

26. Justinian II (first reign; 685-695).

Constantinople; 40 nummi.

MIB 44 (685-695; intermittent). **IUSTINI ANUSP.**

Bust facing wearing chlamys and crown with cross and holding globus cruciger.

M, regnal year (with dash below) to right, officina letter beneath, **CON** below.



26.1.
Regnal year 2 (686/7).
Officina A.
D. O. 18a.
8.45 gms. 200.
185.87.¹

Constantinople; 20 nummi.

MIB 47 (684-695). No obverse legend.

Bust facing wearing chlamys and crown with cross and holding globus cruciger.

K, regnal year (with cross above and dash below) to right, officina letter beneath.



26.2.
Regnal year 2 (686/7).
Officina Γ.
D. O. 20a.
3.37 gms. 200.
226.88.

26.3.
Regnal year 2 (686/7).
Officina Δ.
D. O. 20b.
4.18 gms. 200.
1465.09.²



26.4.*
Regnal year 6 (S)
(690/91).
Officina Γ.
D. O. - .
3.48 gms. 000.
1972.13.³



Armoured bust in three-quarter profile holding spear behind head.
K; **I** to right, **A** beneath.



26.5.*
MIB - , D. O. - .
3.84 gms. 040.
1426.08.⁴

Carthage; 40 nummi.

MIB 52 (686-687). () . .. **NAOI** (blundered).

Bust facing, beardless, wearing chlamys and crown with cross; **A/N/N/O** in right field; **II** in left.
Ἰ; **[KTG]** below.

26.6.
D. O. 29.
8.05 gms. 210.
683.00.⁵



Carthage; MIB 55 (690-691). IUSTIN ANUSPP.

Bust facing, bearded, wearing chlamys and crown with cross.

M, Θ/Δ above, ΚΓΩ below.

26.7.
Indictional year 4 (Δ;
690/91).
D. O. 32.
4.54 gms. 200.
1805.13.⁶



MIB 58 (694-695). No obverse legend.

Standing figure wearing crown with cross and chlamys and holding globus cruciger and akakia; all between two long crosses on globes.

M between I and Ω, monogram of Justinian above, ΚΓΩ below.

26.8.
Regnal year 10 (I;
694/5).
D. O. 34.
5.68 gms. 270.
1924.13.



Syracuse; 40 nummi.

MIB 67 (689-690). No obverse legend.

Bust facing wearing crown with cross and jeweled robe and holding globus cruciger and akakia

M, monogram of Justinian above, SCL below.

26.9.*
D. O. 53.
5.12 gms. 190.
233a.88.



MIB 70 (692-693). No obverse legend.

Standing figure wearing crown with cross and holding spear and globus cruciger.

M, monogram of Justinian above, SCL below.

26.10.*
D. O. 62.
7.44 gms. 160.
484.95.



26.11.
D. O. 62.
4.57 gms. 180.
186.87.⁷



MIB 72 (694-695). No obverse legend.

Standing figure wearing helmet with plume and robe and holding akakia and globus cruciger; in right field, star above palm, in left, palm.

M between I/N/Δ and †/H/†, monogram of Justinian above, SCL below.

26.12.
Indictional year 8 (H;
694/5).
D. O. 63.
4.73 gms. 180.
196.87.



Syracuse; 40 nummi.

MIB 73 (695). No obverse legend.

Enthroned figure wearing crown with cross and chlamys and holding globus cruciger and akakia; star in right field.

M between palms, monogram of Justinian above, SCL below.



26.13.
D. O. 64.
3.11 gms. 200.
471.92.⁸



Syracuse; 20 nummi.

MIB - . (Circa 693-695.) No obverse legend.

Half length figure facing wearing crown with cross and chlamys and holding globus cruciger; star in left field.

K between N and H, A beneath.



26.14.*
D. O. - .
1.94 gms. 180.
465.94.



Ravenna; 40 nummi.

MIB 78 (685-695). No obverse inscription.

Bust facing, bearded, wearing crown with cross and chlamys and holding globus cruciger.

M, RAV below.



26.15.
D. O. 73.
4.01 gms. 180.
1031.05.⁹



REFERENCES AND GENERAL NOTES

26.4. The third officina is not listed in MIB.

26.5. A puzzling coin, described in the Wales sale catalogue as a half follis of Constantine IV. The flan is almost certainly a quartered follis of that reign which militates against that suggestion to some extent. The portrait resembles the style of Justinian II although the spear behind head type is unknown for this Emperor. An error by the die-cutter - retaining the familiar spear type of the previous reign - seems more likely than a previously unknown issue in the first year of the new reign. The attribution is speculative. Neither the date nor the officina letter are certain.

26.9. Overstruck – presumably on an earlier Syracusan follis. A globus cruciger is clearly visible on the obverse.

26.10. In spite of the helmet and the spear, it is hard to agree with D. O. that this coin, and the next, portray the Emperor in military uniform. From the first specimen it is clear that some form of banded garment is intended; this could conceivably represent mail.

26.14. Overstruck on MIB 69 – which MIB gives to 691-692. A second specimen was offered in the Berk-England auction of December 1989 (lot 271). The sale catalogue suggests that the coin, overstruck on MIB 68, belongs to the second reign of Justinian II (705-711). The first reign is more likely in view of the iconography, however. The dating is conjectural but indictional year 8 (H; 694/5) is possible.

¹ Baldwins, September 1987.

² Lanz Numismatik, November 2009.

³ Baldwins, November 2013.

⁴ Morton and Eden, 11 December 2008, ex lot 469; Carroll F. Wales collection.

⁵ Baldwins, August 2000.

⁶ CNG electronic auction 296, lot 434 (Righetti collection).

⁷ Baldwins, September 1987.

⁸ S. Bendall, September 1992.

⁹ Baldwins, December 2005.