

# [Guide to GOLD Ancient Coins of Greeks Romans and Byzantine Empire](#)

**How-to to put together a collection of beautiful ancient coins**



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**GOLD.** The word in itself connotes opulence, greatness, beauty and power. This guide is designed to teach you about the various different coins possible to collect. What is shown in this video and the article with pictures of the items from the video are ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, medieval and world coins, along with several artifacts of interest, all sharing one thing in common, being made of GOLD! May this guide inspire you, or perhaps just show you the art and history of ancient coins.

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## **The Different types of Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine and World Coins**

This is just a small selection of the vast world of the various ancient and world coins available for sale. The benefit that my patrons have in dealing with me is my vast experience of having worked with over 55,000 items which allows you to leverage my many years experience, along with a large over 14,000 item inventory to select some really interesting and rare numismatic items and antiquities. I guarantee all of my items authentic for a lifetime, and provide them with a professional Certificate of Authenticity with professional research and photographs of the item.

Read on to see the pictures and the descriptions of the different coins I displayed in the video above.

**Brutus Julius Caesar Roman  
Assassin 44BC Ancient Greek  
Koson GOLD Coin i53480**

Marcus Junius Brutus, Assassin of Julius Caesar  
Gold Propaganda Coin with Obverse of his silver Coin  
from 54 B.C.

with his famous ancestor L. Brutus

Struck under:

Dynast of Thrace: Koson

Gold Stater 20mm (8.40 grams) Struck After 44 B.C.

Reference: RPC 1701; BMC Thrace pg. 208, 2; BMCRR II pg. 474, 48. Superb EF.

ΚΟΣΩΝ, Roman consul accompanied by two lictors; BR monogram to left

Eagle standing left on sceptre, holding wreath.



**Rheskuporis II & Caracalla  
Electrum Gold Alloy 216AD  
Bosporus Greek Coin i53478**

Kingdom of Bosporus

Rheskuporis II - King, circa 211-227 A.D.

Rheskuporis II & Caracalla

Electrum Stater 18mm (7.39 grams) Struck year 513 of

Pontic Era (starting October, 297 B.C.), 216/217 A.D.

Reference: Anohin 633g; MacDonald 556/5; Sear GIC 5482 var.

ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΡΗΣΚΟΥΠΟΡΙΑΔΟΥ, His diademed and draped bust right.

Laureate and draped bust of Roman emperor Caracalla right; date ΠΙΦ below; star in field to right.



**VALENTINIAN I 364AD  
Authentic Ancient Gold Solidus  
Roman Coin CHI-RHO i52152**

Valentinian I - Roman Emperor: 364-375 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 21mm (4.34 grams) Antioch mint: 364-367  
A.D.

Reference: RIC IX 2a

DN. VALENTINIANVS P. F. AVG, Pearl-diademed,  
draped, and cuirassed bust right.

RESTITVTOR REIPVBLICAE, Valentinian standing facing, head right, holding labarum with Chi-Rho banner and  
crowning Victory on globe, ANTIΩ in exergue.



**ARCADIUS 397AD  
Constantinople AV Gold Solidus  
Ancient Roman Gold Coin i52891**

Arcadius - Roman Emperor: 383-408 A.D. -  
Gold Solidus 20mm (4.51 grams) Constantinople mint,  
circa 397-402 A.D.

Reference: RIC 7

D N ARCADIVS P F AVG, Pearl-diademed, helmeted,  
raped and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear and shield.

CONCORDIA AVG G S, Helmeted Constantinopolis enthroned facing, head turned right, holding scepter and Victory  
on globe placing wreath atop head, right foot atop prow, CONOB in exergue.



