

Illustration of divine Jupiter on Roman coin during the first three centuries A.D.
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Introduction;

Rome is considered to be the heart of the ancient Roman world, and it was characterized with special qualifications allowed it to rule the ancient world and extended power over all the Mediterranean sea lands and other areas. All countries under the shadow of the Roman government were blessed with peace, law, discipline and prosperity. The strength of the Roman empire started to appear after the invasion of Egypt at year 30 B.C. after victory over Octavius. And for 7 centuries after the death of Cleopatra Rome took over the world starting with Euler family-Claudia then Flavy family till Severus family.

In order to control internal and external trade movements a system had to be obtained for money, measure and scales that was assured by the country so many metallic coins were molded whether bronze or copper or gold or other metals, at the beginning animal images were printed on them then they developed and printed images of Roman divines on one side and the Roman emperor on the other side. Then major movement in imaging the divines on coins was evolved during the Roman empire especially starting the first century A.D. till the end of the third century A.D.

This study aims to show some Roman coins that has the Roman divines on them where the Roman currency has been subjected to several studies at the first 3 centuries A.D. included Hussin Abd el aziz study; Roman currency, Alexandria 1997 A.D. also some western studies;

1-W.G.Sayles; Ancient coin collecting III: The Roman world-politics and propaganda, the earliest period to the extinction of the empire, W.H. Johnston, 1865

2-William Boyne, a manual of Roman coins: from the earliest period to the extinction of the empire: illustrated with 21 plates. W.H. Johnston, 1865.

Those studies include the study of dr/Hussin Abd el aziz in his book Roman currency also the study of dr/Mahmud El fatatry which explained the Greek and the Roman coins in his book finally dr/Ezzat Kadous about Roman currency as well but none of them talked about imaging the divines on coins at this period of time, even when those studies handled the shape of the divines on Roman currency in details to each divine but this research will handle the difference on how the divine Jupiter appeared in the eastern and western parts of the empire, where the researcher tried to answer several questions that include;

First;- did the shape of divine Jupiter on the coin was different at the eastern side from the western side of the empire?

Second;- in case of appearance of differences the researcher will explain them and the years they appeared at.

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