WHAT ARE ANCIENT COINS?

The first coins were struck in the late 7th century BC in western Asia Minor, now Turkey. The Greeks pioneered the use of coinage and their money documents society, historical events, and art.

All coins produced before the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 AD are regarded as "ancient," however the coinages of some civilizations produced afterwards are also termed "ancient" (see timeline below).

ELEMENTS OF AN ANCIENT COIN



The edge of the coin

Obverse

Border A continuous pattern or line surrounding the coin's design

The central image or design that

was struck onto the flan by a die

Device

Legend or Inscription A coin's written message

*Some ancient coins were cast in molds rather than struck with dies, however the above terms still apply





Reverse

SOME ROMAN COIN DENOMINATIONS



23BC-275AD Orichalcum/Bronze



46BC-250AD Orichalcum/Bronze



Follis 294-423AD Bronze/Copper



280BC-275AD Bronze/Copper



211-298AD Various



211BC-326AD Gold



310-476AD Gold



coin's design was struck

The metal disk upon which the

TIMELINE OF NUMISMATIC HISTORY 600 250 200 150 100 50 Date ВС

150 200 250 300 350 400 450 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 ROMAN GREEK Greek PROVINCIAL ROMAION ROMAN ROMAN EMPIRE Roman Romaion REPUBLIC (BYZANTINE) Non-PERSIAN PARTHIAN SASANIAN Classical

> Alexander the Great 336-323 BC

Julius Caesar 46-44 BC

Marcus Aurelius 161-180 AD

Justinian I 527-565 AD

QUIZ YOURSELF

Q1. What building is pictured on this coin, what language is the inscription written in, and when was the building destroyed?

Q2. During the era of Julius Caesar, Marc Antony, and Caesar Augustus, what type of coin was a day's wages for a Roman soldier?

Q3. What is the animal symbol of Athens that appears on a number of Greek coins?

Q4. What is the name of the gold / silver alloy that the first coins were created from in the late 7th century BCE?

Q5. Who is this woman, and what is the denomination of the coin she is on?



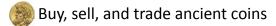
A. Building: The Temple in Jerusalem. Language: Paleo-Hebrew. Destroyed: 70 AD, by the Romans A2. 1 silver denarius A3. Owl A4. Electrum A5. The woman: Roma, the personification of Rome, sometimes worshipped as a goddess. Denomination: denarius.

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