections by  
bedrock.)

Similar to the preceding.

- 239-244. (1650-1655—Tomb F.18:8, western half of the chamber to the floor,  
under Locus 7 and over 9.)

Similar to the preceding.

245. (1528—D.1:53, probe trench in SW corner of square.) Uncertain.

Obv. Head r., laureate; border.

Rev. Horn of plenty r.; ear of barley or wheat l., with pomegranate  
(?) above.<sup>8</sup>

*Provincial Roman*

246. (1524—D.6W:56B, NS wall in SW corner of square.) Judea: Pontius  
Plate, A.D. 31/2.

Similar to no. 5 in the 1968 report.

247. (1647—D.2:36, continuation of substructure from stair 32.) *Denarius*  
(2.93 gm.) of Trajan, *ca.* A.D. 105.<sup>9</sup>

Obv. Head of Trajan (98-117) r., laureate; around: IMP TRAIANO  
AVG GER DAC P M TR P, plated.

Rev. Fortuna standing l., draped, holding rudder or prow in r. hand  
and cornucopias in l.; around: COS VP P S P Q R OPTIMO  
PRINC; plated.<sup>10</sup>

man, belonging either to the reign of Valentinian II, A.D. 375-392, or to that  
of one of his contemporaries. No. 268 (1649, Tomb F.18:8) is worn beyond  
recognition.

<sup>8</sup> Identical with Hill, *Arabia*, Pl. XLIX, no. 9, except that l. and r. objects  
on the rev. are reversed, owing perhaps to a printing error there in mirror  
image.

<sup>9</sup> See Harold Mattingly, *Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum*,  
vol. 3: *Nerva to Hadrian* (London, 1966), p. 30n.

<sup>10</sup> Referring to the reigns of Nerva to Hadrian, Mattingly says, "In this  
period they [plated *denarii*] usually offer irregular combinations of types and

248. (1521—B.3:49, over fallen rocks and soil from E balk.) *Stater* (13.22 gm.)  
of Caracalla, A.D. 211-217.

Obv. Head of Caracalla, laureate; around: ATR KAI ANTONTINO

(sic) GEB; border of dots.

Rev. Eagle with wings spread, head r., holding wreath in beak,  
standing on thunderbolt; two stars in field; around: ΔΗΜΑΡΧ  
ΕΞ ΡΗΛΑΤΟC ΤΟ Ρ (Gaza ?);<sup>11</sup> border of dots.

249. (1522—B.4:113, red soil with *harrar* bits.) Esbus (Heshon): Elaga-  
balus, A.D. 218-222.

Obv. Bust of Elagabalus r., laureate and draped; around: AVT C M  
AVR ANTONINVS.

Rev. Within a temple showing four columns, central arch and flat  
roof to wings; city-godless stands l., wearing turreted crown and  
short chiton; her r. foot rests on small figure; l. hand rests on  
spear or standard and r. holds another small figure; inset, above  
the temple wings: A V, in exergue: EGBOV C (Aurelia Esbus).

*Late Roman*

250. (1539—B.5:8, reddish-brown soil with *harrar* flecks, along N balk  
of square.) Constans I, A.D. 343-350.

Similar to no. 60 in the 1971 report.

251. (1525—D.3:24, top layer E of and level with Locus 21.) Valentinian II,  
A.D. 375-392.

Similar to no. 12 in the 1968 report.

252. (1529—Tomb F.16:4, Arcosolium W of shaft over Locus 5.) Honorius,  
A.D. 395-423.

Similar to no. 15 in the 1968 report.

*Byzantine*

253. (1531—G.1:5, tan soil, speckled with limestone pieces.) *Follis* of  
Anastasius I, A.D. 498-518.

Similar to no. 17 in the 1968 report; official code no. 4 instead of G.  
(1643 D.1:43, reddish mortar.) *Follis* of Justinian I, A.D. 527-565.

Obv. Bust of Justinian I (527-565) facing, wearing cuirass, plumed  
helmet with diadem from which two pearls hang on either  
side; r. hand holds *globus cruciger*; shield showing horseman on  
l. shoulder; cross in r. field; around: DNIVSTINI ANVSPPAVC;  
border of dots.