## **VALENTINIAN III 430AD** **Quality Authentic Ancient Roman** **Solidus GOLD Coin i53482**

Valentinian III - Roman Emperor: 425-455 A.D.  
Gold Solidus 21mm (4.49 grams) Ravenna mint. Struck  
circa AD 430-445

Reference: RIC X 2018-9; Ranieri 96 and 98; Lacam  
11; Depeyrot 17/1; DOCLR 841-3; Biaggi 2349

Pedigree: Triton XIX 680; Triton XVII 817

D N P L VALENTI NIANVS P F AVG, rosette-diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right.

VICTORI A AVGGG, Valentinian standing facing, with left foot set upon serpentine human head, holding long cross  
in right hand, Victory on globe in left; R-V//COMOB.



## **ANASTASIUS I 491AD Authentic** **Ancient Medieval Byzantine** **Solidus GOLD Coin i53476**

Byzantine Empire

Anastasius I - Emperor: April 11, 491 A.D. - July 1,  
518 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 21mm (4.48 grams) Constantinople mint,  
8th officina

Reference: Sear 5; DOC 7h

D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Anastasius facing, head slightly right,  
holding spear over right shoulder and, on left arm, shield decorated with motif of horseman spearing soldier.

VICTORI-A AVGGG, Victory standing left, holding long staff topped by reverted staurogram; star to left;  
H//COMOB.



## **JUSTINIAN I 538AD Gold Solidus** **Ancient Byzantine Coin**

## Constantinople i52896

Byzantine Empire

Justinian I 'The Great' - Emperor: 1 August 527 - 14

November 565 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 20mm (4.41 grams) Constantinople mint,  
538-542 A.D.

Reference: Sear 139

D N IVSTINIANVS P P AVG, Helmeted and cuirassed bust facing, holding globus cruciger and shield decorated with horseman motif.

VICTORIA AVCCC IB / CONOB, Victory standing facing, holding globus cruciger and long staff surmounted by staurogram; star to right.



## TIBERIUS II CONSTANTINE 578AD Quality Ancient Byzantine GOLD Coin CROSS i53481

Byzantine Empire

Tiberius II Constantine - Emperor: 26 September 578 -  
14 August 582 A.D.

Gold Solidus 21mm (4.41 grams) Constantinople mint

Reference: Sear 422

δ M TIB CONSTANT P P AVG, Crowned, draped and  
cuirassed bust facing, holding globus cruciger and shield.

VICTORIA AVGG B / CONOB, Cross potent set upon four steps.



## PHOCAS 602AD Gold Tremissis Constantinople Ancient Byzantine CROSS Coin i52897

Byzantine Empire

Phocas - Emperor: November 23, 602 - October 5, 610  
A.D. -

Gold Tremissis 18mm (1.40 grams) Constantinople  
mint, 602-610 A.D.

Reference: Sear 633. DO 18. MIB 26

∂N FOCAS PCRP AVϸ, diademed, draped and cuirassed  
bust of Phocas right, beardless.

VICTORI FOCAS AVC, cross potent, CONOB below.



## CONSTANS II 641AD Gold Tremissis Constantinople Byzantine CROSS Coin i52903

Byzantine Empire

Constans II - Emperor: September 641-15 July 668 A.D.

Gold Tremissis 17mm (1.44 grams) Constantinople mint

Reference: Sear 984.

d N CONSTANTINVS T P P AV, Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right.  
VICTORIA AVC̄HI / CONOB, Cross potent.



## **CONSTANTINE VII & ROMANUS II 945AD Gold Jesus Christ Bible Byzantine Coin i52898**

Byzantine Empire

Constantine VII, Porphyrogenitus - Emperor: June 6, 913 - November 9, 959 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 20mm (4.37 grams) Constantinople mint, 950-955 A.D.

Reference: DOC 15. Sear 1751

+IhS XPS RCX RC̄NANTĪM, Facing bust of Christ Pantocrator, wearing tunic, himation and a cross nimbus with three pellets in the arms, raising right hand in benediction and holding book of Gospels in his left.

