

# [Guide to Roman Provincial / Greek Imperial Ancient Coins and Collection - ARTICLE with VIDEO](#)

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## **Learn about the amazing ancient Roman coins of the provinces of Greece and beyond**

The Roman Empire spread way beyond Italy in ancient times. The territories under their control were allowed to keep their culture and their Greek language. They were also allowed to issue coins locally. These coins had Greek inscriptions on them, a lot of the times and include a myriad of reverses that were important to the local people living in the area.

The standard reference work on these coins is Greek Imperial Coins And Their Values by David R. Sear. This work is a great bird's eye view of many Greek Imperial or otherwise known as Roman Provincial coins. Every emperor is included there, including some cultures that were present during the times of the Roman empire. Additional references are given to coins that were quasi-autonomous, or in other words, struck without the portrait of the emperor. Some of them are interesting and feature the portrait of the Roman Senate and Roma.

Overall, this is an interesting subject to learn about, explore and to collect. The advantage is that you can have reverse designs that you would not have on the Roman Imperial coins themselves, which featured strictly Roman motifs most of the time. Also to note, that some emperors, which are at times referred to as usurpers only issued coins in the province or city under their control. So you can only have a Roman provincial coin of them. Another benefit of Roman provincial coins is that they feature portraits of the imperial family which are otherwise not present on Roman Imperial coins. So, in conclusion, Greek Imperial or Roman Provincial coins made an amazing addition and make any ancient Roman coin collection more complete and more fascinating.

You can find a selection of over 1000 Roman provincial ancient coins not listed here. Seeing them is very simple by [clicking here to go to my store](#), and then scrolling down to the appropriate Ancient ROMAN PROVINCIAL Coins category. There is more than one so it is great to check both out. You can also get more [familiar with how to use my store by clicking here](#).

## **An Overview of Different Ancient Roman Provincial / Greek Imperial Coins**

This section features a selection of 27 different ancient coin types that are covered in my video above. You can learn a lot more about them by exploring my eBay store. I just picked out some of the nicest quality, and some of the rarest Roman provincial coins that I have. One of them even being a type that I believe may be a unique or unpublished example. You can learn a lot from the coins given below. Enjoy.



CALIGULA 37AD Silver Drachm Caesarea Cappadocia  
Ancient Roman Coin i43636 RARE

[Caligula](#) - Roman Emperor: 37-41 A.D.  
Silver Drachm 17mm (3.49 grams) mint of Caesarea in Cappadocia  
Reference: Sear GIC 397; RSC 12; Sydenham 48; S. 48; B.M.C. 102; R.I.C. 8  
C. CAESAR AVG. GERMANICVS, Bare head right.  
IMPERATOR PONT. MAX. AVG. TR. POT.,  
Simpulum and lituus.



OTHO 69AD Alexandria Egypt Tetradrachm Authentic  
Ancient Roman Coin i47975

[Otho](#) - Roman Emperor: 69 A.D. -  
Billon Tetradrachm 24mm (12.52 grams) of Alexandria in Egypt  
Regnal Year 1, 69 A.D.  
Reference: Dattari 328; Köln 249; Milne 366; Curtis 2393; Emmett 185; RPC I 5361  
AYTOK. MARK. ΟΘΩΝΟΣ ΚΑΙΣ. ΣΕΒ., Laureate head right, LA (regnal date) before.

KPA TH ΣΙΣ, Kratesis standing facing, head left, holding Nike and trophy.



OTACILIA SEVERA 244AD HEKATES Roman  
PHRYGIA Laodiceia ad Lycum Coin i46366 RARE  
[Otacilia Severa](#) - Roman Empress: 244-249 A.D wife of Philip I 'The Arab'

Bronze 31mm (14.41 grams) of PHRYGIA. Laodiceia ad Lycum  
Reference: Sear GIC 4036; B.M.C.25.323,255  
MARK. ΩΤΑΚΙΑ. CCBHPA CCB., Draped bust right.  
ΛΑΟΔΙΚΕΩΝ ΝΕΩΚΟΡΩΝ, Hekate triformis, holding torch in each hand.