Rev. M (prominent mark of value—40 *nummi*); within: A (official  
code no.); above: cross; l. segment: ANNO; r. segment: X-11-1  
(339/40; in exergue: KYZ (Cyzicus); border of dots.

other peculiarities, and may be attributed confidently to the work of the  
false moneyer. We can be certain that they were not issued by the regular  
mints. It is less certain whether there may not have been irregular local mints  
in the provinces issuing imitations of imperial coins which might be tolerated  
... in general circulation" (ibid., p. xix).

<sup>11</sup> See George F. Hill, *Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Palestine: Galilee,  
Samaria and Judaea* (London, 1914), p. lxxviii, though no such coin is illu-  
strated in the plates.

*Ayyūbiid* (1171-1342)<sup>12</sup>

255. (1533—G.1:9, along N balk, a wide wall.) *Az-Zahir Ghazal* (Halab branch), 1186-1216.  
Similar to no. 68 in the 1971 report.
256. (1642—G.3:12, topsoil.) *Al-Yadil*, 1196-1218.  
Similar to no. 28 in the 1968 report.
257. (1530—G.1:1, topsoil.) Uncertain.  
Obv. Within two horizontal lines across the field: *Al-Malik*; traces of borders; the outer dotted.  
Rev. Arabesque; traces of border.
- Mamlūk* (1250-1517)<sup>13</sup>
258. (1520—A.6:4, two monolithic stones [pillar column and architrave].) Uncertain.  
Obv. . . . /*Durība bi-Dīnawālik*; traces of border.

259. (1519—A.6:4, see no. 258.) *Al-Asḥraf Šahban*, 1363-1377.  
Rev. Obliterated.  
Obv. Obliterated.
260. (1518—A.6:4, see no. 258.) *Az-Zāhir Barḳūk*, 1382-1399.  
Similar to nos. 91-94 in the 1971 report; pierced.
261. (1527—D.4:1, topsoil.)  
Similar to the preceding.
262. (1532—G.1:5, tan soil, speckled with limestone pieces.)  
Similar to the preceding.

Except for the Esbus coin, none of the coins hitherto found bears any of the ancient mint names of Transjordan. The Nabataean coins were presumably struck at Petra.<sup>14</sup> The rest of the non-Islamic coins still represent an extensive geographical range of provenance. Of the Islamic coins, the *Mamlūk fulūs* (nos. 257, 259-261, like nos. 41, 45 in the 1968 report and nos. 84-86, 91-94 in the 1971 report), were struck at Damascus. The coin evidence so far does not alter the conclusions on the occupational history of Heshbon made in the 1968 report.

*Coins from the 1974 Excavations*

The 1974 coins, 38 in number, add two significant points to the earlier reports. The first coin in this catalogue (no. 269) is the oldest coin hitherto found at Heshbon, dating from 246-221 B.C. and belonging to the reign of Ptolemy III Euergetes. Another

<sup>12</sup> End of the *Ḥamāh* branch.

<sup>13</sup> Bahri *Mamlūk* (1250-1382), Burdjī *Mamlūk* (1382-1517).

<sup>14</sup> Hill, *Arabia*, p. xii.

coin (no. 278), besides the Esbus coins (no. 249 in the 1973 report and no. 280 in this report—the 2nd being in extremely poor and hardly recognizable condition), is the first to mention any of the ancient mints of Transjordan. It is a coin of *Arabia Provincia*, founded in A.D. 106, after the fall of the Nabataean Kingdom. The coin belongs to the reign of Hadrian (A.D. 117-138) and was probably struck at Bostra, which at first issued coins for the entire province with the province name—*APABIA*—on the reverse.<sup>15</sup>

As might be expected in the lower strata, fewer Islamic and more pre-Islamic coins were found in the last two years. Among some observations, one may note the ever increasing number of Nabataean coins, 20 to this date, which may warrant a special study.

An Umayyad *fuls* (no. 291), like no. 21 in the 1968 report, was struck at *Aelia* (Jerusalem). Among the *Mamlūk* coins, two silver *dirhamayn* and a *half-dirham* were found (nos. 296, 298, 301). The mint names on these, as on most other Islamic coins, fall outside the flan.

