

ḤORBAT 'EMED: THE COINS

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Five bronze coins were discovered in the excavation at Ḥorbat 'Emed (Tahan-Rosen and Hartal 2021); four of them were identified. Two coins bear readable dates: a *follis* of Maurice Tiberius minted in Antioch, whose reverse die was mended, as seen on the exergue inscription (No. 2), and a *follis* of emperor Heraclius struck in 626/7 CE (No. 4). Although these coins comprise a very small assemblage, they provide numismatic evidence that confirms the dating of the uncovered architectural remains based on the pottery and glass finds—all placing the structure at the end of the Byzantine period (sixth–seventh centuries CE).

CATALOGUE

1. Reg. No. 1037, L106, IAA 113553.

Late Roman, 402 CE?

Obv.: Obliterated.

Rev.: [---] Constantinopolis seated facing on throne, holding Victory on globe. Mintmark illegible.

Æ, 1.82 g, 14 mm.

Cf. *LRC*: Pl. 9, No. 239 (Arcadius). Identification uncertain.

2. Reg. No. 1003, L102, IAA 113550.

Maurice Tiberius, Antioch, 587/8 CE.

Obv.: ∞ ΟΠΤΙΣ CON∞ Bust facing, in consular robe and crowned, holding mappa and scepter with eagle.



Coin No. 2.

Rev.: **M** in l. field: ANNO; above, cross; in r. field: ζ ; in exergue: ζ CH
 Æ, ↓, *follis*, 14.05 g, 31 mm. The reverse die was retouched.
 DOC 1:339, No. 156.

3. Reg. No. 1028, L104, IAA 113552.

Maurice Tiberius(?), 582–602 CE(?).

Obv.:]IL[Bust facing, details obscure.

Rev.: **K** in l. field: ANNO; above, cross. Date and mintmark obliterated.

Æ, ↓, half *follis*, 5.32 g, 18 mm.

4. Reg. No. 1006, L102, IAA 113551.

Heraclius, Constantinople, 626/7 CE.

Obv.: Heraclius, Martina and Heraclius Constantine standing facing.

Rev.: **M** in l. field: η ; above: [ANNO]; below: A; in r. field: [X]Y[I]; in exergue: CON

Æ, ↙, *follis*, 5.37 g, 23 mm.

DOC 2/1:293, No. 101.



Coin No. 4.

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