

22. The Year 20 Mint.

Bust facing wearing paludamentum and crown with cross; globus cruciger shown in right field.

M between И/И and X/X, officina letter beneath, ОИО (sometimes ОИО) (rarely complete) below.

Class 1 (beardless bust); officina A only.

22.1.
O&M 10.
3.05 gms. 040.
783.02.



22.2.
O&M 2 (pc).
2.71 gms. 270.
368b.90.



22.3.
O&M - .
2.69 gms. 180.
368d.90.



22.4.
O&M 12.
2.29 gms. 180.
368c.90.



22.5.
O&M 11.
2.28 gms. 180.
368a.90.¹



Class 2 (bust with short beard); officinas A and Δ.

22.6.
Officina Δ.
O&M 42 (pc).
4.73 gms. 170.
368o.90.



22.7.
Officina A.
O&M 17 (pc).
4.46 gms. 150.
368e.90.²



22.8.
Officina A.
O&M 25.
3.98 gms. 130.
368q.90.



Class 2 (bust with short beard); officinas A and Δ.

22.9.
Officina Δ.
O&M 39 (pc).
3.90 gms. 210.
368m.90.



22.10.
Officina A.
O&M 30.
3.65 gms. 170.
368j.90.



22.11.
Officina A.
O&M 21.
3.41 gms. 170.
368h.90.



22.12.
Officina A.
O&M 16.
3.34 gms. 180.
386l.90.



22.13.
Officina A.
O&M 29.
3.34 gms. 110.
368i.90.



22.14.
Officina A.
O&M 43 (pc).
3.34 gms. 180.
1375.08.



22.15.
Officina A.
O&M 26.
3.16 gms. 170.
1290.06.



22.16.
Officina A.
O&M 15.
3.05 gms. 170.
368g.90.



22.17.*
Officina A.
O&M 47.
2.99 gms. 190.
368p.90.



22.18.
Officina A.
O&M 27 (pc).
2.94 gms. 090.
461.94.



22.19.
Officina A.
O&M 18.
2.78 gms. 170.
784.02.



22.20.
Officina A.
O&M 19.
2.66 gms. 180.
750.01.



22.21.
Officina Δ.
O&M 38.
2.38 gms. 180.
368r.90.



22.22.*
Officina A.
O&M 45.
2.35 gms. 180.
368k.90.



22.23.
Officina A.
O&M 28.
2.21 gms. 170.
368f.90.



Class 3 (bust with long beard); officinas A and E.

Bust facing, bearded, wearing paludamentum and crown with cross; globus cruciger in right field.

M between A/O/N or A/N/O and X/X/N, officina letter beneath, CON (rarely complete) below.

22.24.
Officina E.
O&M 53.
4.41 gms. 030.
1376.08.



22.25.*
Officina A.
O&M 57.
4.13 gms. 160.
368s.90.



22.26.
Officina A.
O&M 55.
2.43 gms. 000.
1376a.08.



Stylistically related coins.

Bust facing, bearded, wearing robes and crown.
M, []/X to right, Γ beneath, NOC below.

22.27.*
O&M - .
3.46 gms. 000.
2034b.14.



22.28.
O&M - .
2.57 gms. 190.
381.91.



Three standing figures each wearing crown with cross; central figure holds a long cross.

M, X/X to right, A beneath, NIXM below.

22.29.*
O&M - .
2.76 gms. 200.
2079.15.



REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

Mansfield, S. J., A Byzantine Irregular Issue of "Year 20", *Numismatic Circular*, April 1992, pp. 81-82.

Oddy, W. A., and Mansfield, S. J., The "Year 20 Mint" Revisited, *Journal of the Oriental Numismatic Society* No. 214 (Winter 2013), pp. 4-11.

Subtitled – The Year 20 Mint and the Phase 1 (Pseudo-Byzantine) Coinage in Early Islamic Syria – the second paper suggested that the coins might be dated to around 658-663. This view aligns with those of Foss in the D. O. catalogue and Pottier, Schulze and Schulze in their work on the coinage of Syria under Arab occupation. The paper contains detailed die study data which are not incorporated here. With a single exception, all the specimens in this collection are also included in the catalogue annexed to Oddy and Mansfield (2013). Illustrated coins are additionally described as (pc) for plate coin. Three further coins are listed in this chapter on the grounds that, in certain respects, they resemble the products of the mint.

Class 1. There are traces of an obverse legend to the right of the bust. All recorded specimens are struck from the same obverse die. Two reverse dies are known, the second of which (O&M 10-12) links into Class 2.

Class 2. Three obverse dies (one of which has the traces of an obverse legend to the right) and five reverse dies are known.

Class 3. A single obverse die and three reverse dies are known. There are no die-links with the other classes.

Stylistically related coins. Beyond the suggestion of the date arrangement X/X there is no evidence, such as die-links, to tie these coins to the Year 20 mint.

22.17. The style of the obverse is quite markedly distinct with part of the cuirass represented as a series of horizontal lines. Obverse die O4; one of three specimens catalogued.

22.22. The officina letter is off-flan but the coin is die-linked to O&M 43 on which the A is quite clear.

22.25. The cross above the denominational mark M appears to be mounted on a globe.

22.27-28. Die-linked. The first seems to be overstruck.

22.29. The obverse copies the iconography of the Heraclius Class 6 folles of Constantinople. The coin is of neat manufacture.

See chapter 38, coin 38.4, for a further stylistically related example.

¹ Mansfield, S. J., A Byzantine Irregular Issue of "Year 20", *Numismatic Circular*, April 1992, pp. 81-82, figure 2.

² As above, figure 3.