The 38 coins are catalogued as follows:<sup>16</sup>

- Ptolemaic*
269. (2050—D.3:93, a very sandy, gravelly soil layer.) Ptolemy III, 246-221 B.C.  
Obv. Head of Zeus Ammon r.  
Rev. Two eagles on thunderbolts, facing l.; inscr. l.: [ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥΤΡ]; obliterated [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ]; between legs of eagle on l.: Θ; border of dots.

- Maccabean*
270. (1730—C.5:66, hard light brown soil with plaster shreds and ash pockets.) Uncertain.  
Obv. Obliterated.  
Rev. Traces of two cornucopias.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. xvii-xliv, 14-44.

<sup>16</sup> Some discernible marks made the following identifications of very poor coins possible: no. 302 (2105, C.5:81) is Late Roman, similar perhaps to no. 16 in the 1968 report; no. 303 (2057, D.4:62) is Umayyad, owing to some traces of the Moslem profession of faith in *Ku'uf*; nos. 304-305 (1711, A.9:10 and 2039, G.9:3) are Byzantine *follets* showing traces of large M; no. 306 (1733, C.3:59) is worn beyond recognition.

*Phoenician*

271. (1768-B-4-211, blackish-brown, thick clay layer.) TYRE, A.D. 64-109.<sup>25</sup>  
 Obv. Similar to no. 1 in the 1968 report.  
 Rev. Palm tree with two bunches of fruit; obliterated inscr. in the field.

*Nabataean*

272. (1947-C-6:15, a double wall connecting Wall 2 and Wall 4.) ARETAS IV, 9 B.C.-A.D. 40.  
 Similar to no. 2 in the 1968 report, but 3d line of rev. inscr. off the flan.  
 273. (1739-D-3:67, hard surface of *huwwar*)  
 Similar to the preceding, but rev. inscr. obliterated.  
 274. (1805-D-3:80, predominantly brown soil layer in the eastern third of the square [NS])  
 Similar to the preceding, but 3d line of rev. inscr. off the flan.  
 275. (1740-D-3:57c, 2d uncontaminated layer in Locus 57, cistern.)  
 Obv. Bust of Aretas Philopatris r., laureate, with long hair; border of dots.  
 Rev. Two crossed cornucopias; one or two unrecognizable letters between them.  
 276. (2101-G-10:14, brown soil, loose on top, firmer toward bottom.)  
 Rabbat II, A.D. 71-106.  
 Obv. Busts of Rabbat and Gamlat (his sister and queen) r.  
 Rev. Similar to no. 3 in the 1968 report.

*Provincial Roman*

277. (1767-D-3:78, soil layer semi-arbitrarily separated from Locus 71.)  
 Judaea: Pontius Pilate, A.D. 30-32.  
 Similar to no. 5 in the 1968 report, but obv. inscr. and rev. obliterated.  
 278. (1743-D-4:41, some *huwwar* rocks, fairly loose, with loose brown soil sloping to W balk.) Arabia; Hadrian, A.D. 117-138.  
 Obv. Bust of Hadrian r., laureate, undraped; around: [AVTOKPAT KAICAP T]PAIANOC ADPIANOC C; border of dots.  
 Rev. Bust of Arabia r., wearing turreted crown and flowing mantle; each arm holding a small seated figure of a child; in exergue: APABIA; traces of border.  
 279. (1713-D-3:44, clearing debris of winter erosion.) Aelia Capitolina; joint principate of Antonius Pius and Marcus Aurelius, A.D. 146-161.  
 Obv. Bust of Pius (138-161) r., bearded, laureate, and draped; obliterated inscr. around.  
 Rev. Bust of Aurelius (161-180) r., bearded and draped; around: AVRELIO CAES AVG; in exergue: CA[IC] (Colonia Aelia Capitolina).<sup>26</sup>

<sup>25</sup>HILL, *Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Phoenicia* (London, 1910), pp. 238-259.

<sup>26</sup>Cf. HILL, *Palestine*, p. 88, nos. 34, 35.

280. (2104-B-1:13, variegated brown-black soil covered by a *huwwar* surface of varying thickness, extending over the square.) Esbus (Heshbon); Elagabalus, A.D. 218-222.  
 Similar to no. 249 in the 1973 report, but in extremely poor condition. With the exception of part of the rev. (exergue: [ECB]OVQ), inscr. is obliterated.

