

Gotarzes II (c. A.D. 40 - 51)

ΓΩΤΑΡΖΗΣ or ΓΩΤΕΡΖΗΣ

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Coins Attributed to Gotarzes II

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Sellwood Type 65



Gotarzes II

AR Tetradrachm, 14.2 g, 28 mm, die axis = 12h

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), A.D. 43/44

Additional images/ [\[large obv\]](#) [\[large rev\]](#)

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with long, somewhat pointed beard; diadem with loop at the top and three ends. Lock of hair representing royal wart on forehead; border of dots

Rev/ king seated right on throne; Tyche standing left before him, presenting diadem and holding cornucopiae. Greek inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Σ] ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Ν] / ΑΡΣ[ΑΚΟΥ] ΕΥΕΡΓ[ΕΤΟΥ] / [ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ] / ΕΠΙΦΑ[ΝΟΥΣ] ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗ[ΝΟΣ]. Inscription on left read from outside. Between the heads of Tyche and the king Greek numeral ENT, year 355 of the Seleucid era (A.D. 43/44). Outer line of inscription at bottom, which is read from outside and carries month, is off flan.

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- Sellwood 65.2 var. (same year date)



Gotarzes II

AR Tetradrachm, 14.71 g

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), 45/46 A.D.

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Obv/ bare-headed bust left with long, somewhat pointed beard; diadem with loop at the top and three ends. Lock of hair representing royal wart on forehead; border of dots

Rev/ king seated right on throne; Tyche standing left before him, presenting diadem and holding cornucopiae. Greek inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ] / ΑΡΣΑ[ΚΟΥ] ΕΥΕΡΓΕ[ΤΟΥ] / ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ / ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟ[ΥΣ ΦΙΛΕ]ΛΛΗΝ[ΟΣ]. Inscription on left read from outside. Between the heads of Tyche and the king Greek numeral ΖΝΤ, year 357 of the Seleucid era (A.D. 45/46). Outer line of inscription at bottom, which is read from outside and carries month, is partially off flan, probably reads [Π]ΑΝΗ[ΜΟΥ] (June, A.D. 46).

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- Sellwood 65.4? (same year date, and probably month)



Gotarzes II

AR Tetradrachm, 14.46 g

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), A.D. 48/49

Obv/ as above

Rev/ king seated right on throne; Tyche standing left before him, presenting diadem and holding cornucopiae; Greek inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ] / [Α]ΡΣΑΚΟ[Υ] [ΕΥΕΡ]ΓΕΤΟ[Υ] / ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ / [Ε]ΠΙΦΑΝΟ[ΥΣ] [ΦΙΛΕ]ΛΛΗΝΟΣ. Inscription on left read from outside, with second line almost entirely off flan. Between the heads of Tyche and the king, Greek numeral ΞΤ, year 360 of the Seleucid era (A.D. 48/49). Outer line of inscription at the bottom is read from outside and gives the month as ΓΡ ΕΜΒΟ (ΓΟΡΠΙΑΙΟΣ ΕΜΒΟΛΙΜΟΣ, Gorpaios Embolimos), where Gamma-Rho is given as [Monogram 29](#), similar to the one on Sellwood's type 63.5 tetradrachm of Artabanus II. This is a rare and important coin as its date may be a key to understanding calendar usage by the Parthians

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- Sellwood 65.23 var.



Gotarzes II

AR Tetradrachm, 14.40 g

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), A.D. 49/50

Additional images/ [\[obv & rev\]](#)

Obv/ as above

Rev/ king seated right on throne; Tyche standing left before him, presenting diadem and holding cornucopiae; Greek inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ] / [ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ Ε]ΥΕΡΓΕΤΟ[Υ] / ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ / [Ε]ΠΙΦΑΝ[ΟΥΣ ΦΙΛΕ]ΛΛΗΝΟΣ. Inscription on left read from outside, with second line almost entirely off flan. Between the heads of Tyche and the king, Greek numeral ΑΞΤ, year 361 of the Seleucid era (A.D. 49/50). Outer line of inscription at the bottom usually gives the month but is partially off flan

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- Sellwood 65.25-27 var.



Gotarzes II

AR Drachm, 3.66 g, 20 mm, die axis = 12h

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with medium to long, square cut beard; diadem with loop at the top and three ends; royal wart on forehead (not visible because of wear)

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Greek legend. Monogram below bow

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- Sellwood 65.33

- Shore 364



Gotarzes II

AR Drachm

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Additional images/ [[large obv & rev](#)]

Obv/ bare-headed bust left, long rectangular beard, earring visible; diadem with loop at the top and three ends; royal wart on forehead

Rev/ beardless archer, seated right on throne; in right hand, bow; Greek inscription ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ / ΑΡΣΑΚΟ[Υ] / ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟ[Υ] ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ / [Ε]ΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣΕ [ΦΙ]ΛΕΛΛΗ[ΝΟΣ], legend on left read from outside; [monogram 26](#) below bow

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- Sellwood 65.33



Gotarzes II

AE Drachm

Mint/ [Mithradatkart](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left, beard square not rounded; royal wart a straight line on forehead; hair in three waves but not puffed out; in front star above crescent

Rev/ beardless archer, seated right on throne; in right hand, bow; Greek inscription mostly pellets; variant of [monogram 28](#) below bow, another monogram behind throne

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- Sellwood 65.36



Gotarzes II

AE Drachm, 17 mm

Mint/ [Mithradatkart](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left, beard square not rounded; royal wart a straight line on forehead; hair in three waves but not puffed out; in front star above crescent

Rev/ beardless archer, seated right on throne; in right hand, bow; Greek inscription mostly pellets; variant of [monogram 28](#) below bow, another monogram behind throne

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- Sellwood 65.36

Sellwood Type 66



Gotarzes II

AR Tetradrachm, 12.57

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), June, A.D. 44

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with long, somewhat pointed beard; diadem with loop at the top and two pendants. Lock of hair representing royal wart on forehead, Γ behind; border of dots

Rev/ king seated right on throne; Tyche standing left before him, presenting diadem and holding cornucopia.

Greek inscription: ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΦΙΛΕΛΛΗΝΟΣ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ ΓΩΤΑΡΖΟΥ. Inscription on left read from outside. Between the heads of Tyche and the king Greek numeral ZNT, year 357 of the Seleucid era (A.D. 43/44). In exergue, ΠΑΝΗ.

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- Sellwood 66.2

- BMC Parthia, p.162, 10 (Gotarzes) (this coin)

- Gardner, p. 49; pl. v, 18 (this coin)



Gotarzes II

AR Drachm, 3.58

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with long rectangular beard; diadem with loop at the top and three ends; (royal wart on forehead not visible because of wear)

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Greek legend: ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΝ ΑΡΣΑΝΟΙ ΥΟΣΚΕΚΑΛ ΟΥΜΕΝΟΣΑ ΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΥ ΓΩΤΕΡΖΗΣ. Monogram below bow

Note/ reverse double-struck

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- Sellwood 66.4

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