Ostensibly conceived as a cthonic goddess, similar to that of Artemis, Hekate was later transformed and associated with witches, ghosts, and curses. Similar to the Roman Trivia, her image was set up on boundaries to keep out evil spirits. The cult likely traced itself from Caria, with the most prominent cult site being Lagina where there are names stemming from Hekate are attested (derived from Hekatos, or "far-shooting", an epithet of Apollo).

Divus AUGUSTUS and LIVIA after 14AD Hispalis  
Spain Ancient Roman Coin i46784  
Augustus - Roman Emperor: 27 B.C. - 14 A.D.



left; globe beneath, crescent above.

Divus [Augustus](#) and [Livia](#)

Bronze 35mm (23.89 grams) of Hispania in Spain after 14 A.D.

Reference: Sear GIC 189; Heiss 393,2; Cohen 169,3  
 PERM. DIVI AVG. COL. ROM. - Radiate head of Augustus right; thunderbolt before, star above.

IVLIA AVGVSTA GENETRIX ORBIS - Head of Livia



left foot on helmet, writing on a shield which rests on her left knee.

DOMITIAN Judaea Capta Caesarea Paneas 83AD  
 Victory Nike Roman Coin Rare i47989

[Domitian](#) - Roman Caesar: 69-81 A.D. Emperor: 81-96 A.D. -

[JUDAEA CAPTA](#) TYPE

Bronze 19mm (4.62 grams) Caesarea Paneas in Judaea mint: 83/84 A.D.

under Herod Agrippa II

Reference: Hendin 1317 (5th Edition)

ΔΟΜΕΤ ΚΑΙ ΓΕΡΜΑΝ, Laureate head right.

ΕΤΟ ΚΑ ΒΑ ΑΓΡΗΠΠΙΑ, Nike ( Victory ) standing right,



CALIGULA and CAESONIA 39AD Carthago Nova  
 Spain Ancient Roman Coin RARE i46743

[Caligula](#) - Roman Emperor: 37-41 A.D.

Caligula and Caesonia

Bronze 28mm (11.72 grams) of Carthago Nova in Spain

Reference: Sear GIC 419; Heiss 272,35; Cohen 247,1

C. CAESAR AVG. GERMANIC. IMP.P.M.T.P. COS.,  
 Laureate head of Caligula right.

CN. ATEL. FLAC. CN. POM. FLAC. II. VIR.

Q.V.I.N.C., Head of Caesonia right; SAL.-AVG. across field.

Married to Caligula in 39 A.D., she shared the fate of her husband after his assassination, when she was murdered with her infant daughter Drusilla.

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS 193AD Laodicea ad Mare  
 Silver Tetradrachm Roman Coin i46358

[Septimius Severus](#) - Roman Emperor: 193-211 A.D. -

Silver Tetradrachm 26mm (13.11 grams) of Laodicea ad Mare

Reference: Sear GIC 2261 var.; Priour 1149 (94 spec.)

ΑΥΤ. ΚΑΙ. ΣΕΥΗΡΟΥΣ ΚΕ., Laureate, draped and



cuirassed bust right.  
 ΔΗΜΑΡΧ. ΕΞ. ΥΠΙΑΤΟC ΤΟ Γ., Eagle standing facing,  
 looking left, holding wreath in beak; star between legs.



AUGUSTUS Victory Over Brutus Cassius Assassins of  
 Julius Caesar Roman Coin i47406  
[Augustus](#) - Roman Emperor: 27 B.C. - 14 A.D.  
 Bronze 19mm (3.94 grams) from the city of Philippi in  
 Northern Greece,  
 Macedonia circa 27 B.C. -10 B.C.  
 Reference: BMC 23; Sear 32  
 VIC AVG, Victory standing left.  
 3 legionary Standards, 'COHOR PRAEPHIL'



ANTONINUS PIUS & MARCUS AURELIUS Cyprus  
 Mint LARGE Ancient Roman Coin i46372  
[Antoninus Pius](#) - Roman Emperor: 138-161 A.D.  
 Antoninus Pius & [Marcus Aurelius](#)  
 Bronze 31mm (21.30 grams) of Cyprus  
 Reference: Sear GIC 1523; B.M.C. 24.84,48  
 AVT. K. T. AIA. AΔP. ANTΩNINOC CEB. Ε.,  
 Laureate head of Antoninus Pius right.  
 M. AVPHAIOC KAICAP VIOC CEBAC, Bare-headed,  
 draped and cuirassed bust of Marcus Aurelius right.



