Emperor Nero was emperor from 54-68 A.D. Nero is infamous for having watched Rome burn while he fiddled as the story goes. He is also known to Christian biblical historians as someone who persecuted the early Christians, blaming them for the fire in Rome. This guide is designed to show some authentic ancient Roman coins that Nero had along with telling you a little bit of history about them. Towards the end of the video, Ilya Zlobin shares where the emperors ancient coins can be found for sale in his eBay shop, along with some of the best coin and historical books on the subject.

- Click here to see all ancient coins of Nero for sale
- Click here to visit ancient coin shop specializing in Ancient Greek Roman and Byzantine Coins

Additional Resources

Books Mentioned in the Video

- Ancient Coin Collecting III: The Roman World - Politics and Propaganda (No. 3)
- Coinage and History of the Roman Empire: 2 Vol set
- Eric II The Encyclopedia of Roman Imperial Coins
- Greek Imperial Coins and Values, The Local Coinages of the Roman Empire
- Nero, Emperor in revolt

Video Course - Emperors of Rome

- Emperors of Rome - DVD - on Amazon
- The Emperors of Rome Audio CD on Amazon
Nero 68AD Ancient Very rare Silver Roman Coin Jupiter Zeus Cult RARE i28495

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D.
Silver Denarius (19mm, 3.29 gm.), Rome, 68 A.D.
Reference: RIC 69, BMC 80, BN 239, C 123
IMP NERO CAESAR AVG PP - Laureate head of Nero right.
IVPPITER CVSTOS - Jupiter seated left, holding thunderbolt and scepter.

Nero & Statilia Messalina
Bronze 25mm (8.32 grams) of Hypaepa in Lydia 66-68 A.D.
Reference: SGI 666; RPC 2545; B.M.C. 22.111,21
NEPΩΝ MECCAAEI, Laureate head of Nero left facing draped bust of Statilia Messalina right.
VΠA. / IΟΥ. ΓΡ. / ΝΗΓΗΣΙΠΠ / OC, Clutus-statue of Artemis Anaitis facing, wearing long veil.

NERO Arch Chariot & Mars 65AD Lugdunum Ancient Roman Coin Architecture i36665

NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP P P, laureate head left, globe at point of bust.
S C across field, Triumphal arch, hung with wreath across front and left side; above, Nero in facing quadriga escorted on right by Victory holding wreath and palm and on left by Pax holding caduceus and cornucopiae; just below the quadriga on extreme left and right, two small figures of soldiers; on left side of arch in niche, figure of Mars standing facing, holding spear and round shield; ornamental reliefs on the faces and plinths of the arch.

Nero and wife Poppaea 63AD Rare Alexandria Large Ancient Roman Coin i42112

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Nero and Poppaea
Billon Silver Tetradrachm 24mm (11.40 grams) Struck at Alexandria, Egypt Year 10 = 63/64 A.D.
Reference: Milne 217
 đây: ΚΑΛΛ, ΚΑΙΞ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡ AV - radiate head right.
ΠΟΠΠ ΑΙΑ ΣΕΒΑΣΤ, draped bust of Poppaea right, LI to right.

SUMER closes Doors to TEMPLE of JANUS for PEACE 65AD Ancient
Roman Coin i44127

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D.
Bronze As 29mm (9.98 grams) Struck 65 A.D. at the mint of Rome
Reference: RIC I 306; WCN 288
NERO CAESAR AVG GERM IMP, Laureate head right.
PACE P R VBIQ PARTA IANVM CLVSIT / SC, Three-quarter view of the Temple of Janus, window to left and garland hung across double doors to right.

* Numismatic Note: This coin has the Temple of Janus with the doors closed, signifying peace in the Roman empire as that was the only time that the doors of the temple were closed.

