

## Taylor University Archives Ancient Coin Collection

**Summary:** The coins were FIC (Found in Collection) Winter 2007 near the Dale Heath collection. They were not listed with the Dale Heath Collection, and were therefore considered separate. The research was done primarily online during the spring of 2007

These coins, which come from the height and decline of the Roman Empire and the birth of the Byzantine, span the first through sixth centuries AD. Four coins were from the Jewish province of Palestine in the Roman Empire and are representative of the special types of currency produced for that province. There are no faces or representations of the Roman Pantheon on these, which may have sparked rebellion. Two more are Denarii from the reign of Emperor Philip II "the Arab", and show how coins were used as propaganda in establishing the succession from father to son. The final coins come from the early Byzantine Empire and represent how the devalued currency of the defunct Roman Empire had to be completely re-worked into a new currency with new symbolism and style.

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- 1 Jewish Agrippa Prutah 42/43 AD
  - 1 Jewish Festus Prutah 58/59 AD
  - 2 Jewish First Revolt Prutahs 66-70 AD
  - 2 Philip II Denarii 244-249 AD
  - 1 40 Nummi Coin from Emperor Justinian 538-539
  - 1 40-Nummi Cion from Emperors Justin and Sophia 586 AD