

Coins and the Bible

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Temples

Temples

- Denarius
- Rome, 57 BC
- Obverse:
 - C CONSIDI NONIANI /
S C
 - Draped bust of Venus
Erycina
- Sear 381



Temples

- Reverse:
 - View of the temple of Venus Erycina on rocky prominence with ERVC at base, circuit of city walls with gate in foreground



Temples

- Æ Follis
- Rome, AD 307-310
- Obverse:
 - IMP C MAXENTIVS
PF AVG
 - Laureate head right



Temples

- Reverse:
 - CONSERV VRB
SVAE
 - Roma seated facing in
hexastyle temple,
head left, holding
globe and scepter
 - AQP in exergue



Small Denomination

1/96th Stater

- 1/96th stater
(hemitartemorion)
- Phoenicia / Byblos
(now Jbeil, Lebanon)
- Obverse:
 - Lotus in a circle
- About a third of the
diameter of a dime



In God We Trust

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- Two Cent
- 1864
- United States
- Obverse:
 - IN GOD WE TRUST
 - Shield on wreath and arrows with motto in ribbon above



In God We Trust

- Reverse:
 - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 - 2 CENTS in a wreath



Finds / Hordes

Pristina Hoard

- 10,000+ denarii, military payment for Illyricum army, AD 225
- Worn coins of Nero to pristine Severans
- Found 1979, near Pristina, Yugoslavia
- Left country during Balkan conflict
- World market, 1999



Double Leopard

- Edward III (1341-43)
Double Leopard
(72d), England's first
large gold coin
- Found by metal
detectorist, early 2006
- 3rd example known,
only one in private
hands
- Sold June 30, 2006
by Spink for £460,000



Coenwulf

- Coenwulf (796-821), Kingdom of Mercia (Anglo-Saxon)
- Minted in London, found 40 mi north on east bank of river Ivel
- Sold to the British Museum, early 2006, for \$650,000



Viking Hoard

- 617 coins and other artifacts from 10th century
- Found in Harrowgate, Yorkshire, by David and Andrew Whelan, metal detectorists, Jan 2007
- Declared treasure Thurs, Jul 19, 2007
- Valued at £750,000



Post Rome / Christian Symbols

Cross

- Solidus
- AD 616-625
(Heraclius and son)
- Obverse:
 - dd NN hERACLIYS ET
hERA CONS PP AVG
 - Heraclius and son,
cross in field between



Cross

- Reverse:
 - VICTORIA AVSU
 - Cross potent (cross with crossbar at end of each arm) on base and three steps



Cross

- Obol
- Hungary
- AD 1205-1235
(Andrew II)
- Obverse:
 - Cross, two crescent moons, four stars, and four pellets



Cross

- Reverse:
 - Cross with four pellets in a circle



Cross

- Tank
- Armenia
- AD 1198-1219 (Levon I)
- Obverse:
 - Crowned head of lion facing right
- Levon I pledged support of crusaders in 3rd crusade vs. Saladin



Cross

- Reverse:
 - Patriarchal cross (top bar is INRI – “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews”) with two stars in a circle



Cross

- Denar
- Hungary
- AD 1382-1387 (Maria of Anjou)
- Obverse:
 - Monogram



Cross

- Reverse:
 - Lorraine Cross (similar to Patriarchal Cross)
 - Part of the coat of arms of Lorraine, eastern France
 - Originally a symbol of Joan of Arc



Globus Cruciger

- Billon Trachy
- post AD 1092
- Byzantine Empire



Globus Cruciger

- ...holding globus cruciger (but two crossbars)



Globus Cruciger

- Solidus
- AD 527-565
(Justinian)
- Obverse:
 - D N IVSTINIANVS P P
AVG
 - Helmeted facing bust,
holding globus
cruciger and shield



Globus Cruciger / Angel

- Reverse:
 - VICTORIA AVGGG
 - Angel standing facing, holding P-headed cross and globus cruciger
 - CONOB in exergue



Globus Cruciger

- 20 Kreuzer
- 1787-B
- Austria
- Reverse:
 - Two headed eagle



Christ

- Anonymous follis
- Byzantine Empire
- AD 976-1025 (Basil II)
- Obverse:
 - +EMMANOVHA IX-XC
 - Nimbate bust of Christ holding book of gospels
- SB 1813