CONSTANT' CC ROMAH' ĀC̄C̄ bR', Crowned facing busts of Constantine VII, bearded and wearing loros on the left, and Romanus II, beardless and wearing chlamys on the right; both holding, between them with their right hands, a long patriarchal cross.



## **Constantine X 1059AD JESUS CHRIST w BIBLE Byzantine Nomisma Gold Coin i52900**

Byzantine Empire

Constantine X - Emperor: December 25, 1059 - May 21, 1067 A.D. -

Scyphate Gold Histamenon Nomisma 27mm (3.80 grams) Constantinople mint

Reference: Sear 1847

+ IhS XIS RCX REGNANTĪM, Christ Pantocrator seated facing on square-backed throne, wearing cruciform nimbus and holding Gospels cradled in left arm.

+ KWN RAC -Λ O ΔOVKAC, Constantine standing facing, wearing crown, saccos, and loros, holding labarum in right hand and globus cruciger in left.



## **MICHAEL VII Ducas 1071AD Gold Nomisma Jesus Christ**

## **Ancient Byzantine Coin i53477**

Byzantine Empire

Michael VII, Ducas - Emperor: October 24, 1071 A.D. - March 24, 1078 A.D. -

Gold Scyphate Histamenon Nomisma 28mm (4.48 grams) Constantinople mint, circa 491-518 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1868 Provenance: NY Sale 2016, 958

Bust of Christ facing, wearing nimbus crown, pallium and colobium, and raising right hand in benediction; in left hand, book of Gospels; to left, IC; to right, XC; double border.

+ MIXAHA RACIA O Δ, Bust facing, bearded, wearing crown and loros, and holding labarum and globe cross; double border.



## **John III Empire of Nicaea 1232AD Jesus Christ Mary Gold Byzantine Coin i52904**

Byzantine Empire - Empire of Nicaea

John III Ducas-Vatatzes - Emperor of Empire of Nicaea:  
15 December 1222 – 3 November 1254 A.D.

Gold Hyperpyron 29mm (4.27 grams) Magnesia mint,  
struck 1232-1254 A.D.

Reference: Sear 2073

Christ Pantokrator seated facing on throne, IC - XC in  
fields above.

John standing facing, holding labarum and akakia, being crowned by the Virgin Mary standing slightly left.



## **MICHAEL VIII Palaeologus 1261AD Gold Hyperpyron Gold Byzantine Coin NICE i52892**

Byzantine Empire

Michael VIII, Palaeologus - Emperor: August 15, 1261  
A.D. - December 11, 1282 A.D. -

Emperor of Nicaea: 1258-1261 A.D.

Gold Hyperpyron 26mm (4.21 grams)

Reference: Sear 2243

Bust of Virgin orans "Theotokos" within city walls of Constantinople with six groups of towers, rising over the walls.  
Michael left, kneeling before seated Christ who holds scroll, supported by St. Michael.



This type was struck in commemoration of the capture of the city of Constantinople from the Latins.

## **ANDRONICUS II and III**

## **Palaeologus Gold Hyperpyron 1325AD Byzantine Coin i52893**

Byzantine Empire

Andronicus II and III, Palaeologus - 1325-1334 A.D. -  
Gold Hyperpyron 25mm (3.49 grams) Constantinople  
mint

Reference: Sear 2461

Half-length figure of the Virgin Mary, orans, within circuit of city walls with four towers, pellet to left of upper tower;  
(lis) - A flanking Virgin.

ΑΝΔΡΩΝΙΚ - ΑΝΔΡΩΝΕ, Christ, nimbate and wearing pallium and colobium, standing facing, crowning Andronicus  
II (on left) and Andronicus III kneeling to either side, each wearing divitision and loros.



## **KIDARITE HUNS India Nomadic 5thCenAD Gold Stater Authentic Ancient Coin i44954**

KIDARITE HUNS

Sri Vinayaditya

circa late 5th Century A.D.

