

SOME GREEK IMPERIAL COINS FOUND AT PERGE

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The ancient city of Perge is situated near the village of Murtuna in the district of Aksu, approx. 15 kms. to the east of Antalya. Excavations and surveys at Perge were first begun in 1946 and except for some short intermissions, have continued up to the present day.

Here I will give a catalogue of the 23 Greek Imperial coins found at Perge during the excavations between the years 1956-1983¹. Of these 23 coins, 1 belongs to Bithynia (Prusias ad Hypium); 1 to Pisidia (Sagalassus); 1 to Cilicia (Colybrassus) and other 20 to Pamphylia (all to Perge). Nos. 1, 8 and 26 are the surface finds.²

The legend of *neokoros* on the reverse side of the number 18 shows that there was an imperial cult (or a temple) at Perge at the time of Gallienus.

No. 21 shows that the games held at Side had an international character as at Pythia.³

The diameters range from 19 to 29 mm. in general, but the diameters of the numbers 18, 21 and 22 are at or over 30 mm.

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2 For a general knowledge about all the coins found at Perge, see O. Tekin «A Preliminary Report On Coins Found at Perge», *De Anatolia Antiqua* I (Paris 1991), pp. 217-220.

3 See also, H. Karl, *Numismatische Beiträge zum Festwesen der Kleinasiatischen und Nordgriechischen Städte im 2./3. Jahrhundert*. Saarbrücken 1975 (Ph. D. dissertation), 66-8.

C A T A L O G U E*

BITHYNIA

Prusias ad Hypium

Marcus Aurelius A. D. 161-180

Obv. [AYTKAIMAYP] ANTΩNINOC [CEB]
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.

Rev. [ΠΡΟΥΚΙΕΩΝ]
ΠΡΟC ΥΠΙΩ
Helios, radiate, standing in biga r.

1. AE 23, 6.25, die pos. 12

PAMPHYLIA

Perge

Trajan A. D. 98-117

Obv. Head r., laureate. Legend illegible.

Rev. [ΑΡΤΕΜΙΔΟΣ] ΠΕΡΓΑΙΑΣ
Simulacrum of Pergaeian Artemis in distyle
temple ; in pediment, eagle.

2. AE 24, 8.76, die pos. 12 : Cf. *SNGvAulock*, 4669 ; Lindgren,
1105.

Antoninus Pius A. D. 138-161.

Obv. ΑΥΤΚΑΙCΑΡ ΑΝΤΩΝΕΙΝ [OC]
Bust r., laureate.

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- Rev. APTEMIΔOC ΠEPT
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton, with arrow in r., and bow in l.
- *3. AE 19, 6.78, die pos. 6

Septimius Severus A. D. 193-211

- Obv. [AY]TKACCEO [YHPOCΠE]
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
- Rev. [Π] EPΓ AIΩN
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing short chiton, with bow in l., and arrow in r.
4. AE 20, 5.55, die pos. 12 : Cf. Lindgren, 1108.
- Obv. AYKΛ(CEΠCEYHP)OC (ΠE)
Similar.
- Rev. ΠEP ΓAIΩN
Artemis standing facing, looking r., bow in l., arrow in r.
5. AE 19, 4.63. die pos. 6 : Cf. Lindgren, 1108.

Julia Domna

- Obv. IOΛIA[Δ] OMN[AΣE]
Bust r.
- Rev. [Π]EPΓ A [IΩ] N
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.
6. AE 26, 7.34, die pos. 12

Caracalla A. D. 198-217

Obv. AYKAYAN TΩNIN [OC]

Bust laureate (or radiate?), cuir., r.,
wearing paludamentum.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ Ι ΩΝ

Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing stephane
and short chiton, bow in l., arrow in r.

7. AE 19, 3.81, die pos. 12 : *BMCLycia*, 37. Cf. *SNGCop.* 325
and 329.

Obv. AYKMAYA NTΩNINOC

Bust radiate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
Countermark : illegible.

Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑ Ι ΩΝ

Artemis standing facing, wearing short chiton,
bow in l., arrow in r.

8. AE 24, 10.08, die pos. 12 : *SNGCop.* 329.

Elagabalus A. D. 218-222

Obv. AYKM [AYAN] T [ΩNINOC]

Bust radiate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
Countermark : illegible.

Rev. ΠΕΡ ΓΑΙΩΝ

Artemis standing facing, looking r.,
wearing long chiton, bow in r., l. rests
on long torch.

9. AE 26, 6.65, die pos. 12 : *BMCLycia*, 42.

Obv. [AYK]MAYAN TΩNINOC

Bust radiate r., wearing paludamentum and
cuirass.

- Rev. ΠΕΡΤΑ Ι ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing short chiton, bow in l., arrow in r.
10. AE 18, 4.48, die pos. 12 : *BMCLycia*, 43. Cf. *SNGCop.* 329 and Lindgren, 1113.
- Obv. Bust r. Legend illegible.
- Rev. ΠΕΡΤ[Α] ΙΩΝ
Distyle temple within which simulacrum of Pergaeon Artemis ; on either side sphinx on pedestal ; above on l., crescent, on r., star.
11. AE 24, 8.63, die pos. 12 : Cf. *SNGCop.* 330; *SNGvAulock*, 4685 ; *BMCLycia*, 41.

Julia Maesa

- Obv. IOY [ΛΙΑΜ] ΑΙΚΑ [ΣΕΒ]
Bust r.
- Rev. ΠΕΡΤΑ Ι ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton; in r., arrow, in l., bow; quiver at shoulder.
12. AE 17, 3.28, die pos. 12

Gordian III A. D. 238-244

- Obv. ΑΥΚΑΙΜΑΝΤ ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟΚΕ
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum ; below, globe.
- Rev. ΠΕΡΤΑ Ι ΩΝ
Artemis standing facing, looking r., wearing long chiton ; bow in l., arrow in r.
- *13. AE 24, 7.74, die pos. 12

Philip I A. D. 244-249

- Obv. AYKM [IOY] ΛΦΙΑΙ [ΠΠOC] CEB
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
- Rev. [ΠEP] ΓΑΙΩΝ
Dionysos (?) standing r.
14. AE 25, 13. 10, die pos. 12

Otacilia

- Obv. ΜΑΡWΤΑ CEOYHPANCEB
Bust r., wearing stephane, crescent behind shoulders.
- Rev. ΠEPΓΑΙΑΣ ΑΡΤΕΜΙΔΟΣ ΑCΥΛΟΥ
Distyle temple, containing simulacrum of Pergaeon Artemis, above crescent on l. and star on r., eagle in pediment.
- *15. AE 26, 8.27, die pos. 12 Cf. *SNGCop.* 344.

Philip II A. D. 247-249

- Obv. AYKMIOYCEOYΦΙΑΙΠΠICCE
Bust laureate, cuir. r. wearing paludamentum ; below, globe.
- Rev. ΠEP ΓΑΙ ΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.
16. AE 23, 5.08, die pos. 12 : Cf. *SNGCop.* 350 ; *BMCLycia*, 60 ; Lindgren, 1127.

Gallienus A. D. 253-268.

- Obv. AYKΠΟΥ. ΛΙΚ. ΓΑΛΛ [IHNOCCEB]
Bust radiate cuir r., wearing paludamentum.

