Session A

Begins at 09:00 PDT on Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ancient Coins

Greek



1. **ATTICA: Athens**, AR tetradrachm (17.18g), 440-404 BC, S-2526, HGC-4/1597, helmeted head of Athena right // owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent to left, , all within incuse square; lovely bold strike, EF $250 - 350



2. **ATTICA: Athens**, AR tetradrachm (17.00g), 440-404 BC, S-2526, HGC-4/1597, helmeted head of Athena right // owl standing right, head facing, olive sprig and crescent to left, , all within incuse square; well-centered bold strike, VF $200 - 300



3. **BACTRIA: Euthydemos I Theos Megas**, ca. 230-195 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.29g), Mint B ('Baktra'), ca. 215-210 BC, Bop-10A, Kritt-B15, SNG ANS-137, diademed head right // Herakles seated left on lion skin draped over rocks, holding club set on right leg, monogram below to right, / , light surface porosity, nicely toned with golden hue, EF-AU $1,000 - 1,500



4. **BACTRIA: Demetrios I**, ca. 200-185 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.58g), Bop-1F, HGC-12/63, diademed and draped bust right, wearing elephant headdress // Herakles standing facing, crowning himself, holding club and lion skin, monogram at his right foot, some surface crystallization and hornsilver, Strike 5/5, Surface 1/5, Fine Style, NGC graded AU $300 - 500



5. **BACTRIA: Demetrios I**, ca. 200-180 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.76g), Bop-1F, HGC-12/63, diademed and draped bust right, wearing elephant headdress // Herakles standing facing, crowning himself, holding club and lion skin, monogram to lower inner left, some porosity, light cleaning marks, Choice VF $600 - 800



6. **BACTRIA: Euthydemos II**, ca. 185-180 BC, AE tetradrachm (16.65g), Bop-1C, diademed and draped bust right // Herakles standing facing, holding wreath in right hand, club and lion's skin in left, some tooling, mainly in the obverse field, excellent portrait of both Euthydemos and Herakles, bold VF $500 - 800



7. **BACTRIA: Euthydemos II**, ca. 185-180 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.89g), Bop-1C, Mitch-113d, SNG ANS-216, diademed and draped bust right // Herakles standing facing, holding wreath in extended right hand, club and lion skin in left arm, monogram to inner left, bold strike on a pair of masterfully engraved dies of great style, light porosity and removal of encrustations, toned, Choice EF $400 - 500



8. **BACTRIA: Apollodotos I**, ca. 180-160 BC, AR drachm (2.46g), Bop-4D, elephant right, monogram below // humped bull right, another monogram below, superb strike! bold AU , *ex Wilfried Pieper Collection* $150 - 200



9. **BACTRIA: Antomichos I Theos**, ca. 180-165 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.17g), Bop-1D, SNG ANS-276, diademed and draped bust right, wearing kausia // Poseidon, laureate, standing facing, holding trident and filleted palm, N within circle to inner right, pleasing bold strike, repair at 12h, spots of delamination on obverse, VF-EF $400 - 600



10. **BACTRIA: Menander I Soter**, 165/55-130 BC, AE diobol (16 chalkoi) (44.13g), Bop-24A, SNG ANS-912, helmeted head of Athena right, // horse prancing right, monogram below, *maharajasa tratarasa mendrasa* in Kharosthi, decent strike, light porosity, VF $250 - 300

This is the largest and heaviest type of the copper coins of Bactria.



11. **BACTRIA: Archebios**, ca. 90-80 BC, AR tetradrachm (9.61g), Bop-4B, Mitch-358, diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right, wearing crested helmet, , // Zeus standing facing, ready to hurl thunderbolt in right hand and holding scepter in left hand, monogram to lower right, *maharajasa dhramikasa jayadharasa, arkhebiyasa* in Kharosthi, struck from worn dies, a lovely example of fine style, EF**, R** $600 - 800



12. **CORINTHIA: Corinth**, AR stater (8.51g), ca. 375-300 BC, Ravel-1021, Pegasi-439, HGC-4/1848, Pegasos flying left, qoppa below // helmeted head of Athena left, with laurel wreath on the helmet, A-[P] below, plow right behind, boldly struck with a hint of golden toning, Strike 5/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded AU $1,500 - 1,700



13. **LUCANIA: Heraclea**, AR stater, ca. 330-280 BC, HNI-1384, van Keuren-84f, head of Athena to right, wearing Corinthian helmet adorned with Skylla hurling a stone, above, K behind // Herakles standing facing, holding club in his right hand, bow and arrow in his left, with the skin of the Nemean lion draped over his left arm, jug in upper left field, to outer left, NGC graded VF $200 - 250



14. **LUCANIA: Heraclea**, AR stater, ca. 281-250 BC, HNI-1385, van Keuren-87, head of Athena to right, wearing Corinthian helmet adorned with Skylla hurling a stone, above, E behind // Herakles standing facing, holding club in his right hand, bow and arrow in his left, with the skin of the Nemean lion draped over his left arm, owl standing right in upper left field, to outer left, pleasing bright surfaces, NGC graded Choice VF $350 - 450



15. **LUCANIA: Metapontum**, AR stater, ca. 330-290 BC, HNI-1582, magistrate Da-, head of Demeter left, wearing wreath of grain ears // barley grain with leaf to left, pitchfork above, below, META to right, pleasing surfaces with light luster, NGC graded EF $250 - 350



16. **LUCANIA: Metapontum**, AR stater, ca. 330-290 BC, HNI-1584, head of Demeter facing slightly right, wearing wreath of grain ears // barley grain with leaf to right, bucranium above, below, META to left, NGC graded VF $300 - 400



17. **LUCANIA: Thurium**, AR distater (nomos) (15.40g), 4th century BC, SNG ANS-971, head of Athena right, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with Skylla // bull butting right, above, fish right in exergue, Strike 3/5, Surface 3/5, NGC graded Fine $300 - 400



18. **LUCANIA: Thurium**, AR distater (nomos) (15.44g), 4th century BC, HNI-1805, Jameson-362 (same dies), Dewing-427 (same dies), head of Athena left, wearing crested Attic helmet decorated with Skylla // bull butting right, pebbles on ground line, [ ] above, fish right in exergue, Strike 3/5, Surface 4/5, **rare** variety, NGC graded Fine**, R** $300 - 400



19. **LESBOS: Mytilene**, ca. 521-478 BC, EL hekte (1/6 stater) (2.55g), Bodenstedt-16, head of ram right, rooster standing left below // incuse head of lion right, bipartite rectangular punch behind, EF $400 - 600



20. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Alexander III 'the Great'**, 336-323 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.23g), Susa, 316-311 BC, Price-3857, posthumous issue under Antigonos I Monopthalmos, AI above monogram under throne, well-struck with high relief, light scuff on obverse, VF $250 - 300



21. **MACEDONIAN KINGDOM: Philip III Arrhidaios**, 323-317 BC, AV stater (8.55g), Abydos, Price-1525, in the name of Alexander III 'the Great', helmeted head of Athena right // Nike standing left, holding wreath and stylis, monogram above pentagram to left, scallop shell below, VF $1,000 - 1,500



22. **PTOLEMAIC: Ptolemy II Philadelphos**, 285-246 BC, AR tetradrachm (13.68g), Sidon, year 30 (256/5 BC), Svoronos-733, SNG Copenhagen-512, CPE-521, diademed head of Ptolemy I right, wearing aegis around neck // eagle with closed wings standing left on thunderbolt, mintmark over to left, (date) to right, lovely bold strike with rich gray toning, Choice VF $150 - 200



23. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos I Soter**, 281-261 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.74g), Aï Khanoum, SC-438.1a, diademed head right // Apollo seated left on omphalos, testing arrow with right hand and resting left hand on grounded bow, monogram to inner left, spot of delamination on obverse, some smoothing, Choice VF $200 - 250



24. **SELEUKID KINGDOM: Antiochos I Soter**, 281-261 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.74g), Aï Khanoum, SC-430.1, diademed head right with idealized features // horned and bridled horse head right, with braided forelock, monogram to left, some porosity, VF**, RR** $800 - 1,000



25. **THRACIAN KINGDOM: Lysimachos**, 305-281 BC, AR tetradrachm (17.09g), Uncertain Mint, Müller—, Thompson—(cf. 213; monogram in exergue), diademed head of deified Alexander right, with horn of Ammon // Athena Nikephoros seated left, spear behind, holding in right hand Nike crowning the king's name, resting left arm on shield decorated with lion's head, monogram to inner left, monogram (unpublished) in exergue, light hornsilver and some porosity, faint scratches, VF**, R** $150 - 200

Roman & Byzantine



26. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: L. Scribonius Libo**, AR denarius (3.88g), Rome, 62 BC, Crawford-416/1a, diademed head of Bonus Eventus right, BON EVENT / LIBO // Puteal Scribonianum (Scribonian wellhead), decorated with garland in the center and a lyre on each side, anvil below, PVTEAL / SCRIBON, crisp strike with gorgeous luster, a fantastic example! Strike 5/5, Surface 3/5, brushed, NGC graded Mint State $400 - 500



27. **ROMAN REPUBLIC: Q. Cassius Longinus**, AR denarius (3.92g), Rome, 55 BC, Crawford-428/1, veiled head of Libertas right, Q CASSIVS / VEST // temple of Vesta, with curule chair inside, urn to left, and voting tablet inscribed AC (Absolvo-Condemno, "absolved-condemned") to right, light gray toning with traces of luster, Strike 4/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded Choice EF $400 - 500



28. **ROMAN IMPERATORIAL PERIOD: Julius Caesar**, AR denarius (3.74g), travelling military mint, 49 BC, Crawford-443/1, Sydenham-1006, elephant advancing right, trampling on horned serpent, CAESAR in exergue // simpulum, aspergillum, securis, and apex, testmark and light scratch on obverse, a couple banker's marks on both sides, toned, Choice VF $400 - 600



29. **ROMAN IMPERATORIAL PERIOD: Mark Antony**, as triumvir, AR denarius (3.63g), travelling military mint, 32-31 BC, Crawford-544/30, praetorian galley right, ANT AVG III VIR R P C // aquila between two signa, LEG XV across lower field, Strike 2/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded AU $350 - 400



30. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Diva Caecilia Paulina**, died 235/6 AD, AR denarius (3.24g), Rome, RIC-1, BMC-135, veiled and draped bust right, DIVA PAVLINA // peacock standing facing with its head left and tail feathers open, CONSECRATIO, well struck with light luster, Strike 5/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded Choice EF $750 - 850



31. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Constantius II**, 337-361 AD, AV solidus (4.55g), Thessalonica, 355-357, S-17552, D N CONSTANTIVS MAX AVGVSTVS; diademed, draped, and cuirassed bust right // GLORIA REI PUBLICAE, enthroned figures of Rome and Constantinopolis, holding shield between, inscribed VOT XXX MVLT XXXX, mintmark TES in exergue; faint graffito in obverse field, choice VF-EF $800 - 1,000



32. **ROMAN EMPIRE: Leo I**, 457-474 AD, AV solidus (4.42g), Constantinople, S-21404, D N LEO PERPET AVG helmeted and cuirassed bust, holding spear & shield // Victoria standing, holding long jewelled cross, star to right, CONOB below, officina , lustrous EF-AU $400 - 500



33. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Justin II**, 565-578, AV solidus (4.29g), Constantinople, SB-345, 3rd officina, cuirassed bust facing, wearing helmet with pendilia, holding Victory on globe in right hand and shield with horseman motif in left // Constantinopolis seated facing, helmeted head right, holding scepter and globus cruciger, VICTORI-A AVGGG , CONOB in exergue, light scratches, EF $300 - 350



34. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Maurice Tiberius**, 582-602, AV solidus (4.43g), Constantinople, S-478, 9th officina, draped and cuirassed bust facing, wearing plumed helmet with pendilia, holding globus cruciger in right hand, o N mAVRC-TIb P P AVG // angel standing facing, holding staurogram-tipped staff and globus cruciger, VICTORI-A AVGG , CONOB in exergue, lightly wavy flan, graffito in reverse margin, traces of original luster, EF-AU $300 - 350



35. **BYZANTINE EMPIRE: Heraclius, with Heraclius Constantine**, 610-641, AV solidus (4.48g), Constantinople, S-741A, 5th officina, facing busts of Heraclius to left and his son Heraclius Constantine to right, both wearing simple crown and chlamys, the former with short beard and the latter beardless, cross above between them // cross potent on 3 steps, N to right (officina E), boldly struck obverse with much original luster, slight weakness on reverse, faint graffito in obverse margin, Choice AU $300 - 350

Gaul & Britain



36. **GAUL: Ambiani**, AV stater (6.31g), ca. mid-1st century BC, D&T-238, cf. van Arsdell-50-1 (Gallo-Belgic E), Gallic Wars type, nearly featureless bulge // large Celticized, disjointed horse right, ornaments around, Strike 3/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded EF $400 - 500



37. **GAUL: Aulerci Eburovices**, EL hemistater (3.23g), 2nd-1st centuries BC, D&T-2401, Celticized head of Apollo left // charioteer driving biga right, pellet-in-rosette to right, boar standing right below, Strike 5/5, Surface 4/5, NGC graded Choice EF $500 - 700



38. **GAUL: Aulerci Eburovices**, EL hemistater (3.19g), 2nd-1st centuries BC, D&T-2401, Celticized head of Apollo left // charioteer driving biga right, pellet-in-rosette to right, boar standing right below, Strike 5/5, Surface 5/5, NGC graded Choice VF $500 - 700



39. **BRITAIN: Regini-Atrebates, Verica**, ca. 10-40 AD, AV stater (5.23g), 25-35 AD, S-121, van Arsdell-520-1 (Atrebatic K), ABC-1193, third coinage, vine leaf, VI-RI across field // rider on horse galloping right, carrying spear and shield, C-O-[M] F ("son of Commius") around, Strike 3/5, Surface 3/5, NGC graded Choice VF $750 - 1,000

Near East



40. **ARMENIA: Tiridates II**, ca. 217-252, AE 25 (6.07g), Kovacs-203, diademed king's bust right, wearing 5-point tiara // king's name in Aramaic (*trdt mlk*), wreathed, VF**, RR**, *ex Jean-Pierre Righetti Collection (with his ticket)* $150 - 200

Tiridates was recognized by the Roman Emperor Macrinus in 217, and expelled by the Sasanian Shahpur I about 252.



41. **ARMENIA: SASANIAN:** AR drachm (2.62g), "MY", year "2", cf. Zeno-109363, early style, choice VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

Type based on the standard drachm of the Sasanian Hormizd IV (579-590), early type with pseudo-mint name and year, struck during the first half of the 7th century, before the replacement of the mint name by the Aramaic word ZWZWN, probably around 650, thereafter struck until late in the 7th century, perhaps as late as 694 or thereabouts.



42. **ARMENIA: SASANIAN:** AR drachm (2.39g), NM, date obscured by strike, cf. Zeno-17577, very late issue, with the Sasanian bust simplified (as on some of the Arab-Armenian drachms), thus likely late 7th century, bold VF**, RRR** $350 - 400.



43. **ARMENIA: SASANIAN:** AR drachm (2.97g), NM, year 6 (frozen), cf. Zeno-17577, probably struck during the second half of the 7th century or slightly later, bold VF**, R** $250 - 350

This type was based on the standard drachm of Hormizd IV (579-590), with the mint name replaced by the denomination ZWZWN, the Aramaic word for the silver drachm, struck throughout much of the 7th century, later adopted by the Umayyads with a name or words added in Arabic (type A-E97).



44. **CARTHAGE:** AE trishekel (23.56g), ca. 220-215 BC, CNP-164, SNG Copenhagen-344, Second Punic War issue, head of Tanit left, wearing wreath of grain ears and earring // horse standing right, palm tree in background, crisp, well-centered strike, glossy dark green patina, VF-EF $200 - 250



45. **CARTHAGE:** AE trishekel (18.00g), ca. 220-215 BC, MAA-84b, SNG Copenhagen-340, Second Punic War issue, head of Tanit left, wearing wreath of grain ears and earring // horse standing right, palm tree in background, Phoenician B to right, VF-EF $200 - 250



46. **PHOENICIA: Tyre**, AR shekel (14.09g), year 6 (121/0 BC), DCA-919, Rouvier-1963, laureate head of Melkart right // eagle standing left on prow, palm frond over right wing, LC (date) above club to left, ZB monogram between legs, light marks in fields, attractive iridescent toning, VF ,
ex Coin Galleries July 1991, Lot 213 $500 - 700



47. **PHOENICIA: Tyre**, AR shekel (14.25g), year 8 (119/8 BC), Rouvier-1972, laureate head of Melkart right // eagle standing left on prow, palm frond over right wing, LH (date) above club to left, M to right, Phoenician B between legs, light surface marks, well-centered strike in fine style, VF ,
ex Ponterio & Associates March 1991, Lot 1338 $500 - 700



48. **PHOENICIA: Tyre**, AR shekel (14.36g), year 35 (92/1 BC), cf. Rouvier-2021, laureate head of Melkart right // eagle standing left on prow, palm frond over right wing, (date) above club to left, M to right, Phoenician A between legs, lightly toned with amber highlights, VF ,
ex Coin Galleries April 1992, Lot 254 $400 - 600



49. **ARABIA: Anonymous**, ca. 1st century BC to 2nd AD, BI tetradrachm (15.65g), cf. Potts-417/437, Mleiha series: head of Herakles, wearing lion-skin headdress // male figure seated on low throne, stylized horse on his extended left arm, palm to right, heavily stylized Aramaic name *ab'el* to right, F-VF**, R** $200 - 300

Persia



50. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-72 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.96g), Seleukeia on the Hedyphon, SE233 (= 80/79 BC), Van't Haaff-7.1.1-4, jugate draped busts left of Kamnaskires, diademed, and Anzaze, wearing stephane, small anchor to right // bearded deity (Belos or Zeus) seated left, holding Nike and scepter, full date below ( ); wonderful strike especially on the obverse, uncommon in this quality!
EF $1,200 - 1,600



51. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires III & Queen Anzaze**, ca. 82-72 BC, AR tetradrachm (16.19g), Seleucia on Hedyphon, Van't Haaff-7.1.1-5, jugate draped busts of Kamnaskires, diademed, and Queen Anzaze, wearing stephane; anchor behind // bearded Zeus/Belos enthroned, holding Nike & scepter, date off or undated; cleaned and moderately polished, VF-EF $400 - 500



52. **ELYMAIS: Kamnaskires V**, ca. 54/3-33/2 BC, AR tetradrachm (15.30g), Seleucia on Hedyphon, Van't Haaff 9.1.1, diademed and draped bust left, star above anchor symbol behind // diademed bust left within four-part legend around, date in exergue, a lovely, well-centered example featuring bold relief portraits on both sides and full Greek legend on the reverse! choice EF $400 - 500



53. **PARTHIAN KINGDOM: Phraatakes**, 2 BC - AD 4, AR tetradrachm (10.73g), Seleukeia on the Tigris, SE310 (= 2 BC), Shore-312, month of Hyperberetaios (= September): king's bust right // king seated on throne, offered diadem by Tyche, with the date above Tyche's extended arm, choice VF $200 - 300



54. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, as King of Persis, 205-224, AR drachm (3.77g), G-1, Alram-657, bearded bust facing, with Parthian tiara // bust of Papak left, also with Parthian tiara, somewhat debased silver (very common for this type), coarse calligraphy, bold strike, gorgeous obverse, bold VF**, R** $800 - 1,000



55. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, as King of Persis, 205-224, BI drachm (3.44g), G-1, Alram-657, Sunrise-691/692, bust of Ardashir facing, wearing Parthian-style tiara // bust of Papak left, also with Parthian tiara, touch of porosity, F-VF**, R** $200 - 250



56. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, as King of Persis, 205-224, AR obol (0.56g), Alram-659, Sunrise-694, bearded bust facing, with Parthian tiara // bust of Papak left, also with Parthian tiara, struck on slightly debased silver as usual for this series, EF $350 - 400

Struck before Ardashir achieved the Sasanian throne, as Ardashir V of Persis.



57. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.02g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps, pellet left & right of the headdress // fire altar, attractive strike, choice VF $250 - 350



58. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir I**, 224-241, AR drachm (4.20g), G-10, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps, pellet in obverse field // fire altar, attractive strike, choice VF $250 - 300



59. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (3.89g), G-23, IIc/1b, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos and earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, a pellet above each, gorgeous bold strike, Choice EF , *ex CNA XII, Lot 418 (1990)* $200 - 250



60. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (3.54g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, no extra symbols, VF-EF $200 - 250



61. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur I**, 241-272, AR drachm (4.21g), G-23, king's bust, wearing tiara headdress with korymbos & earflaps // fire altar guarded by two assistants, taurine on the altar trunk, pleasing VF $200 - 250



62. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran I**, 273-276, AR drachm (4.21g), G-41, king's bust, wearing tight headdress with korymbos & earflaps, double inscription to the left // fire altar with fravahr right of the fire, left attendant with korymbos crown, right attendant with mural crown; some light scratches in obverse field, overall very attractive, VF-EF $300 - 350



63. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran I**, 273-276, AR drachm (3.99g), G-41, king's bust right, wearing radiate crown with korymbos // fire altar guarded by two assistants facing away from the fire (the king left with radiate crown, Mithra right, each holding a long scepter), fravahr on the altar trunk, bold VF $200 - 300



64. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran I**, 273-276, AR obol (0.55g), G-45var, king's bust, wearing radiate crown with korymbos, left legend in 2 lines // fire altar guarded by two similar assistants facing away from the fire, each holding a long scepter, choice VF $240 - 300



65. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran II**, 276-293, AR hemidrachm (1.87g), G-51, type I/1, draped bust right, wearing straight winged crown surmounted by a korymbos // fire-altar flanked by two attendants, the one to left wearing winged crown with korymbos, the one to right wearing mural crown, lovely VF**, RR** $400 - 500

Only one example of the hemidrachm of Varhran II is filed on CoinArchives, sold in New York Auction XXXVII, lot 430.



66. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (4.15g), G-56, busts of the king and the prince, the prince not holding anything, without the queen // fire altar & two attendants, left with korymbos, right with tiara, unusual symbols left & right of the flames, decent strike, EF**, RR** $1,100 - 1,400

It has been suggested that the mysterious symbols by the crown are Pahlavi HWP for "Khoob" ("Goodness"), but that is uncertain.



67. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (3.34g), G-62, type I/2a, bust of king only, wearing lightly winged crown with korymbos // fire altar & two attendants facing outwards, left attendant with korymbos headdress, right with mural headdress, no symbols by the fire; very rare type for this reign, slight porosity, lovely VF**, RR** $250 - 325



68. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran II**, 276-293, AR drachm (3.94g), G-68var, busts of the king, queen, and prince, the prince holding diadem with short ribbons // fire altar & two attendants facing towards the altar (left attendant with korymbos headdress, right with mural headdress), taurine right and fravahr left of the flames, EF $400 - 500



69. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR drachm (3.98g), G-76, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and three floriate branches, with korymbos // fire altar with two attendants, each holding a short sword, fravahr left & taurine right of the flames, VF-EF $300 - 400



70. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Narseh**, 293-303, AR obol (0.70g), G-77, king's bust right, wearing crown with arcades and korymbos // fire altar with 2 attendants facing the altar, each angularly holding a short sword, bold VF**, R** $200 - 300

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71. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AR drachm (4.39g), G-83, king's bust right, wearing winged eagle crown // fire altar & two attendants, two pellets left of the flames, attractive VF-EF $200 - 300



72. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd II**, 303-309, AE tetradrachm (11.73g), G-—, SNS-50, as Hormizd's standard silver drachms: winged bust right // fire altar and two attendants, F-VF**, RRR** $200 - 300

Göbl lists only the related copper with the bust left instead of right (#87). Extremely rare type, with only one example filed on CoinArchives.



73. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur II**, 309-379, AR drachm (3.52g), G-95, king's bust right with mural crown & korymbos, 5 circles above the crown base // fire altar with two elegantly engraved attendants, fravahr left & taurine right of the flames, reverse die-break visible in the upper right, choice VF-EF**, RR** $250 - 300

Likely struck very early in the reign of Shahpur II, stylistically similar to the issues of his predecessor Hormizd II (303-309).



74. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Shahpur II**, 309-379, AR obol (0.63g), G-103var, cf. SNS-A24, standard portrait, with fravahr to right // fire-altar & two attendants, with king's head rising before the fire, bold VF-EF $240 - 300



75. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd I**, 399-420, AR drachm (4.09g), HLYDY, G-146, fine style, with large obverse crescent and legend HLYDY on the trunk of the fire altar, VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200



76. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran V**, 420-438, lead pashiz (2.88g), G-—, SNS-85 (but in lead), king's bust right, crescent and flower to right // fire altar & two attendants, king's head incorporated into the fire altar and the flames, lovely VF**, RRR** $160 - 200



77. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Yazdigerd II**, 438-457, AR drachm (3.96g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), G-165, rare type, with the attendants raising their arms in benediction rather than holding long spears, plus a very rare mint for this reign (none on CoinArchives, none in SNS), EF**, RRR** $400 - 500



78. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Peroz**, 457-484, AR obol (0.50g), ST (Istakhr), G-177, Sunrise-948 (same mint), king's bust right, crown with 2 wings // fire altar & 2 attendants, lovely strike, EF $280 - 350



79. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.10g), AY (Susa), G-178, bold strike, choice VF-EF $200 - 250



80. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (4.04g), AY (Susa), ND, G-179, standard type, king's bust over the flames on the reverse, blank area where the date normally would appear; boldly countermarked fravahr on the obverse margin, interesting example we have not seen before, choice VF**, RR** $160 - 200



81. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Valkash**, 484-488, AR drachm (3.39g), LD (Rayy), G-179, with his name in Pahlavi instead of year to left on the reverse, strong EF**, R** $150 - 200



82. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad I**, 488-497, 499-531, AR drachm (4.08g), year 23, G-185/187, SNS—, CoinArchives—, contemporary local imitation, with the obverse of G-185 (no star right of the king's crown) and the reverse of G-187 (very clearly dated year 23); imitative mint signature at left on reverse (where the date normally is located) and the date in words to the right; bold strike with lovely portrait, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



83. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 497-499, AR drachm (4.07g), AY (Susa), year 2, G-181, king offered a diadem by his son portrayed on the obverse, EF $160 - 200



84. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Zamasp**, 497-499, AR drachm (4.14g), WH (Junday Sabur), year 2, G-181, standard type with king & son, the son holding a wreath, minor crease, overall very attractive, choice VF-EF $200 - 250



85. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Varhran VI**, 590-591, AR drachm (4.02g), WYHC (the Treasury mint), year 1, G-203, standard design, as there is only one type for the brief reign of Varhran VI, nice strike, choice VF**, R** $250 - 350



86. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Vistahm**, 591-597, AR drachm (4.03g), LD (Rayy), year 4, G-205, bold portrait, with long hair instead of the hair-ball, stars flanking crown and triple-tiered object in each of the crescents in the margin, VF-EF**, R** $450 - 600



87. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.16g), LD (Rayy), year 2, G-223, bearded bust right, crown with crescent at left, PYLWC ("Peroz") left of the bust; gorgeous portrait, lovely EF**, R** $600 - 800



88. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Kavad II**, 628, AR drachm (4.17g), AYL (unlocated, probably in the region of Susa), year 2, G-223, bearded bust right, crown with crescent at left, PYLWC ("Peroz") left of the bust; bold portrait, EF**, R** $450 - 600



89. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir III**, 628-630, AR drachm (4.15g), NY (probably Nihawand), year 1, G-225, first series, king's crown without wings, bold portrait, EF-AU $200 - 250



90. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Ardashir III**, 628-630, AR drachm (4.16g), ShY (Shiraz), year 1, G-225, first series, king's crown without wings, EF $180 - 200



91. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd VI**, 631-632, AR drachm (3.91g), WYHC (the Treasury Mint), year 2, G-230, EF $180 - 200



92. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Khusro III**, 631-632, AR drachm (4.10g), WYHC (the Treasury Mint), year 2, G-232, beardless bust; bold strike, VF-EF $200 - 250



93. **SASANIAN KINGDOM: Hormizd VI**, ca. 631-632, AR drachm (4.04g), WYHC (the Treasury Mint), year 2, G-230, bearded bust; bold strike, VF-EF $180 - 200

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94. **ALCHON HUNS: Zabokho**, ca. 450-500, BI drachm (3.69g), G-97, bust right, with elongated skull, with ribbons, neckless, and earrings, trident-like symbol to right // traces of fire altar & attendants, crude VF**, RR** $150 - 200



95. **ALCHON HUNS: Proper Hephthalites:** ca. 475-550, AR drachm (4.00g), G-E25, cf. Zeno-42956 for further information, Sasanian-style bust right, probably derived from Kavad I (484-497, 499-531) with one Sogdian word before // half portrait left, raising a cup (of wine?) with his right hand, his left hand akimbo, Sogdian words in the field, assigned to a theoretical "King of Hyons", choice VF-EF**, RRR** $1,000 - 1,300

An inferior example sold in our Auction 45, Lot 142. This piece is much more attractive.



96. **HEPHTHALITE: Khingila period**, ca. 440-490, AR drachm (3.89g), cf. Göbl-81 for a related example, flat-back bust right, with ribboned headpiece and long earrings, ornate club behind and chakra (wheel) before, crude Brahmi letters above // traces of fire altar and attendants, partial weakness, Choice EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



97. **HEPHTHALITE: Khingila period**, ca. 440-490, AR drachm (3.88g), cf. Göbl-81 for a related example, flat-back bust right, with ribboned headpiece and long earrings, ornate club behind and chakra (wheel) before, crude Brahmi letters above // traces of fire altar and attendants, partial weakness, Choice EF**, RRR** $150 - 200

Unlisted by Göbl, Vondrovec, Mitchener, etc. See Lots 139 & 140 in our Auction 45 for similar examples.



98. **HEPHTHALITE: Anonymous**, 6th century, BI drachm (3.16g), G-288, design imitating the standard type G-174 drachm of the Sasanian Peroz (457-484), with uncertain Bactrian word below, tamgha stamped at obverse 3h; believed to have been struck at Balkh, choice VF**, RR** $150 - 200



99. **HUNNIC TRIBES:** 5th century, AR drachm (3.00g), G-—, actual issuer undetermined; somewhat similar to the Tobazini series, but derived from the image of the Sasanian Varhran V (420-438), VF-EF**, RR** $140 - 180



100. **HUNNIC TRIBES: Uncertain ruler**, 7th century, BI drachm (2.51g), G-296, imitation of the standard drachm of the Sasanian Khusro II, but with Bactrian legend in the margin and uncertain countermark on the obverse; unlike the examples illustrated by Göbl, this piece has an extra outer circle outside the star-and-crescents; some encrustations, mainly on the reverse, crude VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

A similar example was sold in CNG Electronic Auction 208, Lot 180.



101. **HUNNIC TRIBES: Sandan**, ca. 700, AE drachm (2.35g), G-—, Vondrovec-244B, king's bust right, Sasanian style, holding pennant in left hand, Bactrian legend around, including the word read as *chiliarch*, an old Greek military rank // fire altar & two attendants, carefully engraved; pierced, with considerable encrustation, but nonetheless said to be the finest known, crude VF**, RRR**, *ex Leu Numismatik Web Auction 14, Lot 883* $150 - 200



102. **TEGINS OF KHORASAN: Shahi Tegin**, after 700, AR drachm (2.78g), G-208, crowned bust facing slightly right; animal's head on crown // facing bust of Anahita, trilingual (Brahmi, Bactrian and Pahlavi), dated year 77 (possibly in the Post-Yazdigerd era = 728 AD), decent strike, VF $150 - 200



103. **TOBAZINI: Anonymous**, ca. 420-475, AR drachm (3.94g), Vondrovec-32A, imitating a drachm of the Sasanian Varhran IV (388-399), Bactrian legend and tamgha to right on the obverse, with the same tamgha four times attached to the reverse border; struck in the region north of the Hindu Kush, bold strike, lovely VF-EF $150 - 200



104. **TOBAZINI: Anonymous**, ca. 420-475, AR drachm (3.75g), Vondrovec-32A, imitating a drachm of the Sasanian Varhran IV (388-399), Bactrian legend and tamgha to right on the obverse, with the same tamgha four times attached to the reverse border; struck in the region north of the Hindu Kush, decent strike, lovely VF $140 - 180



105. **YABGHUS OF TOKHARISTAN:** AR drachm (3.94g), LHW (al-Rakhkhaj), G-265A, cf. Zeno-207495, winged bust right derived from the Sasanian Vistahm (591-596), but with bull's head atop the crown // fire altar & two attendants, mint name in standard location, Pahlavi DS to left, EF $150 - 200



106. **YABGHUS OF TOKHARISTAN:** AR drachm (4.09g), uncertain mint, G-265A, cf. Zeno-233970, winged bust right derived from Sasanain Vistahm (591-596) but with bull's head atop the crown // fire altar & two attendants, undeciphered mint name in standard location, year that seems to be 11 to left, EF $150 - 200