Base Gold Stater 24mm (7.16 grams)

Reference: Gobl MDK 1613; MAC 3656-3660

Pedigree: Ex-Warden Numismatics, LLC with original tag

Highly stylized king standing left holding trident and sacrificing at latar.

"Sri Vinaya" in right field, Ditya in left field.



## **1114AD INDIA Gahadavalas Govindachandra GOLD STATER Medieval Ancient Coin i46288**

India, Gahadavalas

Govindachandra and successors, 1114-1193 A.D.

Pale Gold Stater 20mm (3.95 grams)

Reference: M.494

Four-armed Lakshmi seated cross-legged on lotus on  
obverse side holding a lotus in the upper two hands.

Inscription in Nagari script : 'Shrimad-Govindachandra'.



## **Ancient Roman GOLD THANATOS with Torch Application 1st-2ndCenAD Artifact i53384**

Ancient Roman Gold Application, circa 50-200 A.D.

Measures 2.2 x 1.0 centimeters Weighs 1.30 Grams  
Thanatos leaning left on upside down torch.

Rare authentic ancient Roman artifact.



### **Ancient Roman GOLD EARRINGS 1st-4thCenAD Artifact Jewelry** **Artifact RARE i47785**

Roman Gold Earrings  
circa 1st-4th Century A.D.  
Total weight 4.10 grams  
Diameter, circa 2.1 cm each

Beautiful piece of jewelry from ancient times.

### **Ancient Roman 50AD Cupid** **Kantharos GOLD Plated Silver** **Jewelry Artifact i54010**

Roman Silver Gold Plated Application Turned into  
Jewelry Artifact with Cupids  
Circa 50-150 A.D.  
1.5 x 0.9 centimeters (2.37 grams)



Two cupids stand on top of two children, lifting up a giant kantharos (wine mixing vessel). It is apparent that this was worn in ancient times as a piece of Jewelry. It is interesting because it brings up imagery of Cupid, the son of Venus and the wine drinking symbolism of Bacchus, the Roman equivalent of Dionysus.



**1809 France Emperor  
 NAPOLEON BONAPARTE  
 Quality Antique French Gold Coin  
 i53479**



France  
 Napoleon Bonaparte - Emperor of France:  
 18 May 1804 – 11 April 1814 and 20 March 1815 – 22  
 June 1815  
 1809 A Gold 20 Francs 22mm (6.42 grams) Paris Mint  
 0.900 Gold, approximately 0.1867 troy ounce pure gold  
 Reference: KM 695.1  
 NAPOLEON EMPEREUR., Laureate head of Napoleon Bonaparte right.  
 EMPIRE FRANÇAIS. 1809. A around 20 FRANCS within wreath; rooster in field to left.  
 Edge: (Star) DIEU PROTEGE LA FRANCE

**Brutus - Julius Caesar Roman  
 Assassin 44BC Ancient Greek  
 GOLD Coin NGC MS i53506**



NGC Ancients Certified MS Strike: 5/5 Surface: 5/5  
 Marcus Junius Brutus, Assassin of Julius Caesar  
 Gold Propaganda Coin with Obverse of his silver Coin  
 from 54 B.C.  
 with his famous ancestor L. Brutus  
 Struck under:  
 Dynast of Thrace: Koson  
 Gold Stater 20mm (8.36 Grams) Struck After 44 B.C.  
 Reference: RPC 1701; BMC Thrace pg. 208, 2; BMCRR II pg. 474, 48. Superb EF.  
 ΚΟΣΩΝ, Roman consul accompanied by two lictors; BR monogram to left  
 Eagle standing left on sceptre, holding wreath.