TRAJAN 115AD Silver Tetradrachm Alexandria Egypt  
 Zeus Ancient Roman Coin i46271  
[Trajan](#) - Roman Emperor : 98-117 A.D. -  
 Billon Silver Tetradrachm 23mm (9.54 grams) of  
 Alexandria in Egypt  
 Year 19 of reign, 115/116 A.D.  
 Reference: Dattari 692 variant  
 AVT ΤΡΑΙΑΝ ΑΠΙ CEB ΓΕΡΜ ΔΑΚΙΚ, laureate head  
 right, star in field to right.  
 Draped bust of Zeus right, ΛΙ Θ (date) across fields.



NERO 63AD Serapis Alexandria Egypt Tetradrachm  
Ancient Silver Roman Coin i46361  
[Nero](#) - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -  
Billon Silver Tetradrachm 25mm (12.31 grams) of  
Alexandria in Egypt  
Year 10 = 63/64 A.D.  
Reference: Milne 222; Koln 160; RPC 5274; Sear 5  
#2001; Dattari 251  
NEPΩ KAAV KAIΣ ΣEB ΓEP, radiate head right.  
AYTO KPA, draped bust of Serapis right, LI before.



NERO & AGRIPPINA Jr. Rape of Persephone by Hades  
Nysa Lydia Roman Coin i44411  
[Nero](#) - Roman Emperor: 54-68 A.D. -  
Bronze 19mm (4.90 grams) of Nysa in Lydia  
Reference: Rare, possibly unpublished type  
Jugate heads of Nero and his mother [Agrippina Jr.](#) Right.

"Rape of Persephone Scene" Hades in galloping  
quadriga (four horse chariot) abducting the protesting  
Persephone, whom he holds in his right arm.

\* Numismatic Note; This is a very rare, possibly only one known of it's kind. I have searched various database and could not find a match with the obverse type. Additionally the abduction of Persephone by Hades is a very interesting and rare motif that some collectors enjoy.

Hades the ancient Greek god of the underworld, can't help but to abduct the beautiful Persephone, the daughter of Demeter. Being the goddess of agriculture, Demeter is so sad that nothing grows in the world. Zeus interjects as the people grow hungry from this and gets the return of Persephone to her mother. However, Hades tricks Persephone into eating a pomegranate and because she tasted the fruit of the underworld, she must return for one third of the year, which are attributed to the winter months. This myth explains the seasons in the ancient times.



MAXIMINUS I Thrax Medallion Tarsus Cilicia  
HERCULES TELEPHOS Roman Coin i44110  
[Maximinus I](#) 'Thrax' - Roman Emperor: 235-238 A.D. -  
Bronze Medallion 38mm (25.88 grams) from  
Referenc: SNG France 1613; SNG Levante 1098  
AVT. K. Γ. IOV. OVH. MAΞIMCINOC, Radiate,  
draped and cuirassed bust right; Π-Π in field.  
TAPCOV THC MHTPOΠIOΛEW, [Hercules](#) standing  
right, holding club resting on bull's head, lion skin, and  
the child Telephus, who leans forward to pet a deer; tree

with birds in background; A / M / K / Γ / B in field to left.

This charming reverse type depicting Hercules and his son Telephus derives from a 4th century BC Greek sculpture.

Roman copies of this work survive, the finest of which is belongs to the Louvre.



Tiberius & Drusus & Germanicus Rare HUGE Ancient Roman Coin of Spain i11627  
[Tiberius](#) - Roman Emperor: 14-37 A.D. -  
Bronze As 27mm (10.77 grams) of Colonia Romula (Seville), Spain  
Reference: RPC 74; Burgos (1992) 1588  
PERM DIVI AVG COL ROM, laureate head of Tiberius left.  
GERMANICVS CAESAR DRVSVS CAESAR, confronted heads of [Germanicus](#) & [Drusus](#).