107. **YABGHUS OF TOKHARISTAN:** AR drachm (3.82g), uncertain mint, G-295-var, cf. Zeno-97788, local imitation of Khusro I (ruled 531-579) with tamgha added in ObQ4, copying the mint name ML (Marw) and year 37; lovely example, nearly EF**, RR** $150 - 200



108. **BUKHARA: Hyrkod**, 1st-2nd century, AR obol (0.79g), Zeno-20186, bust right, with wispy beard // horse protome right, imitative legends on both sides, finest style, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



109. **BUKHARA: Hyrkod**, 1st-2nd century, AR hemidrachm (2.06g), Zeno-141161, bust right, with wispy beard, his name in Greek to left // standing deity, holding long spear, partially legible Greek legends on both sides, finest style, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



110. **BUKHARA: Ramchitak**, late 7th century, AE cash (1.97g), Smirnova-1392, Zeno-121664, square hole cash, ruler's name in Sogdian // tamgha of Bukhara, lovely example! VF-EF $150 - 200



111. **CHACH: Anonymous**, 4th/6th century, AE cash (3.59g), S&K-1.1, royal bust left, with wild hair and wispy beard // Chach tamgha, surrounded by Sogdian legend, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



112. **KHUJANDA: Anonymous**, ca. 730-770, AE cash, Khujanda, cf. Zeno-40182 for discussion and identification, Arabic legends *kujanda* on obverse, *ja'iz* on reverse, cast, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



113. **PAYKEND: Anonymous**, ca. 640-710, AE cash (1.78g), Zeno-20199, Bukhara tamgha at top, Chinese yuan below, and Sogdian text to left & right // cross left & right of the central hole, choice VF**, RR** $150 - 200

Alexandr Naymark has read the Sogdian text as PRN / KND, "city of glory", and suggested that this was a local issue under a Christian ruler, in opposition to the kings of Bukhara (see Zeno-30858 for this explanation).



114. **PENDJIKENT: Amukyan**, ca. 700, AE cash (4.75g), Smirnova-735 ff, Zeno-297809, Sogdian legend // tamghas of Pendjikent and Panch, which was a local region near Pendjikent, with solid center, much rarer than the central square hole type, F-VF**, RRR** $180 - 240



115. **SAMARKAND: Wuzurg**, ca. 645-650, AE cash (4.62g), Smirnova-48 ff, cf. Zeno-6875, Sogdian text, with MLKA at the top, ruler's name above // Samarkand & local tamghas, superb quality, VF-EF $150 - 200



116. **SAMARKAND: Mastich Unash**, ca. 698-700, AE cash (3.97g), Smirnova-168 ff, ruler's name & MLKA in Sogdian // Samarkand & local tamghas, very rare ruler, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



117. **SAYRAM: Anonymous**, 8th century, AE cash (1.29g), Zeno-284238, anonymous Tutuk type, sometimes assigned to a generic Alp Khagan, which means "heroic king", uniface, VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200



118. **SEMIRECH'E: "KYTB" type**, 7th/8th century, AE cash (10.13g), cf. Zeno-215280, Tang Dynasty *kay yuan tong bao* both sides, "double-thick", excellent quality for this type, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



119. **SEMIRECH'E: Inal-Tegin**, mid-8th century, AE cash (3.83g), Kam-34, Zeno-123063, name of ruler in distorted Sogdian script // 2 Runic-style tamghas and Turgesh tamgha, plus Sogdian word *prn*, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



120. **SEMIRECH'E: Tukhus series: Oghitmish**, 8th century, AE fractional cash (0.78g), cf. Zeno-130782 for the general type, with only the name of Oghitmish and the Tukhus tamgha, uniface and without the central hole, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

A similar piece sold in our Auction 44, Lot 1787.



121. **SEMIRECH'E: Turgesh series**, 8th century, AE cash (5.51g), Kamyshev-23, Smirnova-1588, Zeno-287783, standard Semirech'e tamgha with one Runic-style tamgha and Sogdian PRN on the reverse, lovely VF**, RR** $150 - 200



122. **VARDANZI: Anonymous**, 7th century, AE cash (1.03g), Zeno-215284, lion left // Nestorian cross, both sides within border of pellets, nice strike, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

Vardanzi was a region near Bukhara, also called Vardana in the numismatic literature. The coin type suggests that there was a significant Christian population at the time.



123. **CENTRAL ASIA: Anonymous, Early series**, ca. 5th-10th century, AV burial piece (0.17g), bracteate burial piece imitating a gold dinar reverse of the Kushan rulers Kanishka I or Huvishka with the deity Ardoksho, her name rather clearly engraved in coarse Kushano-Bactrian script; one of the loveliest examples we have seen of a burial piece, choice EF**, RRR** $500 - 600



124. **CENTRAL ASIA: Anonymous, Early series**, ca. 5th-10th century, AV burial piece (0.36g), bracteate burial piece imitating the obverse of a gold dinar of the Kushan ruler Huvishka holding mace and spear, with an imitative Kushano-Bactrian legend; one of the loveliest examples we have seen of a burial piece; pierced twice for attachment to the burial cloths, EF**, RRR** $400 - 500



125. **CENTRAL ASIA: Anonymous, Early series**, ca. 6th-10th century, AV burial piece (0.22g), bracteate burial piece showing the facing upper bust of an uncertain deity, possibly of Indian origin, crowned and holding his or her hands in the position of respect; superb example, choice EF**, RRR** $300 - 400



126. **CENTRAL ASIA: Anonymous, Early series**, ca. 6th-10th century, AV burial piece (0.21g), bracteate burial piece showing the facing upper bust of an uncertain deity, possibly of Indian origin, crowned and holding his or her hands in the position of respect; superb example, choice EF**, RRR** $300 - 400

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127. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-668, AR drachm (3.99g), SK (Sijistan), YE20 (frozen date), A-1, Malek-946 ff, first Islamic coin, distinguished from the last regular Sasanian issue of the same year by the addition of Arabic *bism Allah* in the second obverse quarter, struck for close to 15 years without change of date, bold VF-EF $180 - 240



128. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-668, AR drachm (3.52g), SK (Sijistan), YE20 (frozen date), A-1, Malek-946 ff, first Islamic coin, distinguished from the last regular Sasanian issue of the same year by the addition of Arabic *bism Allah* in the second obverse quarter, struck for close to 15 years without change of date, lovely VF+ $160 - 200



129. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-668, AR drachm (3.92g), SK (Sijistan), YE20 (frozen date), A-1, first Islamic coin, distinguished from the last regular Sasanian issue of the same regnal year of Yazdigerd III by the addition of Arabic *bism Allah* in ObQ2, bold VF $150 - 200



130. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-660, AR drachm (4.03g), BN, YE20, A-2, with Arabic *jayyid* (“good”) instead of *bism Allah* in the 2nd quadrant of the obverse margin, EF**, RR** $400 - 500

Mint location undetermined, though the city of Bamm in eastern Kirman province has been suggested.



131. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Yazdigerd type**, 652-660, AR drachm (2.83g), MY (Maysan), year YE20, A-2, Malek-884, with Arabic *jayyid* ("good") in ObQ1, broken into two parts and glued back together, VF**, RRR** $200 - 250



132. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (3.71g), ML (Marw), YE25, A-4, Malek—, early spelling, before the signature was changed to MLW in AH62, appealing VF-EF**, RRR** $200 - 300

Malek refers to just one confirmed example, in the Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris).



133. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (4.02g), AHM (Hamadan), YE26, A-4, Malek-4, bold strike, lovely, VF-EF $150 - 200



134. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (4:00g), MY (Maysân), YE29, A-4, Malek—, Malek refers only to a non-illustrated specimen for the date and type, VF-EF**, RRR** $180 - 240



135. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (4.00g), NY (probably Nihawand), YE30, A-4, Malek-925, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



136. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (3.21g), PL, YE35, A-4, PL mint unlocated, but perhaps Furat in southern Iraq, VF-EF**, R** $200 - 250



137. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 653-670, AR drachm (4.03g), AW (Ahwaz), YE37, A-4, Malek—, unpublished date (Malek lists only YE25, 26, 29, 30, 33, and 34 for this type), EF**, RR** $150 - 200



138. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 666-670, AR drachm (3.58g), LD (Rayy), year 27, A-5, Malek—, with *rabbi* in ObQ3, thus an issue of Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan as struck AH47-50, but dated in uncertain calendar, unpublished, choice EF**, RRR** $200 - 300

Malek cited only year 26 of this type, which he calls "doubtful"; this piece confirms the existence of this type, thus the only piece of this type of any date. Rayy (LD) is a rare mint for all Arab-Sasanian coins (common for purely Sasanian).



139. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khusraw type**, ca. 666-670, AR drachm (3.84g), MY (Maysân), AH48, A-5, Malek-891 (but without the countermark), issues of this type dated AH47-50 are now regarded as anonymous issues of Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan; pellet before the mint signature, EF**, R** $150 - 200



140. **ARAB-SASANIAN: 'Abd Allah b. 'Amir**, ca. 661-664, AR drachm (3.65g), BN (Kirman province, possibly Bamm), YE33 (= AH44), A-7, Malek-221, governor cited as just 'Abd Allah, without his patronymic, VF-EF**, RR** $180 - 220



141. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Amir**, ca. 661-664, AR drachm (4.02g), DA (Darabjird), AH43 (frozen), A-7, Malek-381, citing the ruler without his patronymic, bold strike, EF**, R** $150 - 200



142. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Amir**, ca. 661-664, AR drachm (3.98g), DP (Fasâ), AH43 (frozen), A-7, Malek—, without the patronymic, pellet at 3:30 in the reverse margin (Malek 515/517 have the pellet at different locations in the reverse margin), lovely VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200



143. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (4.03g), NHL (probably Nahr Tira), AH53, A-8, Malek-919 (same dies), very rare mint in Khuzestan province, recorded only for issues of Ziyad dated AH52-53 (not to be confused with relatively common mint NAL near Kirman), EF**, RRR** $200 - 300



144. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (3.87g), DA (Darabjird), AH43 (frozen), A-8, Malek-393, extremely rare variety with the patronymic **above** the name *ziyad*, lovely VF-EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



145. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (4.07g), NY (probably Nihawand), AH51, A-8, Malek-—, unpublished date (Malek lists only AH52, 53, and 54 for this type, his #930-932), EF**, RRR** $200 - 250



146. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (4.09g), APLSh (Abarshahr), AH53, A-8, Malek-29, triplet of pellets in reverse margin; very rare mint for this ruler, mint later called Nishapur, EF**, RR** $180 - 220



147. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Ziyad b. Abi Sufyan**, 665-673, AR drachm (4.05g), YZ (Yazd), AH53, A-8, Malek-1308var, as Malek-1308, but group of 3 pellets added after *bism Allah*, strong EF**, R** $150 - 200



148. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hakam b. Abi’l-’As**, ca. 674-677, AR drachm (3.96g), PYL, AH56, A-11, Malek-944/45, with the phrase *bism Allah rabb al-hukm* in ObQ1/Q2, EF**, RR** $500 - 600

PYL is likely the first three letters of the word Peroz, “victorious”, and refers to the principal city, namely Kirman. PYL is cited only on drachms of al-Hakam, which never have KLMAN for “Kirman”, and PYL never occurs as a suffix to KLMAN for any Arab-Sasanian drachms.