NERO 63AD Serapis Alexandria
Egypt Tetradrachm Ancient Silver Roman Coin i46361

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D.
Billon Silver Tetradrachm 25mm (12.31 grams) of Alexandria in Egypt
Year 10 = 63/64 A.D.
Reference: Milne 222; Koln 160; RPC 5274; Sear 5 #2001; Dattari 251
NERΩ ΚΑΛΛ ΚΑΙΞ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡ, radiate head right.
AYTO KPA, draped bust of Serapis right, LI before.

Nero 65AD Seleucis and Pieria
HUGE Silver Ancient Coin
EAGLE i32373

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D.
Silver Tetradrachm 26mm (13.55 grams) Mint of
Dated Year 114 of the Caesarian era; 65/66 A.D.
Reference: McAlee 266; RPC 4191; Prieur 91
NEPΩN KAICAP CEBACTOC, Laureate head left, wearing aegis.
ETOYC . ΔΙP, Eagle standing left on thunderbolt, wings spread; balm-branch before.

NERO 66AD Alexandria Egypt
Tetradrachm Ancient Roman Coin
Galley Ship i43282

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Silver Tetradrachm 23mm (12.52 grams)
Struck at city of Alexandria in Egypt Year 13 = 66/67 A.D
Reference: Köln 184; Dattari 263; Milne 273; Emmett 121
NEΡΩ ΚΛΑΛ ΚΑΙΣ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡ ΑΥ, Radiate bust left, wearing aegis; L ΙΓ (date) left
ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΦΟΡΟΣ, galley under sail to right.

NERO 65AD Sestertius JANUS
TEMPLE Gaming Token Ancient
Roman Coin RARE i25127

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Bronze Sestertius 'Game Token' 34mm (19.84 grams)
Rome mint: 65 A.D.

Reference: C 146. BMC 319. RIC 438. CBN 73
NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP P Laureate head right, with globe at point of bust.
PACE P R TERRA MARIQ PARTA IANVM CLVSIT S – C View of the temple of Janus, door to right, decorated with garland.

* Numismatic Note: This coin has been cut in half practically to turn it into a type of token, likely for gaming. Quality authentic ancient coin with fantastic portrait and the most important parts of the temple visible.

NERO Alexandria Egypt Billon
Silver Tetradrachm ROMA
Ancient Roman Coin i49072
Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Billon Silver Tetradrachm 23mm (12.44 grams)
of Alexandria in Egypt, dated regnal year 5, 58/59 A.D.
Reference: Dattari 249; Geissen 141; RPC I, 5239
NΕΡΩ ΚΑΛΑΥ ΚΑΙΣ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡ ΑΥΤΟ, laureate head right.
PWNM, Roma seated left, holding victory and parazonium; date LE in field to right.

Nero as Apollo 54AD Perinthus
Large Very rare Ancient Roman Coin Lyre i30606

Nero - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -
Bronze 25mm (10.33 grams) of Perinthus in Thrace
circa 54-68 A.D.
Reference: RPC I 1752; Schönert, Perinthos 249-252;
c/m: Howgego 526; Moushmov 4419
NЄΡΩΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, Laureate head right.
ΠΕΡΙΝΘΙΩΝ, Emperor, as Apollo Citharoedus, advancing right, holding lyre.

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.

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 KAAY KAICAP (Nero Claudius Caesar - son of Claudius)
Claudius); two oblong shields and spears crossed.
BPIT (Britannicus - younger son of Claudius) above; LIΔ KAI (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.

CIVIL WARS 68AD Silver Roman Coin after NERO time of VINDEX GALBA i28728

CIVIL WARS. 68-69 A.D. after Nero
Silver Denarius 18mm (3.09 gm) Gallic mint: 68-69 A.D.
Reference: RIC 118; AM 3; BMCRE 61; RSC 359; C Galba 359; BMC 61; Martin 3
FIDES / EXERCITVVM, clasped hands.
CONCORDIA PRAETORIANORVM, Concordia standing left, holding branch and cornucopiae.

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