PONTIUS PILATE Ancient Biblical Roman Jerusalem Coin JESUS CHRIST Time i36578  
[Pontius Pilate](#) - (chiefly known for crucifixion of Jesus) ruled 26-36 A.D.  
Procurator of Judaea under Emperor Tiberius, Roman Emperor: 14-37 A.D.  
Bronze Prutah 15mm (1.86 grams) Jerusalem 30-31 A.D.  
Reference: Hendin 1342.  
Lituus, surrounded by TIBEPIOY KAICAPOC.  
Date LIZ (= year 18 = 31 C.E.) within wreath.

\* Numismatic Note: Authentic ancient biblical coin, issued by the Roman procurator whom had [Jesus Christ](#) crucified. Very rare, unique piece of ancient history.



MAXIMUS PRUSA ADHYPIUM Anteus Nude Hercules gripping Anteus Roman Coin i22423  
[Maximus](#) - Caesar under Maximinus: 235-238 A.D.  
Bronze As 23mm (6.77 grams) of Prusa ad Hypium in Bithynia  
Γ. IOVA. OVHP. MAΞIMOC K, bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust right.  
ΠΙΡΟVCIEΩΝ ΠΙΡΟC VΠΠΙΩ, [Hercules](#) gripping [Anteus](#) in bear hug and lifting him from the ground, making weak for him to defeat him.

\* Numismatic Note: Very rare ruler and very rare ancient roman provincial city, along with rare reverse type.

JULIA DOMNA THREE NAKED WOMEN GRACES  
Rare Ancient Roman Coin i12371  
[Julia Domna](#) - Roman Empress Wife of Emperor



Septimius Severus 193-211 A.D. -  
Bronze 24mm (7.20 grams) from the city of  
Marcianopolis 193-209 A.D.  
IOVΛΙΑ ΔΟΜΝΑ CEB, draped bust right.  
ΜΑΡΚΙΑΝΟΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ, The [Three Graces](#), Aglaea,  
Euphrosyne and Thalia, standing side-by-side facing,  
nude, arms around each other's shoulders.



CARACALLA 198AD Nicopolis under Aurelius Gallus  
Big Roman Coin VICTORY i23619  
[Caracalla](#) - Roman Emperor: 198-217 A.D. -  
Bronze 26mm (12.85 grams) of Nicopolis ad Istrum in  
Moesia Inferior  
under Magistrate Aurelius Gallus circa 198-209 A.D.  
AV K. M AVP ANTΩNEINO, laureate head right.  
VII AVP ΓΑΛΛΟΝ ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ ΠΡΟC I, [Victory](#)  
on globe left, holding wreath and palm.

emerald-green patina.

\* Numismatic Note: Fantastic quality coin with beautiful



Apollo before face.

CLAUDIUS & BRITANNICUS Rare Ancient Greek  
Coin Countermark of Apollo i22441  
Claudius - Roman Emperor: 41-54 A.D. -  
[Claudius](#) & [Britannicus](#)  
Bronze 26mm (8.14 grams) of Thessalonica in  
Macedonia circa 45-50 A.D.  
Reference: S. 497; B.M.C. 5.118,81; RPC 1588  
ΤΙ. ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟC ΚΑΙCΑΡ CΕΒΑ. Bare head of  
Claudius left.  
ΒΡΕΤΑΝΝΙΚΟC ΘΕCΣCΑΛΟΝΙΚ. Bare head of  
Britannicus left; all within laurel-wreath, countermark of

ANTONINUS PIUS Marcus Aurelius Father Ancient  
RomanCoin ARES Mars Cult i14350  
[Antoninus Pius](#) - Roman Emperor: 138-161 A.D.  
Bronze 18mm (4.68 grams) of Philippopolis in Thrace  
ΑΥΤ Κ ΑΝΤΩΝΕΙΝΟC CΕΒ, bare bust right.  
ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΠΟΛΕΙΤ, Nude [Ares](#) standing left, holding  
patera and spear.