**VALENS 364AD Gold Solidus  
 Authentic Ancient Roman Coin  
 NGC Certified XF i54527**



Valens - Roman Emperor: 364-378 A.D. -  
 Gold Solidus 20mm (3.87 grams) Antioch mint, 5th  
 officina, struck 364-367 A.D.  
 Reference: RIC 2d; Depeyrot 20/2  
 Certification: NGC Ancients XF Strike: 5/5 Surface:  
 2/5 4245994-011  
 D N VALENS PER F AVG, Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Valens right.  
 RESTITVTOR REI PVPLICAE Exe: ANTC, Emperor standing facing, head right, holding labarum with

Christogram and Victory on globe; cross in field to left.

**HONORIUS 393AD Sirmium Mint  
Ancient GOLD Solidus NGC  
Certified Roman Coin i54528**

Honorius - Roman Emperor: 393-423 A.D.  
Gold Solidus 20mm Sirmium mint. Struck 393-395 A.D.

Reference: RIC IX 14d.5; cf. Depeyrot 34/3 (dated 402-408 AD) Rare mint

Certification: NGC Ancients Ch VF 3734326-040

DN HONORIVS PF AVG, pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust right.

VICTORIA AVGGG Z, Honorius standing right, holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive; S-M/COMOB in exergue.



**THEODOSIUS II 424AD  
Thessalonica GOLD Soldius NGC  
Certified MS Roman Coin i54530**

Theodosius II - Roman Emperor: 408-450 A.D.  
Gold Solidus 24mm (4.22 grams) Thessalonica mint, struck 424-430 A.D.

Reference: RIC X, 365. Depeyrot 51/1. Rare

Certification: NGC Ancients MS (Mint State) Strike:

4/5 Surface: 2/5 4245994-007

D N THEODO-SIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted, and cuirassed bust of Theodosius facing, head slightly right, holding spear over left shoulder and shield with horseman motif on right arm.

GLOR ORVI-S TERRAR, Theodosius standing facing, holding labarum in his right hand and globus cruciger in his left; in field to left, star, TESOB in exergue.



**THEODOSIUS II 430AD Gold  
Soldius Ancient Roman Coin NGC  
Certified XF i53831**

Theodosius II - Roman Emperor: 408-450 A.D. -  
Gold Solidus 21mm (4.41 grams) Constantinople mint, 10th officina, circa 430-440 A.D.

Reference: RIC 257; Depeyrot 81/1

NGC Ancients Certified XF Strike: 5/5 Surface: 3/5

D N THEODOSIVS P F AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted, and cuirassed bust facing slightly right, holding spear over shoulder and shield decorated with horseman.

VOT XXX MVLX XXXX, Constantinopolis enthroned left with shield behind, holding cross on globe and sceptre; foot on prow; star in right field; officina I; CONOB in exergue.



**476AD Emperor ZENO Rare Ancient Roman GOLD Solidus Coin NGC Mint State MS i53390**

Zeno - Roman Emperor: 474-475 & 476-491 A.D. - Gold Solidus 21mm (4.47 grams) Struck in Constantinople, 6th officina, second reign, 476-491 A.D.

NGC Ancients MS Strike: 4/5 Surface: 4/5

Reference: RIC 929

D N ZENO PERP AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed facing bust to front, head slightly right, holding spear over right shoulder and shield on left arm.

VICTORI-A AVGGG S, Victory standing left, holding long voided cross decorated with jewels, star in right field, CONOB in exergue.



**ANASTASIUS 491AD Ancient Byzantine GOLD Solidus Coin NGC Certified AU i54532**

Byzantine Empire

Anastasius I - Emperor: April 11, 491 A.D. - July 1, 518 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 20mm (4.47 grams) Constantinople mint, 10th officina

Reference: Sear 3; DOC 3i

Certification: NGC Ancients Ch AU Strike: 4/5 Surface: 3/5 3673999-020

D N ANASTA-SIVS PP AVG, pearl-diademed, helmeted and cuirassed bust of Anastasius facing, head slightly right, holding spear over right shoulder and, on left arm, shield decorated with motif of horseman spearing soldier.

VICTORI-A AVGGG I, Victory standing left, holding long voided cross decorated with jewels, star to right, CONOB in exergue.



