

Before Coinage



100%

1306-1290 BC Ancient Egyptian gray glazed scab with hieroglyphic inscription of Seti I. Two baboons seated, facing, holding and sniffing lotus flower between them. \$477.



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600-400 BC bronze arrowhead money found along the Black Sea. Frequently found with usable bronze arrowheads, these have no sockets or points, but a similar amount of metal, which has become a unit of exchange. EF, Choice earthen patina \$127.

Ancient Greek



100%

C610-546 BC gold (electrum) 1/3 stater from **Lydia**, the traditional birthplace of coinage Obv: head of lion, tiny sun above Rev: dual square punches, 3 tiny banker's marks on plain areas, raw VF+ \$2277. ICG XF \$2577.

510-480 BC silver stater-didrachm from Akragas Obv: sea eagle Rev: **crab** ANACS EF 45 \$675.



90%

485-465 BC silver tetradrachm of Syracuse, a Greek colony on the island of Sicily Obv: Arethusa surrounded by dolphins Rev: Nike crownin chariot winner NGC ch VF \$1775.



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480-457 BC silver stater of the Greek island of Aigina Obv: **sea turtle** Rev: punch design NGC VF \$1177.

480-430 BC silver stater of Croton, a Greek colony in the southern Italian region of Bruttium Obv: relief tripod Rev: **incuse** tripod NGC ChVF \$287.



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C450 BC **gold daric**, 8.39 grams, of the Persian Achaemenid Empire, Sardeis mint in Lydia. Time of Artaxerxes I. Obv: Great king running, wielding spear Rev: irregular punch. This is the first coin mentioned in the Bible, and the only gold coin mentioned in the Bible. NGC "Money of the Bible" holder Unc \$5700. (I will trade for \$200. face US 90% silver) NGC choice about uncirculated \$3477. Raw VF + \$2877.

440-404 BC silver tetradrachm of Athens Obv: Athena Rev: her pet **owl**. NGC Ch XF nice gray iridescence \$1775. NGC XF, more crest than usual \$1977.



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393-294 BC silver tetradrachm of Athens NGC ch Fine \$487.

NGC XF 40 \$775. Raw AU, heavy test cut \$477.

395-338 BC silver stater of **Thebes** Obv: shield Rev: footed amphora NGC Ch XF \$977.



100%

386-338 BC silver hemidrachm of the Thracian Chersonesus (peninsula of Greece across from Constantinople) Obv: forepart of lion looking back Rev: 4 part square, dots ANACS EF 40 \$277. Raw VF+ \$97.



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360-330 BC silver hemidrachm of Sikyon, near Sparta, Greece Obv: **Chimaera**, the mythological fire breathing creature defeated by Bellerophon riding Pegasus. Rev: dove flying Fine+ \$197. Fine \$137. VG \$87.



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350-330 BC gold stater from Lampsacus, Greek city in region of Mysia Obv: Goddess, possibly Demeter, wreathed, hair in saccos Rev: forepart of **Pegasus**. NGC AU* ex: French national collection duplicate, Waddington, Gillet, Leu 1987, Baldwin 41b (this coin) \$49,700.



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340-280 BC silver didrachm of Velia, a Greek colony in southern Italy, dies engraved by **Kleudoros** Obv: Athena wearing plumed helmet decorated with sphinx Rev: lion feeding NGC XF \$1775.



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330-280 BC silver didrachm of Metapontum, Greek colony in southern Italy Obv: Demeter, goddess of **agriculture** Rev: grain ear, plow NGC Ch VF \$477.



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359-336 BC gold stater of Philip II of Macedon, 340-328 BC. Obv: laureate head of Apollo Rev: Philip winning the chariot race at the **Olympics** of 346 BC NGC Ch XF \$3877.



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359-336 BC silver tetradrachm of **Philip II** of Macedon, 340-310 BC Obv: laureate head of Zeus Rev: youth? Alexander on Bucephalus NGC Ch VF* \$1277.



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332-323 BC gold lifetime stater of **Alexander the Great** Obv: helmeted Athena Rev: Nike standing, holding wreath and mast, eagle in left field Raw VF, some light scrapes \$1977. Another lifetime, Lampsacus mint ANACS AU 50 \$3477. Another lifetime, uncertain mint ICG EF 40 \$2675.

332-323 BC gold lifetime stater of Alexander the Great, struck at the scarce **Memphis**, Egypt mint ANACS EF 45 \$3477.

320 BC silver **tetradrachm** of Alexander the Great, early posthumous Obv: Hercules Rev: Zeus enthroned Lifetime, Raw EF \$477.

310-275 BC gold posthumous stater in name of Alexander, NGC Ch XF, edge marks. Really cool **ant** symbol on reverse. \$3477.



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320-300 BC silver tetradrachm of **Carthaginian Sicily**. "MMHNT" issue, sometimes attributed to Entella Obv: Tanit? in the style of Syracusan Arethusa Rev: horse's head, date palm behind NGC Ch XF fine style \$7700. Another Punic tetradrachm, 300-289 BC 'Quaestors' issue Obv: head of Hercules Rev: horse's head, club of Hercules before, palm tree behind. NGC Ch XF, fine style \$4977. Raw VF+, very light oxidation issues \$1775.



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261-252 BC gold octodrachm honoring Arsinoe II, Greek queen of Ptolemy II. Probably Paphos, Cyprus mint. Obv: her crowned and veiled bust in very nice style Rev: double cornucopiae tied with ribbon NGC Abt Unc, scrapes ex: Naville I, 1921, this coin Great rarity \$29,000.

Another Arsinoe II octodrachm, but Alexandria mint NGC XF scratches (very, very faint) \$11,700. These are the largest circulating gold coins in all periods of mankind until 1662!



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250-200 BC gold stater in the name of Lysimachus, a continuing issue of the Calchedon mint. Amazing high relief portrait of Alexander. Tiny charging bull mintmark under Athena. ICG AU 58 \$5700.



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312-281 BC silver tetradrachm of Seleucus I, the holy grail for **elephant** collectors. Obv: laureate head of Zeus Rev: Athena in chariot pulled by 4 war elephants with long horns attached to their heads. NGC CH XF \$2977.



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221-204 BC gold octodrachm by Ptolemy IV, Greek king of Egypt, honoring his father. Obv: draped and radiate bust of **Ptolemy III**, trident over shoulder Rev: radiate cornucopiae tied with ribbon. NGC Ch XF \$14,700. Another NGC XF \$12,700.



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C 300-200 BC silver stater of Aspendus, a Greek city in Pamphylia. Obv: **slinger** launching projectile, triskeles and eagle, incredibly sharp detail. Rev: two nude **wrestlers**. NGC Ch Abt Unc \$1477. Another NGC XF \$775.

C275 BC silver didrachm of Rhodes, Greek city on island of same name Obv: facing head of Helios, the sun god. It was his huge statue, one of the Seven Wonders, which straddled the entrance to this port. Rev: rose in bloom. Raw Fine, light oxidation and encrustation. \$247. Another NGC Fine, way PQ \$447.

Another set in beautiful 22 kt custom bezel \$1577.



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C290 BC silver stater of Taras, Greek colony in southern Italy Obv: boy riding dolphin, holding grapes Rev: youth on standing horse NGC AU \$1477. Another 272-235 BC boy, holding cantharos and scepter Rev: cavalryman wielding spear. EF, old collection toning. Head slightly off coin. \$577. NGC VF, faint scrs \$397.