TITUS & DOMITIAN CAESARS 77AD Stobi Macedonia Roman Coin Dionysus Temple i28335  
[Titus](#) & [Domitian](#) as Caesars  
 Bronze 25mm (5.10 grams) of Stobi in Macedonia Struck 77-78 A.D.  
 Reference: RPC 311; Boric-Breskovic, Stobi, p. 29, Type 3; AMNG III -; Varbanov 3805  
 T CAESAR IMP DOMITIANVS CAESAR, Laureate and draped bust of Titus right vis-à-vis bare head of Domitian left.



MVNICIPI STOBENSIVM, tetra-style [temple](#) on podium with two steps; inside, Dionysus standing left; clipeus in pediment.



SEVERUS ALEXANDER Caesarea Cappadocia Mt. Argaeus Aquila Eagle Roman Coin i44143  
[Severus Alexander](#) - Roman Emperor: 222-235 A.D.  
 Bronze 26mm (12.71 grams) of [Caesarea](#) in [Cappadocia](#)  
 Dated Regnal Year 6, 227/228 A.D.  
 Reference: Sydenham, Caesarea 565 var.  
 AV K CC OVHPOC AΛEΞANΔP, laureate, draped and cuirassed bust right.  
 MHTPO KAICAPI, Mt. Argaeus surmounted by eagle; aquilae flanking, CT 5 (date) in exergue.



MACRINUS 218AD Deultum Thrace ANDROMEDA PERSEUS SEA MONSTER Roman Coin i40772  
[Macrinus](#) - Roman Emperor: 217-218 A.D. -  
 Bronze 22mm (8.48 grams) of Deultum in Thrace  
 Reference: Draganov 119 (O19/R587); Youroukova 61; Varbanov 2129  
 IMP C M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG, Radiate and cuirassed bust right.  
 COL FL PAC DEVLT, [Perseus](#) standing left, holding a harp and [Medusa](#)'s head with his left hand, using his right hand to help [Andromeda](#) down off some rocks; dead sea monster at feet.





Augustus 27BC Amphipolis Macedon Rare Ancient Roman Coin Artemis Bull i30611

[Augustus](#) - Roman Emperor: 27 B.C. - 14 A.D.

Bronze 22mm (6.34 grams) of Greek city of Amphipolis in Macedon 27 B.C. - 10 A.D.

Reference: RPC 1629; SNG ANS 160 var.

ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΚΤΟΣ - Bare head of Augustus right.

ΑΜΦΙΠΟΛΕΙΤΩΝ - Artemis Tauropolos riding on bull galloping right, veil flowing above.



CLAUDIUS Philippi Julius Caesar & Augustus Statues Ancient Roman Coin i40538

[Claudius](#) - Roman Emperor: 41-54 A.D. -

Bronze 26mm (12.58 grams) of the City of Philippi in Macedonia Struck 41-54 A.D.

Reference: Sear GIC 428; B.M.C. 5.98,25; Cohen 260, 117

TI. CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. P.M. TR. P. IMP. - Bare head of Claudius left.

COL AVG IVL PHILIP, cippus inscribed with DIVVS

AVG in two lines, on which stand statues of [Augustus](#) (to left) & [Caesar](#) (to right), altar on either side of cippus.



OTACILIA SEVERA 244AD Ancient Roman Coin HYGEIA Salus Serpent Very rare i20496

[Otacilia Severa](#) - Roman Empress: 244-249 A.D wife of Emperor Philip I -

Bronze 21mm (4.63 grams) of Deultum in Thrace circa 244-249 A.D.

MARCIA OTACIL SEVERA AVG, draped bust right.

COL F L PAC DEULT, [Hygeia](#) standing right, feeding a serpent from a patera.

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS 193AD Nicopolis Ancient Roman Coin Nude HERMES i22612

[Septimius Severus](#) - Roman Emperor: 193-211 A.D. -

Bronze 15mm (2.18 grams) of [Nicopolis ad Istrum](#) in Moesia Inferior 193-211 A.D.

ΑΥ Κ Λ ΣΕΒΗΡΟΣ, laureate head right.

ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΤ ΠΡΟΣ ΙΚΤΡ, [Hermes](#), nude, standing left with money-pouch and caduceus.



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