*Late Roman*

281. (1710-C-5, bulk trim.) Gallienus, A.D. 267.<sup>27</sup>  
 Obv. Bust of Gallienus (253-268) r., radiate and draped; around: [GALLIENVS] . . . ]; border of dots.  
 Rev. Mercury standing l., holding purse and caduceus; around: FIDES A[VG]; in exergue: PXXV (Tribunian year [A.D. 267]).  
 282. (1702-A-7:97, hard packed, light brown, gravelly soil on which mosaic foundation, Loc. 94-96, was set and into which *tabun* foundation pit was cut.) Maximian, A.D. 296-305.  
 Obv. Bust of Maximian r., radiate and draped; around: IMP C M AV MAXIMIANV[S . . . ].  
 Rev. Emperor standing r., holding *paragonium*, receiving Victory on globe from Jupiter, standing l., holding scepter; around: CONCONCOR[DIA] MILITVM; in the field: KA (mark of value).<sup>28</sup>  
 283. (1731-G-9:2, hard packed, grayish brown, gravelly soil layer.) Constantine I, A.D. 306-337.  
 Obv. Bust of Constantine I r., laureate and draped; around: IMP C CONSTANTINVS P F AVG.  
 Rev. Three standards; around: S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI.  
 284. (1736-G-5B:31, soil layer W of Wall 15 and running up to it.)  
 Valens, A.D. 364-378.  
 Obv. Bust of Valens r., with pearl diadem and cuirass; around: D N VALEN . . . .  
 Rev. Emperor advancing r. with standard in l. hand and dragging a captive with the r.; around: GLORIA ROMANORVM.  
 285. (2058-G-5F:1, arbitrary soil layer all over the square above rock tumble from reservoir wall.)  
 Similar to the preceding, but inscr. is obliterated.  
 286. (1701-A-5:77, hard packed, light brown, gravelly soil on which mosaic 73 installation was founded, Loc. 74-76, into which foundation pit for *tabun* A.7:73 was dug, extending down to bedrock.) Theodosius I, A.D. 378-395.  
 Obv. Traces of bust, r.  
 Rev. Victory advancing l., dragging a captive; around: [SALV]S REIP[VBI]CAE]; in exergue: SMAN (Antioch).

<sup>27</sup>See Percy H. Webb, *Valerian to Florian*, vol. 5, pt. 1 of *The Roman Imperial Coinage*, ed. by Harold Mattingly et al. (London, 1962), 184-185, no. 607.

<sup>28</sup>Cf. *ibid.*, pt. 2, p. 610, nn. 1, 2.

287. (2059—C.3:53, reddish-brown soil with chunks of *huzwar*.) Uncertain.  
Obv. Bust r., laureate and draped; blundered inscr. around.  
Rev. Sol standing l., radiate head, draped, holding a crown (?); around: SOLI INVICTO [COMITI]; obliterated inscr. in exergue.  
*Byzantine*
288. (2042—A.9:76, hard packed white plaster surface, with red dirt, small stones, and limestone chips. SW corner of square.) *Nummus* of Justinian I, *av.* 527-565.  
Obv. Bust of Justinian I r., with pearl diadem and cuirassed.  
Rev. *Christos*.
289. (1811—D.1:74, reddish brown to almost tan, firmly packed soil.)  
*Follis* of Tiberius II, *av.* 578/1.  
Obv. Bust of Tiberius II (578-82), facing, wearing consular robes and regalia, crown with a cross and two pearls hanging on either side; r. hand holds mappa, l. scepter with eagle surmounted by a cross; around: [OM] TIBCONS. TANTPPAV [I]; border.  
Rev. *Π* (prominent mark of value=40 *nummi*); above: cross; l. segment: ANNO; r. segment: U-II (year 7 from his becoming co-emperor in 574); in exergue: CON (Constantinople).  
*Umayyad*
290. (1737—A.8:1, surface and top soil, rock tumble, across entire square.)  
Obv. Obliterated.  
Rev. Central dot surrounded by a semicircle and three serrate circles.  
Obv. *La ilah illa 'llah/wahdah/ h A'lid*; border.  
Rev. *Muhammad/Rasul/Allah*; border.
291. (1946—C.7:34, medium brown, hard packed soil layer with *huzwar* chunks.)  
Obv. *La ilah illa 'llah/wahdah/ h A'lid*; border.  
Rev. *Muhammad/Rasul/Allah*; border.
292. (2062—C.8:3, light brown subsoil under C.8:2.)  
Obv. Similar to no. 26 in the 1968 report, but no traces of border.  
Rev. Obliterated.
293. (1769—C.6:11, loose, powdery gray soil.) Al-'Aziz 'Uthmān (Egyptian branch), 1193-1198.  
Obv. 'Uthmān/al-Malik al-'Aziz; ornament beneath; border with illegible margin.  
Rev. *suif* (continuation of the last line) /*Bin al-Malik an-Nāsir* (last two consonants downward)/*Yū* (continued as the 1st line); border with illegible margin.
294. (1738—E.4:4, light grayish brown, very loose lens.) Al-'Adil, 1196-1218.  
Obv. . . . /*ad-Dīn/al-Malik al-'Adil*/ . . . ; border of dots; traces of obliterated margin.  
Rev. . . . /*Abū Bakr Bin* . . . / . . . ; border of dots; traces of obliterated margin.