- Rev. ΠΕΡ ΓΑΙ ΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.
- *17. AE 22, 7.45, die pos. 12 : Cf. Lindgren, 1142.
- Obv. ΑΥΤΚΑΙΠΟΛΙΓΑΛΛΙΗΝΟCEB
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum ; in front mark of value : I
- Rev. ΠΕΡΓΑΙΩΝ Α ΝΕΩΚΟΡΩΝ
Uncertain figure between two military standarts (Serapis?), standing l., his r. hand raised, his l. holding sceptre or lance transversely.
18. AE 30, 13.00, die pos. 7 : Cf. *BMCLycia*, 73 ; *SNGvAulock*, 4724 ; Cf. *KIM.*, p. 331, 24^a.
- Obv. ΑΥΤΚΑΙΠΟΑ Ι ΓΑΛΛΙΗΝΟCEB
Similar.
- Rev. ΠΕΡΓ ΑΙΩΝ
Hephaistos, nude to waist, himation on knees, seated r. on rock, holding shield on knees with l., hammer in r.
- *19. AE 29, 18.28, die pos. 12 : Cf. *BMCLycia*, 77 ; Lindgren, 1139.

Salonina

- Obv. ΚΟΡΝΗΛΙΑCΑΛΩΝΙΝΑCΕΒΑ
Bust r., wearing stephane, crescent behind shoulders; in front, mark of value : I.
- Rev. ΠΕΡ ΓΑΙ ΩΝ
Agonistic chest with three legs, on which three prize-urns.
20. AE 29, 12.79, die pos. 12 : *BMCLycia*, 97 ; Lindgren, 1151.

Side

Philip II A. D. 247-249

- Obv. ΜΑΡΚΟΝΙΟΥΛΙΟΝΣΕΥΗΡΟΝΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΝΚΑΙΣΑΡΑ.
Bust cuir. r., wearing paludamentum; in front,
countermark : €
- Rev. ΟΙΚΟΥΜ ΕΝΙΚΟC [ΙΕΡ] ΟC CΙΔΗΤΩΝ ΕΙCΟΠΥΘΙΟC
Prize-crown containing two palm-branches on base
inscribed.

*21. AE 32, 16.46, die pos. 7 : Cf. *Kl.M.*, p. 342, 29.

PISIDIA

Sagalassus

Claudius II A. D. 268-270

- Obv. ΑΥΚΜΑΥΡ ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟΝ
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
- Rev. ΣΑΓΑΛΑCCEΩΝ
Lion running l., holding spear with jaws; its l. fore-
paw raised.

22. AE 32, 16.02, die pos. 6 : *BMCLycia*, 51.

CILICIA

Colybrassus

Elagabalus A.D. 218-222

- Obv. ΑΥΚΑΙΜΑΥΡΗΑΝΤΩ [ΝΕΙΝΟ]
Bust laureate, cuir. r., wearing paludamentum.
- Rev. ΚΟΛΥΒΡΑ C C [ΕΩΝ]
Zeus seated l. holding scepter in l. and thunderbolt
in r.

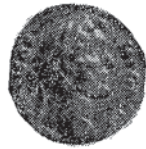
23. AE 25, 8.84, die pos. 6 : Cf. *SNGLevante*, 327.

Technical Abbreviations and Symbols

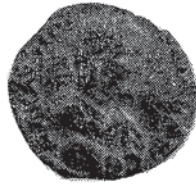
AE	: Bronze
cuir.	: cuirassed
l.	: left, left hand
Obv.	: obverse
Rev.	: reverse
r.	: right, right hand
X	: illustrated
die pos.	: die position

Abbreviations : Literature

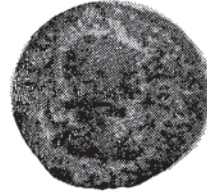
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- Lindgren : H. C. Lindgren; F. L. Kovacs, *Ancient Bronze Coins of Asia Minor and the Levant from the Lindgren Collection*, California 1985.
- SNGCop.* : *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum. The Royal Collection of Coins and Medals. Danish National Museum. Lycia-Pamphylia*, Copenhagen 1955.
- SNGLevante* : *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum. Switzerland I. Levante-Cilicia*. (Catalogued by E. Levante, assisted by P. Weiss, Ed. by I. Vecchi). British Academy under patronage of the International Numismatic Commission 1986.
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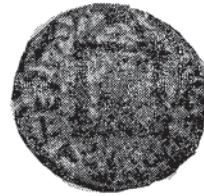
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