

[Ancient Coins of Biblical Jerusalem Collecting Guide](#)

Collection of ancient coins of the bible depicting the types that were struck in Jerusalem from the times of the bible



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6ky7J8RTz8>

This guide is designed to teach people a lot more about ancient biblical coins. Some of the coins explored in this guide are those of John Hyrcanus I, Alexander Jannaeus, Herod the Great, Herod Archelaus, Pontius Pilate and the Roman prefects procurators of Judaea area. The best reference work on the subject is [Guide to Biblical Coins by David Hendin](#). This book goes deep in to the subject and history of the many coins of Jerusalem and coins dealing with the Holy Land, including the towns around Jerusalem. This guide would be interesting for people of both the Jewish and the Christian faith, and for those that would like to study historical ancient coins.

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WIDOW's MITE Ancient Biblical Jerusalem John Hyrcanus I Coin Cornucopias i36721

[John Hyrcanus I](#) (Yehohanan) King of Judaea 134-104 B.C.E
Bronze 'Prutah' 15mm (2.13 grams) Jerusalem mint 134-104 B.C.
Reference: Hendin 455
Hebrew (Yehohanan the High Priest and the Council of

the Jews) surrounded by wreath.

2 Cornucopias, pomegranate between horns, border of dots.

* Numismatic Note: Authentic ancient biblical coin, referred to in the Gospels as the Widow's Mite.

WIDOW'S MITE Ancient Biblical Jerusalem Jesus Christ Era Coin Anchor Star i49750

Alexander Jannaeus (Yehonatan) -
Jewish King of the Hosmonean Kingdom 103-76 B.C.E.

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Bronze 'Prutah' 15mm (1.01 grams) mint of Jerusalem
103-76 B.C.

Reference: Hendin 469

Anchor, ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ (of King Alexander).

Star of eight rays surrounded by diadem, (Yehonatan the King).

* Numismatic Note: This type of coin is known to bible history as the "[Widow's Mite](#)".



ALEXANDER JANNAEUS Lily Jewish Biblical Jerusalem Ancient Greek Coin i41565

[Alexander Jannaeus \(Yehonatan\)](#)

King of Judaea 103-76 B.C.

Bronze 'Prutah' 15mm (2.79 grams) Struck in the mint of
Jerusalem

Reference: Hendin 467 (3rd edition); Hendin 1148 (5th
edition)

Lily flanked by paleo-Hebrew (Yehonatan the King), border of dots.
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ (of King Alexander); inverted anchor within circle.

WIDOW'S MITE Ancient Biblical Jerusalem King Alexander Yehonatan Coin i36727

[Alexander Jannaeus](#) (Yehonatan)

King of Judaea 103-76 B.C.

Bronze 'Prutah' 14mm (1.73 grams) Struck in the mint of
Jerusalem

Reference: Hendin 473

Hebrew inscription (Yehonatan the High Priest and the Council of the Jews) surrounded by wreath.

Double cornucopiae adorned with ribbons; pomegranate between horns



Mattathias Antigonus JEWISH KING 40BCE Jerusalem Ancient



Coin Prosperity i16296

Hosmonean King of Judaea

[Mattathias Antigonus \(Mattatayah\)](#), 40 to 37 B.C.E.

Bronze 23mm (14.32 grams) Struck at Jerusalem: 40-37 B.C.

Reference: Hendin 481; AJC I, Group U

Double cornucopia with Hebrew (Mattatayah the high

priest and council of the Jews), around and between horns.

Ivy wreath tied at top with ribbons hanging down, ΒΑCΙΑΕΩC ANTIFONY (of King Antigonus).

Herod I the Great Jesus Christ Birth King Judaea Jerusalem Biblical Coin i44096

Kingdom of Judaea

[Herod I, the Great](#) - King: 40 B.C. - 4 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 14mm (1.29 grams)

Struck circa 40 B.C.- 4 A.D. at the mint of Jerusalem

Reference: Hendin 500 (3rd Edition); Hendin 1188 (5th Edition)

Anchor; ΗΡΩΔ ΒΑCΙ around.