<sup>28</sup> End of the Hamah branch.

295. (2061—C.8:3, light brown sub-soil under C.8:2.) Uncertain.  
Obv. Obliterated.  
Rev. Arabesque within circle.  
*Mamluk* (1250-1517)<sup>28</sup>
296. (1735—A.9:7, fill dirt, sterile, in SW corner of square, with evidence of a doorway in extreme SW corner.) *Dirham* (2.61 gm.) of an-Nāsir Muḥammad, 1293-1294, 1299-1309, 1310-1341.  
Obv. . . . /*Muhammad*/ *Rasul Allah*/ *ʿarṣalahu bi-l-hudā*/ . . .  
Rev. *As-Sulṭān al-Malik/an-Nāsir ad-Dunyā/wa 'd-Dīn Muḥammad* . . .
297. (1741—B.7:10, loose brown soil under Locust 3.)  
Obv. *Allah* (continuation of 2d line) /*wa mā an-nasr* [illa min 'ind] (continued as the 1st line) /*illā ilah illā* [*'llah Muḥammad*] . . . ; traces of border.  
Rev. . . . /*Nāsir ad-Dunyā* [*wa*]/*'d-Dīn Muḥammad Bin Kalāṭān*] . . .
298. (1924—A.9:34, hard packed brown dirt, with charcoal and white granules, SW corner of square.) *Dirham* (3.22 gm.) of An-Nāsir Ḥasan, 1347-51, 1354-61.  
Obv. . . . /*ʿllā ilah illā 'llah* [*Muḥammad*] *Rasul Allah 'arṣalahu bi-l-hudā*.  
Rev. *As-Sulṭān al-Malik/an-Nāsir Nāsir ad-Dunḡā/wa 'd-Dīn Ḥasan* [*Bin*] *al-Malik*].
299. (2063—C.6, balk trim.) Al-Mansūr Ṣalāḥ ad-Dīn Muḥammad, 1361-1363.  
Obv. Obliterated.  
Rev. *As-Sulṭān al-Malik/al-Mansūr Muḥammad*; traces of border.  
(1712—C.6:22, hard packed brown soil with lighter brown clay, some orange soil, some *huzwar* and small stones)  
Similar to no. 41 in the 1968 report.
301. (1960—A.9:34, see no. 298.) *Ḥaḍ-ḍirham* (0.90 gm.). Uncertain.  
Obv. . . . /*illā 'llah Muḥammad*/ . . . *Allah 'arṣalahu*/ . . .  
Rev. *As-Zāhir* . . . / *as-Sulṭān al-Malik*/ . . .

The 1974 coins yielded not only the oldest coin found at Heshbon (no. 278), but also two more specimens from the ancient mints of Transjordan (nos. 278, 280). No new conclusions on the occupational history of Heshbon through the coin evidence are in sight. A final report is planned to follow the excavations scheduled for the summer of 1976.

<sup>28</sup> Bahri Mamlūk (1250-1382), Burdī Mamlūk (1382-1517).