Christ

- Reverse:
 - +ihSUS XRISTUS
bASILEU bASILE



Christ

- Grosh
- Bulgaria
- AD 1331-1355 (Ivan Alexander and Mikhail Asen)
- Obverse:
 - Christ standing



Christ

- Reverse:
 - Ivan and Mikhail standing facing, each holding cross, banner on staff between



Saint – Michael

- AD 1505-1509 (Henry VII) Angel (80d)
- Obverse:
 - HENRIC DI GRA REX ANGL Z FR (Henry by the grace of God King of England and France)
 - Winged, armored St. Michael slaying a dragon



Saint – Michael

- Reverse:
 - PER CRUCE TVA
SALVA NOS XPC
RED (By Thy Cross
save us O Christ our
Redeemer)
 - Ship with the Royal
arms in the center and
its cross mast above



Saint - Mark

- Zecchino
- AD 1763-1778
- Venice
- Obverse:
 - ALOY MOCEN
 - Doge of Venice kneeling before St. Mark
- San Marco Plaza
 - Tomb of Mark



Saint – Mark / Christ

- Reverse:
 - SIT T XPE DAT Q TV-
REGIS ISTE DVCA
 - Christ standing in a
starred field



Saint – George

- 1819 (George III)
Crown
- Obverse:
 - GEORGIUS III D G
BRITANNIARUM REX
F D
 - Laureate head right



Saint – George

- Reverse:
 - HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE
 - St. George slaying the dragon



10 Commandments

- Ducat, AD 18th cent.
- German States
- Obverse:
 - DU SOLT DEINEN VATER UND DEINE MUTTER EHREN AUF DAS DIRS WOHL GEHE (Thou shalt honor thy father and mother with good conduct)
 - Two tablets of the 10 Commandments



Calvary

- Reverse:
 - WOLDEM DER FREUDE AN SEINEN KINDERN ERLEBT DAS HILT HERR ZEBAOOTH (Whoever enjoys loving his children holds God's Commandment)
 - Potted trees in the configuration of the Crucifixion at Calvary



Axum

- AD 5th – 7th centuries
- Obverse:
 - BAX A CA
 - Portrait of an unknown king, holding a cross
- Christian kingdom in Ethiopia
- Ark of the Covenant



Axum

- Reverse:
 - Legend translated as “May this please the country”
 - Cross with gold plug (bimetallic)



Crusader

- Denier Tournois
- AD 1287-1308 (Guy II de la Roche)
- Crusader States, Duchy of Athens
- Obverse:
 - GVI DVX ATENES
 - Cross



Crusader

- Reverse:
 - THEBANI CIVIS
 - Castle tournois with pierced mullet below



Crusader - Islamic

- AH 580-597 / AD 1184-1201
- Obverse:
 - "Husam al-Din Malik Diyarbakir" (prince of Diyarbakir, a province in southeastern Anatolia)
 - Sol on left, Jupiter on right – occultation of Jupiter by sun in 1189



Crusader - Islamic

- Reverse:
 - al-malik al-nasir /
Salah al-Din (i.e.
Saladin) / Yusuf / bin
Ayyub /
muhiyyaud'dawlat /
amir al-muminin ("the
prince defender Salah
al-Din Yusuf bin
Ayyub, preserver of
the state, commander
of the faithful")



Communion Token

- Ochiltree (East Ayrshire, Scotland)
- Lead
- Obverse:
 - OK (Ochiltree Kirk [Church]) 1806



Communion Token

- Reverse:
 - C D (Coena Domini - The Lord's Supper)



Communion Wafer Stamp

- Communion wafer stamp
- Lead
- Obverse:
 - H XARIC EIMI (I am Grace/gracious) in reverse



King James

- Sixpence
- AD 1624 (King James)
- Obverse:
 - IACOBVS D G MAG BRIT FRA ET HIB REX (James by the grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland)
 - Bust of James



King James

- Reverse:
 - QUAE DEUS
CONIVNXIT NEMO
SEPARET (What God
hath joined let no man
put asunder)
 - Royal arms



Modern Israel

Germany

- 5 Reichsmark
- 1936-A (Berlin)
- Obverse:
 - Paul von Hindenburg
- Defeated Hitler in Presidential election in 1932, but appointed him Chancellor, Jan 1933
- Zeppelin