Double cornucopia with caduceus between, dots above.

Herod Archelaus son of the Great Jewish Biblical Jerusalem Ancient Coin i36297

[Herod Archelaus](#) - Ethnarch over Judaea, Samaria and Idumaea: 4 B.C. - 6 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 16mm (1.30 grams) Jerusalem mint: 4 B.C. - 6 A.D.



Reference: Hendin 505; AJC II, 241,6

Bunch of grapes on vine with small leaf on left; above ΗΡΩΔΟΥ (Herod).

Tall helmet with crest and cheek straps, viewed from front, caduceus below left; below, ΕΘΝΑΡΧΟ.

Coponius Jerusalem Biblical Jesus Time 5AD Roman Coin Under Augustus i37900

[Coponius](#) prefect under Augustus 6 - 9 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 17mm (1.41 grams) from the mint of Jerusalem 5/6 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 1328 (5th Edition)

ΚΑΙCΑΡΟC (of Caesar), ear of grain curved to right.



ΛΑς (year 36 = 5/6 A.D.) in fields; eight-branched palm tree bearing two bunches of dates.

The ς sometimes looks like a Γ.



15AD VALERIUS GRATUS Tiberius Livia Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin i45296

Coin of Biblical Jerusalem, Lifetime of Jesus Christ under [Tiberius](#) - Roman Emperor: 14-37 A.D. - by [Valerius Gratus](#), Procurator of Judaea 15-26 possibly 15-18 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 17mm (1.65 grams)

Jerusalem mint, Year 2 of Reign of Tiberius, 15/16 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 1333

IOY ΛΙΑ (Julia - Julia Livia, mother of Tiberius) within wreath.

LB (year 2 = 15/16 A.D.) flank upright palm branch.

* Numismatic Note: This coin with the name Julia is in honor of the mother of Tiberius, Livia, whom was the wife of first Roman emperor Augustus. Tiberius was the adopted son of Augustus, being the son of Livia from her first marriage. Augustus and Livia never had children together.

The Procurators of the province of Judaea under the Romans were [Coponius](#), [Marcus Ambibulus](#), [Valerius Gratus](#), [Antonius Felix](#) and [Porcius Festus](#).

17AD VALERIUS GRATUS Tiberius Livia Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin i45095

Coin of Biblical Jerusalem, Lifetime of Jesus Christ under Tiberius - Roman Emperor: 14-37 A.D. - by [Valerius Gratus](#), Procurator of Judaea 15-26 possibly 15-18 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 16mm (1.82 grams)

Jerusalem mint, circa 15-18 or 15-26 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 1335

IOY ΛΙΑ (Julia) within wreath.



ΛΓ (year 3 = 16/17 A.D.) flank three lilies in bloom.

PONTIUS PILATE Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin JESUS CHRIST Time i36583

[Pontius Pilate](#) - (chiefly known for crucifixion of Jesus) ruled 26-36 A.D.

Procurator of Judaea under Emperor Tiberius, Roman



Emperor: 14-37 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 16mm (2.39 grams)

Struck at the mint of Jerusalem 29 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 648

Three bound ears of barley, the outer two ears droop, surrounded by IOYΛΙΑ KAICAPOC.

Libation ladle (simpulum) surrounded by TIBEPIOY KAICAPOC (of Tiberius Caesar)

and date LIC (Year 16).

* Numismatic Note: Authentic ancient biblical coin, issued by the Roman procurator whom had Jesus Christ crucified. Very rare, unique piece of ancient history.

PONTIUS PILATE Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin JESUS CHRIST Time i36579

[Pontius Pilate](#) - (chiefly known for crucifixion of Jesus) ruled 26-36 A.D.

Procurator of Judaea under Emperor Tiberius, Roman Emperor: 14-37 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 14mm (2.03 grams) Jerusalem 30-31 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 1342.

Lituus, surrounded by TIBEPIOY KAICAPOC.