149. **ARAB-SASANIAN: al-Hakam b. Abi’l-’As**, ca. 674-677, AR drachm (4.11g), NAL (Narmashir), AH58, A-11, cf. Malek-918 (with the word “bism”), with the phrase *Allah rabb al-hukm* in ObQ2, unpublished variety, without *bism* before the phrase in ObQ2, EF**, RRR** $500 - 600

An inferior clipped-down specimen of this type, also without “bism”, was sold in ICA Auction 20, Lot 24 (mint name misread as NHR).



150. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.12g), ART (Ardashir Khurra), year 25 (sic), A-12, Malek—, correct style for ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad whose drachms of ART are known only dated AH58, but with fictitious date of unknown purpose, unpublished, EF**, RRR** $200 - 300



151. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.11g), YZ (Yazd), PYE26 (= AH58), A-12, Malek—; Walker-B.18, the reason for the sudden use of the Post-Yazdigerd era at Yazd is not known, choice EF**, RR** $180 - 240



152. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.97g), DSh (Dasht Maysan), AH60, A-12, generally as Malek-533, bold strike, choice EF $150 - 200



153. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.78g), SYWK (unknown location), AH60, A-12, Malek—; SICA-1:387, pair of pellets at 0:30 in reverse margin, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



154. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.98g), SYW (unknown location), AH60, A-12, Malek-1221/22, SYW and SYWK are almost certainly the same mint, perhaps abbreviated forms of SYWKAN, which is also unlocated, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



155. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.00g), SYW (unknown location), AH60, A-12, Malek-1221/22, SYW and SYWK are almost certainly the same mint, perhaps abbreviated forms of SYWKAN, which is also unlocated, EF**, RR** $150 - 200



156. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.79g), BH, AH61, A-12, Malek-209 (listed by Malek as AH60, but clearly 61 in his illustration), unidentified mint, but the similarity to the BCLA (al-Basra) drachms of AH61 suggests a mint in either southern Iraq or Khuzestan province, EF-AU**, RR** $200 - 300



157. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.03g), BH, AH61, A-12, Malek-209 (listed by Malek as AH60, but clearly 61 in his illustration), unidentified mint, but the similarity to the BCLA (al-Basra) drachms of AH61 suggests that it should be a mint somewhere in either southern Iraq or Khuzestan province, EF-AU**, RR** $200 - 300



158. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.12g), YZ (Yazd), YE50 (= AH61/62), A-12, Malek-1314/15, the reason for the sudden use of the Yazdigerd era at Yazd is not known, choice EF**, R** $150 - 200



159. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.16g), BBA (the Court Mint), AH62, A-12, Malek-141, EF**, R** $150 - 200



160. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.90g), BBA (the Court Mint), AH62, A-12, Malek-141, the date digit “2" rather stylistically engraved, bold EF**, R** $150 - 200



161. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.04g), DShT (Dasht Maysan), AH62, A-12, Malek-537, gorgeous strike, choice EF**, R** $150 - 200



162. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (3.97g), DShT (Dasht Maysan), AH62, A-12, Malek-537, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200

DSh and DShT are alternative signatures for Dasht Maysan.



163. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad**, 673-683, AR drachm (4.08g), BYSh (Bishapur), year 53, A-12H, Malek-—, ‘Ubayd Allah written as a single line without his patronymic, so far reported normally for Herat Mint, but also for the mints of AKWLA (al-Kufa) and WYHC (Treasury), both probably unique; unpublished and also unique, EF**, RRR** $200 - 300



164. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Salm. b. Ziyad**, ca. 680-685, AR drachm (3.03g), “MLW” (= Marw), AH"70", A-18, contemporary Hunnic imitation, with countermarks Göbl-3 (lion) and two uncertain countermarks (not in Göbl’s chart), VF**, RR** $150 - 200



165. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Khalid b. ‘Abd Allah**, ca. 692-694, AR drachm (3.62g), BCLA (al-Basra), AH73, A-24A, Malek-204, with *muhammad rasul Allah* in ObQ3, pellet after *bism Allah;* extra outer circle added around the reverse, choice EF**, RRR** $2,400 - 3,000

Drachms in the name of Khalid b. ‘Abd Allah with the 4th outer circle were struck only at al-Basra in AH73-74, all extremely rare.



166. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Atiya b. al-Aswad**, fl. 689-696, AR drachm (3.56g), KLMAN-NAT, AH75, A-28, Malek-777/78, with mint signature NAT repeated in ObQ3, rare mint, unlocated somewhere in Kirman Province, VF**, R** $150 - 200



167. **ARAB-SASANIAN: ‘Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad**, 700-703, AR drachm (3.69g), SK (Sijistan), blundered date, A-38A, date based on either AH82 or 83, contemporary or slightly later imitation, perhaps struck in the 720s-730s, VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200



168. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 680-700, AE pashiz (1.48g), NM, ND, A-43B, Gyselen-85var, two Byzantine-style busts facing, each with cross above crown, third cross between, meaningless “legend” above // patriarchal cross above 3 steps (also called Archangels cross), pseudo-legend around, without the two star & crescent symbols in the field, original loop attached, unpublished variety, bold VF**, RRR** $140 - 180



169. **ARAB-SASANIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 715-730, AE pashiz (2.16g), ST (Istakhr), ND, A-C46, Gyselen-26, Sasanian bust left, Pahlavi LWBAK retrograde (“current”) // Arabic first half of the kalima, mint abbreviation ST below, light porosity, VF-EF $250 - 300



170. **TABARISTAN: Datburjmihr**, 731-739, AR hemidrachm, Tabaristan, PYE79, A-51.1, with NYK in Pahlavi at 8h in obverse margin, a lovely example of this rare variety, NGC graded Choice AU**, RRR** $150 - 200



171. **EASTERN SISTAN: 'Uthman**, 770s or 780s, AR drachm (3.72g), SK (Sijistan), ND, A-84D, one of the rarest governors for the Eastern Sistan series, choice VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



172. **ARAB-ARMENIAN: Muhammad**, ca. 700, AR zuzun (drachm) (3.17g), A-F97, standard Arab-Sasanian style, with the name Muhammad in Pahlavi before the bust (MHMT), and the Arabic word *waf* ("full"), with pseudo mint resembling ShY (for Shiraz), pseudo-date illegible, F-VF**, RR**, *ex Leu Numismatik Web Auction 10, Lot 1945* $350 - 450

It has been suggested that Muhammad refers to Muhammad b. Marwan, the brother of the caliph 'Abd al-Malik b. Marwan, who was involved with the Umayyad conquest of Armenia circa 704/705.

An Exceedingly Rare Arab-Armenian Silver Zuzun



173. **ARAB-ARMENIAN: Anonymous**, ca. 690-700, AR zuzun (3.16g), year "6", A-M97, in the name of the Sasanian king Hormizd IV, with the full Shahada filling the obverse margin after the phrase *bism Allah*, and with the denomination ZWZWN, Aramaic for "drachm", instead of a mint name on the standard position on the reverse, superb strike for this type, full EF**, RRRR** $17,000 - 19,000

There are two examples of this type with the full Shahada posted on Zeno, #96964 with the additional phrase "rabbi Allah" added on the reverse margin (sold in M&E Auction 48, Lot 1), and #153562 with "rabbi Allah" instead of ZWZWN at the mint location on the reverse. The full Shahada was introduced to the Arab-Sasanian coinage during the governorship of al-Hajjaj b. Yusuf (694-713), whence it seems likely that this type could not have been introduced before 694, replaced shortly afterwards by the type that replaced the name Hormizd with Muhammad (A-E97) and the Arabic word waf in the obverse margin, introduced circa 700. The prototype was the relatively common Sasanian-Armenian type in the name of Hormizd, usually with year "6" and the phrase ZWZWN in lieu of mint name (e.g., Zeno-17577).



174. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: Anonymous**, after 230 AH, AR drachm (1.23g), A-99, Zeno-124107 (this piece), Afrighid-style bust right, Arabic *jabuya malik al-ghuzziya / mawla amir al-mu'minin* ("Yabghu king of the Oghuz") to right // horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend, Arabic *'abd Allah bin tahir* above the horse's rump (the Tahirid ruler, 828-845), VF**, R** $200 - 280



175. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: Anonymous**, after 230 AH, AR drachm (1.25g), A-99, cf. Zeno-124107, Afrighid-style bust right, Arabic part of *jabuya malik al-ghuzziya / mawla amir al-mu'minin* ("Yabghu king of the Oghuz") to right // horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend around, Arabic *'abd Allah bin tahir* above the horse's rump (the Tahirid ruler, 828-845), lovely portrait, VF**, R** $180 - 240



176. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: Anonymous**, after 230 AH, AR drachm (1.27g), A-99, cf. Zeno-124107, Afrighid-style bust right, Arabic *jabuya malik al-ghuzziya / mawla amir al-mu'minin* ("Yabghu king of the Oghuz") to right // horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend around, Arabic *'abd Allah bin tahir* above the horse's rump (the Tahirid ruler, 828-845), strong portrait. pleasing strike, choice VF**, R** $180 - 240



177. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: Anonymous**, after 230 AH, AR drachm (1.45g), A-99, cf. Zeno-124107, Afrighid-style bust right, Arabic first half of *jabuya malik al-ghuzziya / mawla amir al-mu'minin* ("Yabghu king of the Oghuz") to right // horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend around, Arabic *'abd Allah bin tahir* above the horse's rump (the Tahirid ruler, 828-845), lovely full portrait, VF**, R** $180 - 240



178. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: 'Abd Allah b. Tahir**, ca. 230-245 AH, AR drachm (1.20g), A-100.1var, Zeno—, muling of the obverse of type A-99 with the Afrighid-style bust right and the crude Arabic legend clearly starting with *jabuya* followed by abbreviated *malik* with the reverse of A-100.1, horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend around, Arabic *muhammad* above the horse's rump, decent portrait, about 15% flat strike, unpublished and possibly unique, VF**, RRR** $260 - 350

Muhammad is possibly the son of 'Abd Allah b Tahir, who served in Khorasan before his appointment to the governorship of Baghdad in AH851.



179. **GHUZZ OF SYR DARYA: ‘Abd Allah b. Tahir**, ca. 230-245 AH, AR drachm (1.27g), A-100.2, cf. Zeno-184344, Afrighid-style bust right, citing the Tahirid ruler ‘Abd Allah b. Tahir in Arabic to right // horseman right, pseudo-Choresmian legend around, Arabic *namîj jabuya* above the horse’s rump, lovely portrait, bold strike, choice VF**, R** $180 - 240

“Jabuya” means “Yabghu”, generic term for Central Asian rulers; the meaning of “namij” is unknown.



180. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing emperor**, ca. 650s-670s, AE square fals (5.17g), A-3504, imitating Byzantine follis, probably of Constans (641-668): standing figure holding long cross and globus cruciger, some scattered Greek letters // tall cursive “m”, some Greek letters left & right; peculiar type, unlike any we’ve seen before, attractive patination, VF-EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



181. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Imperial Bust**, ca. 680-692, AE fals (3.57g), Tardus (Antardos), A-3525, mint name in Arabic on obverse & Greek on reverse, Greek (“good”) on obverse, Arabic *tayyib* (“good”) on reverse, overstruck on uncertain host, perhaps Roman, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



182. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (3.27g), Qinnasrin, A-3530, Goodwin-235 (same dies), city name retrograde, lovely patination, VF**, R** $180 - 200



183. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-697, AE fals (2.84g), Tanukh, A-3531, Goodwin-326, average strike; rare mint, VF**, R** $180 - 200



184. **ARAB-BYZANTINE: Standing Caliph**, ca. 692-698, AE fals (3.75g), Ba’albakk, A-3541, Goodwin-168 (probably same dies), citing the caliph ‘Abd al-Malik, star right of the standing figure; nice strike for this rare mint, VF**, RR** $150 - 200

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185. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.30g), NM (Dimashq), AH78, A-125, graffito “X” in reverse field, early style similar to the AH77 dinar, EF $700 - 800



186. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar, NM (Dimashq), AH82, A-125, ANACS graded XF40 $350 - 450

Clear date, so struck under ‘Abd al-Malik, not al-Walid as indicated on the slab.



187. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Dimashq), AH86, A-125, VF-EF $350 - 450



188. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.86g), al-Rayy, AH79, A-126, Klat-394, lovely bold strike, EF**, RRR** $2,200 - 2,800

Extremely rare mint/date combination (2 cited by Klat, 3 more on CoinArchives).



189. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.82g), Sabur, AH79, A-126, Klat-415, bold strike, EF $400 - 600



190. **UMAYYAD: ‘Abd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (1.92g), Shaqq al-Taymara, AH79, A-126, Klat-323b, weight loss almost certainly the result of burial in acidic soil, VF**, RR** $500 - 600



191. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.66g), al-Jisr, AH80, A-126, Klat-230, very rare mint, believed to have been located in central Iraq, VF**, RR** $900 - 1,200



192. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.70g), al-Jisr, AH81, A-126, Klat-270, very rare mint, believed to have been located in central Iraq, VF**, RR** $650 - 800



193. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.58g), Maysân, AH81, A-126, Klat-630, some central weakness on the reverse, very rare date, Fine**, RR** $600 - 800



194. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.27g), Shaqq al-Taymara, AH82, A-126, Klat-204.2, some modest encrustation by the rims, VF**, R** $150 - 200



195. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.71g), Marw, AH82, A-126, Klat-584a, with the last word *al-mashrikun* of the reverse marginal text without the letter "w", decent Fine**, R** $150 - 200



196. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.37g), Ramhurmuz, AH83, A-126, Klat-382, porous surfaces and significant weight loss; all legends clearly readable, crude VF**, RRR** $800 - 1,000

Extremely rare mint/date combination
(3 cited by Klat, 2 more on CoinArchives).



197. **UMAYYAD: ʻAbd al-Malik**, 685-705, AR dirham (2.63g), Dabil (= Dvin in Armenia), AH85, A-126, Klat-657, dirty surfaces (easily cleaned off), VF**, R** $200 - 300



198. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.22g), NM, AH88, A-127, faint graffiti in reverse, NGC graded AU details $350 - 450



199. **UMAYYAD: al-Walid I**, 705-715, AV dinar (4.21g), NM (Dimashq), AH90, A-127, VF-EF $350 - 450



200. **UMAYYAD: Sulayman**, 715-717, AV dinar (4.04g), NM (Dimashq), AH98, A-130, pleasing F-VF $250 - 350



201. **UMAYYAD: ʻUmar**, 717-720, AV dinar (4.24g), NM (Dimashq), AH101, A-132, scarce date, cleaned (barely noticeable), NGC graded AU details**, S** $400 - 500



202. **UMAYYAD: Yazid II**, 720-724, AV dinar (4.23g), NM (Dimashq), AH102, A-134, VF-EF $400 - 500



203. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.15g), NM (Dimashq), AH115, A-136, VF-EF $450 - 550



204. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Dimashq), AH116, A-136, bold VF-EF $550 - 650



205. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.23g), NM (Dimashq), AH118, A-136, ANACS graded XF40 $300 - 400



206. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.15g), NM, AH121, A-136, lightly cleaned, NGC graded XF Details $350 - 450

Second Known Example of An Al-Andalus 110 Gold Dinar, Graded XF by NGC



207. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AV dinar (4.21g), al-Andalus, AH110, A-136A, Bernardi-44Aa, with the short legends *la ilah illa Allah* in the obverse field, *bism Allah al-rahman al-rahim* in the reverse field, as on all dinars of al-Andalus and Ifriqiya dated 101-110; second known example of al-Andalus 110 (first sold in Numismatica Genevensis Auction 8, Lot 246, back in 2014, different dies both sides), cleaned, NGC graded XF Details $18,000 - 20,000



208. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.72g), al-Andalus, AH109, A-137, Klat-122, rare date for this mint, bold VF**, R** $600 - 800



209. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.05g), Balkh al-Baydâ, AH111, A-137, Klat-176, some edge corrosion, otherwise attractive, VF $200 - 250



210. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (2.96g), Ifriqiya, AH113, A-137, Klat-100, EF-AU $170 - 220



211. **UMAYYAD: Hisham**, 724-743, AR dirham (1.17g), "Wasit", AH"124", A-—, bracteate imitation of the obverse of a dirham of Wasit Mint dated AH124, probably a Khurasanian or Central Asian imitation, somewhat similar to the Central Asian bracteate imitations of Samanid dirhams (4th/10th century), VF-EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



212. **UMAYYAD: Marwan II**, 744-750, AV dinar (4.27g), NM, AH129, A-141, a wonderful lustrous mint state example! NGC graded MS64 $500 - 700



213. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 700-710, AE fals (3.08g), Sarmin, A-154A, standard early type as A-154, but with the city name added in the reverse margin; lovely example, choice VF-EF**, RR** $160 - 200



214. **UMAYYAD:** ca. 710s, AE fals (4.72g), Antakiya (Antioch), ND, A-A167, very rare mint in greater Syria (now in Turkey), lovely example with lovely patina, VF**, RRR** $200 - 240

A similar example sold in our Auction 25, Lot 188.



215. **UMAYYAD:** ca. 710s, AE fals (3.75g), Ma'arrat Masrin, ND, A-182, mint name rather carelessly recut over the mint name Sarmin (type A-187), with star in upper left on the obverse (characteristic of Sarmin fulus), lovely patination, VF**, RRR** $180 - 200

A similar piece with the clear mint name Sarmin, also with the upper left obverse star, was sold in Leu Numismatik Web Auction 17, Lot 3401, a very rare type for the mint of Sarmin.



216. **UMAYYAD:** ca. 735-745, AE fals, al-Madina Ma'din Amir al-Mu'minin, A-A183, once considered al-Madina, now in Saudi Arabia, the mint is now assigned to al-Rusafa in Syria, the ancient Sergiopolis, south of al-Raqqa in Syria, confirmed by coin finds in that region, but never in Arabia; an important Umayyad palace was erected at that site, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



217. **UMAYYAD:** ca. 735-745, AE fals (4.71g), al-Madina Ma'dan Amir al-Mu'minin, ND, A-A183, once considered al-Madina, now in Saudi Arabia, the mint is now assigned to al-Rusafa in Syria, the ancient Sergiopolis, south of al-Raqqa in Syria, confirmed by coin finds in that region, but never in Arabia; an important Umayyad palace was erected at that site, F-VF $200 - 250

The mint name used on this coin translated to "the city, palace of the commander of the believers."



218. **UMAYYAD:** ca. 705-715, AE fals (3.33g), Saffuriya, ND, A-186, very rare Palestinian mint, the ancient Sepphoris near Nazareth, F-VF**, RR** $200 - 250



219. **UMAYYAD:** ca 710-730, AE fals (3.45g), uncertain mint, ND, A-191X, mint name unidentified, but quite clear on this example, with star after mint name and in upper left corner of the obverse, pleasing patination, VF**, RRR** $130 - 170



220. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.57g), Balkh, AH111, A-B197, Gyselen-95, Sasanian-style bust right, date in words to the right // Arabic legend *bism Allah / duriba hadha / al-fals bi-balkh / sittin bi-dirham / ja'iz,* thus valued at "sixty to the dirham", VF**, RRR** $200 - 300

Extremely rare variety, with none on CoinArchives or Zeno; Gyselen knew of just one example. This type can also be classified as Arab-Sasanian.



221. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.70g), Balkh, AH114, A-B197, citing al-Junayd (b. 'Abd Allah al-Murri), governor of Khorasan AH111/112-116, on the obverse, together with denomination formula *sittin bi-dirham* ("sixty to a dirham"), mint & date formula on the reverse, fully legible, F-VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

Second known example of this type, first sold in our Auction 42, Lot 122 (there is also the unique example with muling of two reverses, Zeno-273756).



222. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 730±, AE fals (1.31g), Balkh, ND, A-L197, legends *bism Allah / duriba hadha / al-fals // bi balkh / sittin bi-dir- / -ham ja'iz*, probably unpublished, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



223. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 720s-740s, AE fals (3.26g), al-Jûzjân, A-J202, obverse text *bism Allah / ja'iz,* reverse text *duriba bi'a- / -l-jûzjân;* region and city located on the trade route between Marw and Balkh, almost no porosity on this piece, VF**, RRR** $200 - 250

Third reported example, the first two sold in our Auction 37, Lot 248, and Auction 42, Lot 124.



224. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, AE fals (2.52g), Marw, AH109, A-B204.1, circular legends *bism Allah marw dirham // sanat tis' wa mi'a ja'iz,* decent strike for this type, of which 3 specimens are filed on CoinArchives, all of lesser quality than this piece, crude VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

The word "dirham" is not all that clear on any known example, and it may be that the "d" is part of the mint name "marrûd" for the mint of Marw Rud, known for an Umayyad fals dated AH115. Marw Rud was once an important city on the Murghab River about 100 miles southeast of Marw at the modern Afghan border.



225. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.81g), Marw Rûd, AH115, A-D204, anonymous; obverse *bism Allah / darb marrûd* (sic), reverse *sanat khams / 'ashar wa mi'a,* full date, third reported specimen and the first to have the mint name so boldly clear, VF**, RRR** $200 - 300

The mint of Marw al-Rud ("Marw on the [Murghab] River") operated only briefly, striking Arab-Sasanian drachms dated AH56-76 and reform Umayyad dirhams dated AH79 and 81. The abbreviated spelling is well-known and mentioned in the Wikipedia page for Marw al-Rudh.



226. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.38g), al-Mahfuza, ND, A-E204, obverse legend *duriba hadha / al-fals bi'a- / -l-mahfuza,* traditional reverse *muhammad / rasul / Allah*; carefully preserved by the consignor, VF**, RRR** $250 - 350

This is the third known fals of al-Mahfuza, which was founded by al-Hakam b.'Awana about AH112, the second Umayyad governor of Sind. After a few years, al-Hakam replaced al-Mahfuza with his second foundation, the town of al-Mansura, which became the capital of Sind for more than 300 years.



227. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.80g), Madinat al-Baydâ, AH112, A-M204, anonymous, date in the center with decorative margin around // mint formula in the margin, *muhammad / rasul Allah* in the center, VF-EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



228. **UMAYYAD: Anonymous**, ca. 720-750, AE fals (2.31g), Nasaf, ND, A-N204, Z-215244, Smirnova-1667, horse, mint name above // circular text *muhammad rasul Allah*; also considered a Sogdian example at the time of the Islamic conquest of Central Asia, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



229. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (2.88g), Taliqan, ND, A-K205, abbreviated mint name as on the 'Abbasid fals type A-337C; ornate tamgha in obverse center, denomination *sittin b'al-dirham* ("sixty to the dirham") below the mint name on the reverse; unpublished and presumed unique, F-VF**, RRRR** $150 - 250

This and the following lot are the first known Umayyad fulus of Taliqan, also known for some extremely rare Abbasid fulus from the AH150s.



230. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals, "sixty to the dirham" (2.90g), al-Taliqan, ND, A-K205, mint name abbreviated as *al-talqan* without the alifs, denomination *sittin bi-dirham* in the obverse margin and below the reverse; ornate tamgha in obverse center, unpublished, Fine**, RRR** $150 - 200



231. **UMAYYAD:** AE fals (1.91g), NM, ND, A-J206, with the kalima divided between obverse & reverse, plus reverse legend *sab' bi-dirham ja'iz* ("seven to a dirham, current"), style suggests eastern Khurasan or southeast Central Asia, unpublished and a remarkable denomination! choice VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

It is likely that the engraver intended "sab'in" for "70" rather than "sabi" for "7".



232. **UMAYYAD/ABBASID:** lead seal (19.91g), ca. 8th/10th century; inscribed *bism Allah / tab'a / hims* plus traces of another word at the bottom ("in the name of God, seal of Hims"), VF**, R** $130 - 170



233. **DIHQAN OF KISH: Ikhrid**, ca. 752, AE fals (1.58g), Kish (Kesh), ND, A-S206, Smirnova-1661/62, Zeno-14025, Arabic legends *ikrid / dihqan / kish // duriba / hadha al-fals / bi-kish*, nice strike with virtually no weakness, VF**, RRR** $150 - 250



234. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, ca. 749-751, AR dirham (2.37g), Marw, AH131, A-206.3, Klat-605, F-VF $150 - 200



235. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, ca. 749-751, AR dirham (2.88g), Marw, AH132, A-206.3, Klat-606, EF $200 - 300



236. **ABBASID REVOLUTION: Anonymous**, 745/746, AR dirham (2.90g), al-Kufa, AH128, A-207.1, Kharijite issue, with the phrase *la hukm illa lillah* in the upper left segment of the obverse margin, appealing iridescent toning, VF-EF $200 - 250



237. **ABBASID: al-Saffah**, 749-754, AR dirham (2.60g), Nahr Tira, AH134, A-211, Lowick-2019, slightly clipped, very rare mint, nearly VF**, RR** $160 - 220



238. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.24g), NM, AH143, A-212, lovely VF-EF $260 - 325



239. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.17g), NM, AH148, A-212, VF $240 - 280



240. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.21g), NM, AH148, A-212, lovely strike, perfectly centered, EF $300 - 400



241. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.17g), NM, AH149, A-212, bold VF-EF $240 - 300



242. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar, NM, AH155, A-212, ANACS graded XF40 $260 - 300



243. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar (4.25g), NM, AH158, A-212, bold strike, EF $300 - 350



244. **ABBASID: al-Mansur**, 754-775, AV dinar, NM, AH158, A-212, ANACS graded XF45 $280 - 350



245. **ABBASID: Ibrahim b. 'Abd Allah**, rebel, 762-763, AR dirham (2.65g), al-Basra, AH145, A-F214, SICA-3:573, standard obverse, but special reverse, with just *Allah / ahad / ahad* in the field and Qur'an verse 17:81 in the margin, attractive VF**, RRRR** $1,200 - 1,600

Ibrahim b. 'Abd Allah was a great-grandson of the Shi'ite imam al-Hasan b. 'Ali. Along with his brother Muhammad, they revolted in late 762 AD against the second Abbasid caliph, al-Mansur, in response to the latter's mounting prosecution of the Alids. While Muhammad's revolt in Medina was quickly suppressed, Ibrahim achieved initial success from al-Basra and gained control over Ahwaz, Fars, and Wasit. He also issued his own coins, which feature the Quranic verse ja' al-haqq wa zahaqa al-batil inn al-batil kana zuhuqan ("Truth has come and falseness has vanished, for surely, falseness is ever bound to vanish"). However, internal dissent among Shi'ite factions forestalled any meaningful resistance against al-Mansur, whose army annihilated Ibrahim's forces in February 763, thus putting an end to the Alid rebellion.

A similar example was sold in our Auction 25, Lot 230. There was only one other example, of much lower quality, on CoinArchives.



246. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AV dinar, NM, AH161, A-214, ANACS graded XF45 $280 - 350



247. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.70g), al-Yamama, AH165, A-215.1, inscribed *hajar* below the reverse field, rare date; cleaned, EF**, R** $300 - 400

Al-Yamama was the first mint in Arabia to strike silver coins, located near the modern city of Riyadh, with its administrative capital at the town of Hajar. It operated from AH165-170, after which the production of silver coinage was moved to San'a in Yemen, starting in 171, albeit at a local reduced weight standard.



248. **ABBASID: al-Mahdi**, 775-785, AR dirham (2.89g), al-Yamama, AH168, A-215.1, citing the governor 'Abd Allah b. Sa'id, lovely choice VF $400 - 500

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249. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.25g), NM, AH183, A-218.3, struck at Madinat al-Salam, very light scratch in reverse field, EF $280 - 300



250. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.09g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH186, A-218.3, VF-EF $300 - 350



251. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.17g), NM (Egypt), AH170, A-218.6, citing the governor 'Ali (= 'Ali b. Sulayman al-'Abbasi), VF**, S** $300 - 350



252. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.16g), NM (Egypt), AH170, A-218.6, citing the governor 'Ali (= 'Ali b. Sulayman al-'Abbasi), VF $280 - 325



253. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.27g), NM (Egypt), AH173, A-218.8, citing the governor 'Umar, VF $250 - 300



254. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.17g), NM (Egypt), AH181, A-218.11, citing Ja'far below the reverse, VF $240 - 300



255. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.22g), NM (Egypt), AH182, A-218.11, citing Ja'far; minor waviness towards the edge, bold VF-EF $260 - 350



256. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.25g), NM (Egypt), AH184, A-218.11, EF $260 - 350



257. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.26g), NM (Egypt), AH185, A-218.11, citing Ja'far below the reverse field, lovely strike, choice VF-EF $280 - 325



258. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.19g), NM (Egypt), AH185, A-218.11, citing the governor Ja'far, VF $250 - 300



259. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.26g), NM (Madinat al-Salam), AH188, A-218.3a, VF $240 - 280



260. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AV dinar (4.26g), NM (Egypt), AH190, A-218.13, inscribed *li'l-khalifa* below the reverse field, VF-EF $250 - 350



261. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.96g), Herat, AH193, A-219.2a, citing Nasr b. Sa'd beneath the reverse field; glorious strike, AU**, R** $220 - 300



262. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.86g), Madinat Zaranj, AH193, A-219.2a, citing the governors Harthama b. A'yan & al-Hakam b. Sinan, without the name of the caliph al-Rashid, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200

It is possible that this type was struck immediately after the death of al-Rashid early in AH193.



263. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (1.94g), al-Mubâraka (in North Africa), AH180, A-219.3, citing the local governor 'Askar b. Rustam (very clear on this piece), some light adhesions on both sides, but still attractive, VF $200 - 250

A similar piece was sold in our Auction 45, Lot 244.



264. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.96g), Madinat Zaranj, AH192, A-219.5, citing the caliph as *al-khalifa al-rashid*, the regional name Sijistan, and the governor of Khorasan, Nasr b. Sa'd., EF**, RRR** $200 - 300

Normal issues of Zaranj AH192 cite the local governor Harthama and the official al-Hakam, without the caliph al-Rashid (type A-219.2a). Nasr b. Sa'd is normally cited on dirhams of Abarshahr 192-193 and Herat 192-193.



265. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.90g), Madinat Zaranj, AH192, A-219.5, citing the regional governor Nasr b. Sa'd plus the provincial name Sijistan above the reverse field, bold VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200

Nasr b. Sa'id is also cited on issues of the Khorasanian mints Abarshahr and Herat dated AH192-193.



266. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.92g), Madinat al-Salam, AH174, A-219.6a, Lowick-1290, SICA 3:1659, without any extra names or symbols in the field on either side, VF**, RR** $300 - 400



267. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.93g), Madinat al-Salam, AH176, A-219.6a, Lowick-1302, citing the caliph in minuscule letters within the inner reverse margin and the official Ja'far beneath, choice EF**, RRR** $400 - 600



268. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.95g), Madinat al-Salam, AH177, A-219.6a, Lowick-1308, citing Ja'far below the reverse, three annulets in the obverse margin; one of the rare dates for this mint, AH172-174 & 176-178, bold VF-EF**, RR** $300 - 400



269. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.90g), al-Muhammadiya, AH173, A-219.8, Lowick-1682, citing Salâm above and Mu'awiya below the reverse field, plus both the caliph al-Rashid and the heir Muhammad (= al-Amin), VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



270. **ABBASID: al-Rashid**, 786-809, AR dirham (2.94g), Ma'dan Bajunays, AH191, A-219.9, Vardanyan-203, citing Umm Ja'far (the wife of al-Rashid) and the local governor Da'ud, scarce Armenian mint, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



271. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.24g), Madinat al-Salam, AH198, A-222.12A, mint name below the obverse field, citing al-Ma'mun's vizier below the reverse as *dhu'l-ri'asatayn*, lovely strike, bold VF-EF**, RRR** $1,500 - 2,000

Mint name added perhaps to commemorate the conquest of Baghdad by al-Ma'mun and the demise of the rival caliph al-Amin in AH198.



272. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.18g), NM, AH203, A-222.12, citing the vizier as Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn below the reverse and with the location *al-'iraq* below the obverse, VF $300 - 350



273. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AV dinar (4.22g), ND (Madinat al-Salam), AH207, A-222A.1, slight crease, VF $300 - 350



274. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.94g), Madinat Zaranj, AH196, A-223.4, inscribed *al-fath* ("the victory") below obverse field, the name *al-fadl* below reverse, strong VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



275. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.95g), Madinat Zaranj, AH199, A-223.4, Lowick-2484, citing only the vizier by his title Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, and the word *al-mashriq* ("the East") below the obverse field, rare variety of a rare date, bold VF**, RR** $150 - 200



276. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.89g), Madinat Balkh, AH199, A-223.4, Lowick-2190, citing only the vizier by his title Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, and the word *al-mashriq* ("the East") below the obverse field, very rare date, VF**, RR** $150 - 200



277. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.99g), Wasit, AH200, A-223.4, Lowick-1485, citing al-Hasan below the obverse field, Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn below reverse (with the additional letter K below), very rare mint for al-Ma'mun, choice VF**, RR** $300 - 400



278. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (3.00g), Madinat Zaranj, AH204, A-223.4, anonymous, citing the Khorasan governor Ghassân below the reverse field, without the name of the local governor, rare date, VF-EF**, RR** $150 - 200

Very rare type, with no examples cited on CoinArchives.



279. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.93g), Madinat Zaranj, AH204, A-223.4, anonymous, citing the regional governor Ghassân and the local governor al-Layth below the reverse field, VF**, RR** $150 - 200

Very rare type, with no examples cited on CoinArchives.



280. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.89g), Madinat Zaranj, AH205, A-223.4, citing Ghassan and A'yan b. Harthama, VF-EF**, R** $150 - 200



281. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (3.02g), "Madinat al-Salam", AH212, A-223.4var, contemporary local imitation, North African style, with the reverse legend *sall Allah / muhammad / rasul / Allah / 'alayhi wa salam,* appears to be unpublished, struck during the rebellious years facing the Aghlabid ruler Ziyadat Allah I circa AH209-216, VF**, RRR** $300 - 400

The year AH212 is the rarest Abbasid year during its long period AH132-334 (less rare for gold), and apparently unpublished for any North African imitation.



282. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR 1/6 dirham (0.41g), Marw, AH(202), A-223K, date confirmed by die-link (both sides) to the only other known example of this type, sold in our Auction 39, Lot 175 (holed and lesser quality, 0.43g), VF-EF**, RRR** $300 - 400



283. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.90g), Samarqand, AH202, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing his attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, VF $500 - 600

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284. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.90g), Samarqand, AH203, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Rida, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing his attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu'l-Ri'asatayn, some die damage in the reverse center, VF-EF $600 - 700



285. **ABBASID: al-Ma'mun**, 810-833, AR dirham (2.78g), Madinat Isbahan, AH204, A-224, citing 'Ali b. Musa al-Ridâ, recognized as heir by al-Ma'mun, representing al-Ma'mun's attempt to establish peace and cooperation between the Sunni and Shi'a branches of Islam, also citing the vizier Dhu 'l-Ri'asatayn, choice VF $500 - 600



286. **ABBASID: al-Muntasir**, 861-862, AV dinar (4.11g), Surra man Ra'a (= Samarra), AH248, A-231, Bernardi-159Jc, creased once, some spots of rim damage and one nick, otherwise very pleasant, VF**, RR** $1,500 - 2,000



287. **ABBASID: al-Musta'in**, 862-866, AV dinar (4.16g), al-Basra, AH250, A-233.2, Bernardi-161Je (only 2 cited), mount removed, with minimal damage, bold strike, VF-EF**, RR** $350 - 450



288. **ABBASID: al-Muhtadi**, 869-870, AR dirham (3.00g), Surra man Ra'a, AH255, A-238, VF**, R** $150 - 200



289. **ABBASID: al-Muhtadi**, 869-870, AR dirham (2.98g), Surra man Ra'a, AH256, A-238, VF**, R** $150 - 200



290. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.20g), Misr, AH263, A-239.1, an attractive lustrous mint state example, NGC graded MS62 $400 - 500



291. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AV dinar (4.10g), Surra man Ra'a, AH278, A-239.2, Bernardi-175Jc, citing al-Mufawwad; unusual variant, with extra circle below the obverse inner and outer marginal legends, some surface waviness, unpublished, strong VF**, RRR** $700 - 1,000

Bernardi cited no dinars of Surra man Ra'a (Samarra) between 274 and 285, neither Abbasid nor local dynasties.



292. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.13g), uncertain mint, AH265, A-240.5var, emergency issue, citing al-Mu'tamid's heir al-Muwaffaq on the obverse, with the correct date for al-Muwaffaq, muled with an old reverse die of the previous caliph al-Mu'tazz, VF**, RRR** $140 - 180

Another example of the same dies was offered in our Auction 31, Lot 337. The mint name resembles "m.s.t.f.r." (ending in "'ayn" or "ghayn"), but has never been identified, probably located either in the Caucasus or more likely in eastern Khorasan or Badakhshan, perhaps related to the silver mines at Banjhir and Andaraba.



293. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.68g), Arminiya, AH267, A-240.5, citing the eastern heir al-Muwaffaq, decent strike for this mint, VF**, RR** $300 - 400



294. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (2.88g), Arminiya, AH273, A-240.5, Vardanyan—, citing al-Muwaffaq, heir to the east; mint name spelled *aminiya* without the "R" (engraver's error), some weakness of strike, unpublished date and unique, VF**, RRR** $500 - 600

Vardanyan knows of Arminiya dirhams of al-Mu'tamid dated AH262, 267, 269, 276, and 277, but since then additional examples, probably all still unique, are now known dated 265, 268, and now 273.



295. **ABBASID: al-Mu'tamid**, 870-892, AR dirham (3.23g), "Madinat al-Salam", AH265, A-240.9var, citing the caliph below the reverse and 'Abd Allah below the obverse; likely a Central Asian or eastern Khorasanian unofficial issue, citing an unknown official bearing or assigned the extremely common name 'Abd Allah; appears to be unpublished, VF-EF**, RRR** $150 - 200



296. **ABBASID: al-Muktafi**, 902-908, AV dinar (4.30g), Madinat al-Salam, AH292, A-243.1, bold strike, choice VF-EF $250 - 350



297. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.46g), Madinat al-Salam, AH298, A-245.2, lightly cleaned, but lustrous fields, NGC graded UNC details $300 - 400



298. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.17g), Filastin, AH304, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Gn, small flan crack, full strike, VF**, RR** $700 - 1,000

Date unlisted by Bernardi for type 242Gn, but 4 examples now filed on CoinArchives.



299. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.20g), Filastin, AH304, A-245.2, Bernardi-242Gn, VF**, R** $550 - 650



300. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.19g), Misr, AH305, A-245.2, VF $200 - 260



301. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AV dinar (4.18g), Misr, AH318, A-245.2, slightly creased, VF $250 - 300



302. **ABBASID: al-Muqtadir**, 908-932, AR donative ½ dirham (1.58g), NM, AH320, A-246D, short legends: name of al-Muqtadir in center, kalima in margin // the heir Abu'l-Abbas in center, date formula around, with blank outer margins, pierced and a bit scruffy, unpublished and probably unique, VF**, RRR** $250 - 350



303. **ABBASID: al-Radi**, 934-940, AR dirham (3.36g), A-255, muling of two reverse dies in the name of al-Radi, thus without mint & date, either a truly Abbasid issue or an issue of one of the various regional dynasties citing al-Radi on the reverse, VF**, RRR** $200 - 250



304. **ABBASID: al-Muttaqi**, 940-944, AV dinar (3.24g), Madinat al-Salam, AH331, A-260, VF $200 - 250



305. **ABBASID: al-Qadir**, 1031-1075, AR 1/10 dirham (0.33g), DM, A-265T, first half of kalima and caliph's name // Qur'an sura 112; outer marginal legend on the obverse, with mint name (possibly Isfahan) and date (off flan); unpublished and unique, VF**, RRR** $250 - 300



306. **ABBASID: al-Musta'sim**, 1242-1258, AV dinar (7.94g), Madinat al-Salam, AH643, A-275, excellent strike, traces of original luster in the background, UNC $1,000 - 1,200



307. **ABBASID: Anonymous**, AV donative fractional dinar, ND, A-—, style of the late 9th or early 10th century, mint name obscured by attached loop (still attached!), but perhaps Nasibin, unpublished, VF**, RRR** $200 - 250



308. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.84g), 'Irqa, ND, A-A288, citing Muhammad b. Mâlik and Humayd b. Yahya; later issue, cast, Fine**, RRR** $150 - 200



309. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.78g), Dabil (Dvin in Armenia), AH194, A-A316, citing the official 'Abd Allah b. Muhammad, VF**, RRR** $200 - 300



310. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.46g), Bâdghis, ND, A-E319, citing the governor 'Abd al-Jabbâr b. 'Abd al-Rahman, who was governor of Khorasan in the AH150s until his untimely death in AH158; unpublished and unique, first example known citing 'Abd al-Jabbar b. 'Abd al-Rahman, VF**, RRRR** $160 - 240

Bâdghis is known as a mint only for two types of Abbasid copper fulus: this piece, which is unique, and another variety citing 'Ayyar b. Zuhayr (also undated, just a few known).



311. **ABBASID:** AE fals (4.36g), Ma'din Bûshanj, AH178, A-A321, citing al-Fadl b. Yahya, clear mint & date, first known coin of Bûshanj in any metal; unpublished and unique, VF**, RRRR** $250 - 350

Bûshanj (Pushang in Persian) was an important medieval junction town on the trade route west of Herat, abandoned in the 16th century, replaced by the more recent town of Ghourian in Afghanistan, about 35 miles west of Herat and 35 miles east of the Iranian border. The prefix "ma'din" would mean "town" or "trading town", a prefix occasionally applied to a mint city, such as "Ma'din al-Shash" in the AH180s-190s.



312. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.14g), Kurat Darabjird, AH167, A-L321, first known coin of Darabjird with the preface "Kurat", which means "district" or "province"; very few Abbasid fulus are known for the mint of Darabjird; citing the caliph al-Mahdi (AH158-169), fully legible on both sides, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

Uncertain word below the obverse field, perhaps "jayyid" for "current, good."



313. **ABBASID:** AE fals (3.47g), Jabal al-Fidda, AH149, A-A326, citing the governor Rawh b. 'Ayyad (as on the common date 155), first reported example dated 149 (clear date), Fine**, RRR** $350 - 450

Undetermined location in eastern Iran, probably in Khorasan, and likely near Herat. The name means "silver mountain."



314. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.76g), Marwrud, AH155, A-B329, citing the officials Malik b. Hammad & Humayd b. Qahtaba in the reverse field, cited together only on the fulus of Marwrud, for which 155 is the only known date, F-VF**, RRR** $150 - 200

This is the 2nd known example, the first sold in our online Auction e14, Lot 160.



315. **ABBASID:** AE fals (1.29g), al-Tarband (later called Otrar), ND, A-337G, Zeno-69951, VF**, RRR** $150 - 200



316. **ABBASID:** AE fals (2.93g), NM, ND, A-338, citing al-Mahdi Muhammad, the future caliph al-Mahdi (AH158-169) as the son of the caliph (*bin amir al-mu'minin*) // legend *al-haqq al-huda wa'l-'ilm* ("truth is guidance and knowledge"), unpublished, probably struck circa AH142-158, when al-Mahdi was heir apparent to the Abbasid caliphate, VF $150 - 200



317. **EASTERN EUROPE IMITATIONS: Abbasid imitation**, ca. 865-960, AR imitative dirham (3.51g), NM, ND, A-4657, completely barbarous "Arabic", VF-EF $250 - 300



318. **EASTERN EUROPE IMITATIONS: Abbasid imitation**, ca. 865-960, AR imitative dirham (3.20g), NM, ND, A-4657, completely barbarous "Arabic", VF-EF $250 - 300



319. **EASTERN EUROPE IMITATIONS: Abbasid imitation**, ca. 865-960, AR imitative dirham (3.02g), NM, ND, A-4657, completely barbarous "Arabic", special symbols above & below the reverse field, VF $250 - 300

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