Germany

- Reverse:
 - Eagle, swastika in wreath



Palestine

- 100 Mils
- 1933
- British Mandate of Palestine
- Obverse:
 - “Palestine” in Hebrew, English and Arabic
 - Olive sprig



Palestine

- Reverse:
 - Value in Hebrew, English and Arabic



First Coin of Israel

- 1948 25 Mils
- Obverse:
 - “Israel” in Hebrew and Arabic
 - Cluster of grapes



First Coin of Israel

- Reverse:
 - The value “25 mils” in Hebrew and Arabic
 - The date in Hebrew
 - Two stylized olive branches



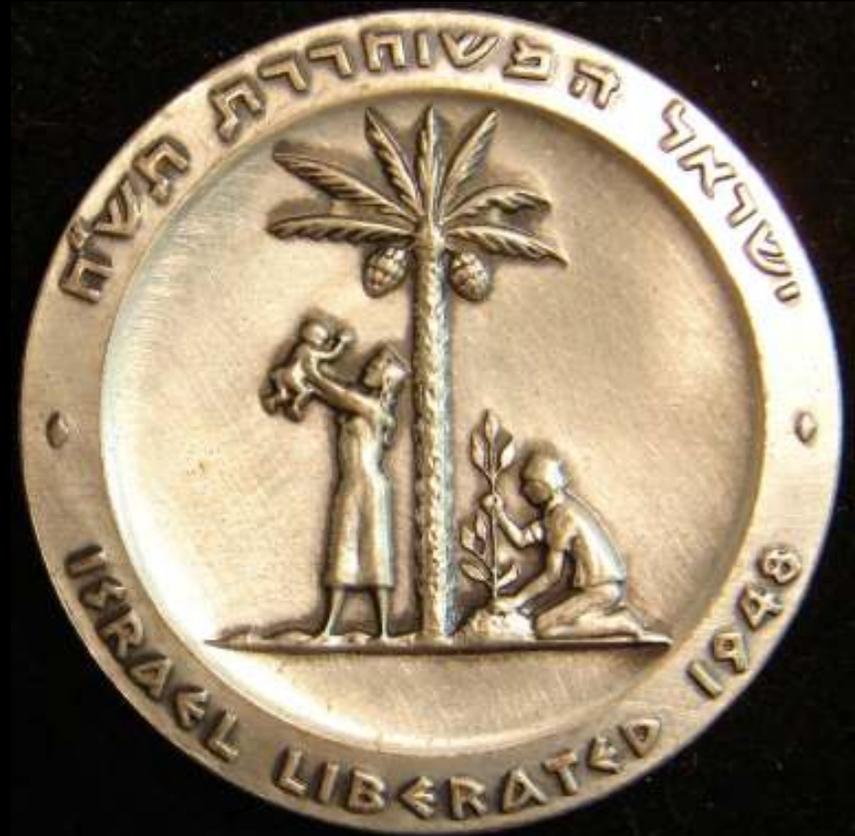
Judea Capta/Free

- Medal
- ca. 1971
- Obverse:
 - JUDEA CAPTIVE 70 C.E.
 - Image of Roman Judea Capta coin



Judea Capta/Free

- Reverse:
 - ISRAEL LIBERATED
1948
 - Woman holding child
by tree



End Times

Mystery Babylon

- Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Mystery Babylon

- Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Europa

- 2 Euro
- 2006
- Greece
- Obverse:
 - 2 Euro
 - Map of Europe



Europa

- Reverse:
 - ΕΥΡΩΠΗ
 - Europa riding a bull



Israel

- 1 New Israel Sheqel
- Obverse:
 - Genesis 11:1-9, in Hebrew, “not all are clearly written, alluding to the state of confusion and lack of communication among the people” – in shape of tower of Babel; city walls below and clouds above



Israel

- Reverse:
 - "Tower of Babel Gen. 11" in Hebrew and English
 - 5762/2002 year of issue



Mother and Child

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- Denar
- 1621 (Gabriel Bethlen)
- Transylvania
- Obverse:
 - Hungarian coat of arms



Mother and Child

- Reverse:
 - Madonna and child



Mother and Child

- Denarius
- Rome, AD 201
- Obverse:
 - IVLIA AVGVSTA
 - Draped bust right
- Sear 6606



Mother and Child

- Reverse
 - SAECVLI FELICITAS
 - Isis standing right, left foot on prow, nursing infant Horus, rudder resting against altar behind

