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Persian Numismatic Finds from Palestine, Collections from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

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Abstract

New archaeological finds, among them collections of coins from different periods were discovered. The coins were unearthed either from systematical archeological surveys and excavations or during rescue operations carried out by the police of tourism against antiquities dealers. The material which is by now accessible for study and research, composed of remarkable collections of Parisian silver coins (imperial and local) found in West Bank and Gaza and dated back to (550-330 BC.). A primary study for these collections have led us to classify them into 7 representative groups according to the minting place: 1. Ancient Lydian, 2. Persian Imperial as well as satrapal coins minted in west and southwest Anatolia, which arrived in Palestine as early as mid-6th century BC. 3. Phoenician coins, Achaemenid satrapy of Phoenicia, 4. Athenian coins (mint of Attica and Athens), 5. Philistian imitation of the Athenian type, and Philistian municipal coins (of Gaza, Ascalon and Asdod), 6. Samaria coins: Achaemenid satrapy of Samaria, 7. Idumean coins. The main goal of the work is to study the coin and produce publications for these new and unknown finds.

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