**MAURICE TIBERIUS 583AD Constantiple GOLD Byzantine Coin NGC Certified MS i54534**

Byzantine Empire

Maurice Tiberius - Emperor: August 13, 582-November 22, 602 A.D.

Gold Solidus 21mm Constantinople mint, 9th officina, struck circa 583-602 A.D.

Reference: Sear 478. DOC 5i

Certification: NGC Ancients MS 4246224-008

∂N MAVRC Tib P P AVI, pearl-diademed, helmeted, draped, and cuirassed bust of Maurice facing, holding globus cruciger in right hand.



VICTORI-A AVCCC, Angel standing facing, holding long staff terminating in staurogram and globus cruciger; Θ//CONOB.

**PHOCAS 607AD NGC Certified  
AU Ancient Byzantine GOLD  
Solidus Coin w ANGEL i54737**

Byzantine Empire

Phocas - Emperor: November 23, 602 - October 5, 610 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 21mm (4.47 grams) Constantinople mint, struck circa 607-610 A.D.

Reference: DOC 10g; MIB 9; SB 620

Certification: NGC Ancients Ch AU Strike: 5/5 Surface: 5/5 4277578-002

Pedigree: From The Alexander White III Collection

Obverse: crowned, draped and cuirassed bust of Phocas facing, holding globus cruciger. Reverse: VICTORIA AVGu, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, Z//CONOB in exergue.



**PHOCAS 607AD NGC Certified  
AU Ancient Byzantine GOLD  
Solidus Coin w ANGEL i54738**

Byzantine Empire

Phocas - Emperor: November 23, 602 - October 5, 610 A.D. -

Gold Solidus 20mm (4.35 grams) Constantinople mint, struck circa 603-607 A.D.

Reference: DOC 5h; MIBE 7; SB 618

Certification: NGC Ancients Ch AU Strike: 5/5 Surface: 4/5 4277578-001

Pedigree: From The Alexander White III Collection

Obverse: crowned, draped and cuirassed bust of Phocas facing, holding globus cruciger. Reverse: VICTORIA AVGG, angel standing facing, holding staff surmounted by a staurogram, and globus cruciger, H//CONOB in exergue.



**CONSTANS II Pagonatos 646AD  
Gold Solidus Byzantine NGC  
Certified MS Coin i54535**

Byzantine Empire

Constans II, Pagonatos - Emperor: September 641-15 July 668 A.D.

Gold Solidus 19mm (4.47 grams) Constantinople, 8th officina, dated IY 5 (646/7 A.D.)

Reference: Sear 942. DOC 5d. Rare!

Certification: NGC Ancients MS Strike: 4/5 Surface: 4/5 4247225-004



∂ N CONSTAN-TINVS PP AV, crowned and draped bust facing, holding globus cruciger.  
VICTORIA AVGH, cross potent sent on three steps; € (date) in right field; H//CONOB.

## **LEO III & CONSTANTINE V Syracuse Gold Byzantine Coin NGC Certified MS i54536**

Byzantine Empire

Leo III the Isaurian - Byzantine Emperor: March 25,  
717 - June 18, 741 A.D.

with Constantine V, Copronymus - Byzantine Emperor:  
June 18, 741 - September 14, 775 A.D.

Gold Tremissis 13mm (1.16 grams) Syracuse mint, struck circa 735-741 A.D.

Reference: Sear 1528A; DOC 51 VERY RARE!

Certification: NGC Ancients MS Strike: 4/5 Surface: 4/5 3815732-013

∂ LCON P A MÇ, crowned facing bust of Leo, wearing chlamys pinned at right shoulder, holding globus cruciger in right hand and akakia in left.

∂ N CONST-ANTIN, crowned facing bust of Constantine, beardless, wearing chlamys pinned at right shoulder, holding cross potent in right hand and akakia in left, + in right field.



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