Date LIZ (= year 18 = 31 C.E.) within wreath.

* Numismatic Note: Authentic ancient biblical coin, issued by the Roman procurator whom had Jesus Christ crucified. Very rare, unique piece of ancient history.



Agrippa I King of Judaea 41AD Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin i36590

[Agrippa I - King of Judaea: 37-44 A.D.](#)

Bronze 'Prutah' 18mm (3.42 grams)

Struck in the Jerusalem mint Year 6, 41/42 A.D. during the time of Emperor Claudius

Reference: Hendin 553

3 ears of barley. (Symbol of fertility of the land.)

Umbrella-like canopy with fringes, Greek legend "of King Agrippa". (The Umbrella like canopy is attributed as being a symbol of power.)

Britannicus & Nero 54AD Jerusalem Roman Coin of Claudius Antonius Felix i44947

[Antonius Felix](#) prefect under Claudius 52-60 A.D.

Bronze Prutah 17mm (1.86 grams) from the mint of Jerusalem 54 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 1348 (5th Edition)

NEPW KAAV KAICAP (Nero Claudius Caesar - son of



Claudius); two oblong shields and spears crossed.

BPIT (Britannicus - younger son of Claudius) above; ΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ (year 14 of Caesar = 54 A.D.) in fields; six-branched palm tree bearing two bunches of dates.

* Numismatic Note: This is a rare type bearing the name of Britannicus, son of Claudius. Nero also has his name on it. Nero was the adopted son of Claudius by his marriage to Agrippina Jr. Rare and desirable type.



Porcius Festus Jerusalem Nero Ancient Greek / Roman Coin Palm branch i36709

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Procurator [Porcius Festus](#) under Roman Emperor Nero
Bronze 'Prutah' 16mm (2.45 grams)
of the Jerusalem mint 58 A.D.
Reference: Hendin 653
Obverse: Greek letters NEP WNO C (Nero) in wreath

tied at the bottom with an X.

Reverse: Greek letters KAICAPOC (Caesar) and date LE (year 5 = 58/59 A.D.), palm branch.

Jewish Freedom War with Romans Ancient JERUSALEM Coin YEAR3 Amphora Leaf i36695

[First Jewish-Roman War "Great Revolt"](#)

Bronze Prutah 18mm (2.58 grams)

Year II of the Jewish War Jerusalem mint: 67-68 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 661

Amphora with broad rim and two handles; around

Hebrew inscription for Year 2.

Vine leaf on a branch and the Hebrew inscription: 'The Freedom of Zion'.



* Reference: You are bidding on an authentic coin struck by the Jews revolting in Jerusalem, which led to the sacking and destruction of the Second Temple.



Jewish Freedom War with Romans Ancient JERUSALEM Coin YEAR3 Amphora Leaf i36596

[First Jewish-Roman War "Great Revolt"](#)

Bronze Prutah 16mm (2.29 grams)

Year III of the Jewish War Jerusalem mint: 69-70 A.D.

Reference: Hendin 664

Amphora with lid and two handles; around Hebrew

inscription for Year 3.

Vine leaf on a branch and the Hebrew inscription: 'The Freedom of Zion'.

* Reference: You are bidding on an authentic coin struck by the Jews revolting in Jerusalem, which led to the sacking

and destruction of the Second Temple. The year III coin is much more rare than the year II, which was possibly struck even within months of the end of the war.

HADRIAN Aelia Capitolina (Jerusalem) Ancient Roman Coin RARE i21770

Hadrian - Roman Emperor: 117-138 A.D. -
Bronze 22mm (9.19 grams) of [Aelia Capitolina](#) circa
130-138 A.D.

Laureate head right.

Tyche seated left, holding phiale & cornucopiae.



* Numismatic Note: This interpretation that this coin is from Aelia Capitolina (Jerusalem) is due to the several letters on the reverse in the field to left which I understand as AEL. The style of this type also has led me to this interpretation. Very rare and highly coveted type.



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