



s e l e u c i d e m p i r e

The Seleucid empire at its greatest stretched from Thrace to India and included almost all of Alexander the Great's conquests, except Egypt. Seleucus, one of Alexander's generals, became satrap of Babylonia in 321 BC. In a prolonged power struggle between the "Successors" (Diadochoi) – Ptolemy (Egypt), Lysimachos (Thrace), Cassander (Macedon and Greece) and Seleucus ganged up on Antigonas (Asia), defeating him at the battle of Ipsus in 301 BC. Seleucus was assassinated by the disgruntled son of Ptolemy in 281 BC.

The kingdom was a major center of Hellenistic culture, maintaining the pre-eminence of Greek customs and manners over the Middle East. It began to decline in 190 BC after a first defeat by the Romans and lasted until 64 BC when the last Seleucid king, Antiochus XIII, was murdered by Sampsicramus, an Arab emir, at the behest of Pompey.

SC = *Seleucid Coins - A Comprehensive Catalogue, Part I*, Arthur Houghton and Catharine Lorber

(Metrological Tables by Brian Kritt), CNG/ANS, 2002

SGC = *Greek Coins and their values, Volume 2: Asia and Africa*, David R. Sear, Seaby, London (1979)

SNG ISR = *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum, Israel I, The Arnold Spaer Collection of Seleucid Coins*, Jerusalem (1998)

L/K AML = *Ancient Bronze Coins of Asia Minor and the Levant from the Lindgren Collection*, Henry Clay Lindgren and Frank L. Kovacs, Chrysopylon Publications, San Francisco (1985)

Houghton 1983 = *Coins of the Seleucid Empire from the Collection of Arthur Houghton*, Arthur Houghton, The American Numismatic Society, New York (1983)

Seleucus I Nicator

Son of Antiochus of Macedon. Reign 312 - 281 BC.



Seleucus I (312 - 281 BC)

Mint: [Antioch](#)

AE 19

SC 17.3

19 x 18 mm.

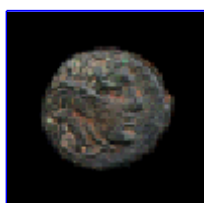
6.45 gm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Laureate head of Apollo, right.

Reverse: Athena Promachos standing right with spear and shield; monogram in right field.



Seleucus I (312 - 281 BC)

Mint: [Antioch](#)

AE 19

SC 21

19 x 18 mm.

7.16 gm.

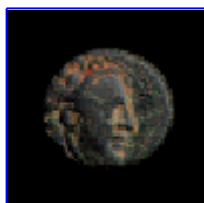
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[reverse](#)

Obverse: Winged head of Medusa, right; serpents in hair.

Reverse: Humped bull butting, right.

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.



Seleucus I (312 - 281 BC)

Mint: [Antioch](#)

AE 19

SC 21

19 x 18 mm.

6.56 gm

2.64 gm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Winged head of Medusa, right; serpents in hair.

Reverse: Humped bull butting, right.

Antiochus I Soter

Son of Seleucus I. Coregent 294 - 281 BC; Sole Reign 281 - 261 BC.



Antiochus I (281 - 261 BC)

Mint: Susa

AE 15

SC 400 type

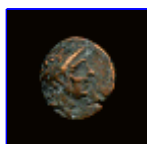
15 mm.

2.64 gm.

Die position=8h

Obverse: Heads of Dioskouroi, facing.

Reverse: Elephant standing left.



Antiochus I (281 - 261 BC)

Mint: Ecbatana

AE 18

SC 416

16 x 18 mm.

3.14 gm.

Die position=8h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Elderly diademed head of Antiochus, right.

Reverse: Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow(s) and resting on bow.
Monograms in fields.



Antiochus I (281 - 261 BC)

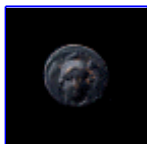
Mint: Antioch

AE 18
SC 343
18 mm.
5.59 gm.
Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Laureate head of Zeus, right.

Reverse: Thunderbolt. Club and monogram, above; jawbone of a boar, below.
Countermark of an anchor (?).



Antiochus I (281 - 261 BC)

Mint: Smyrna or Sardes

AE 14
SC 315
14 mm.
2.62 gm.
Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Bust of Athena facing, in triple crested helmet.

Reverse: Nike standing left.



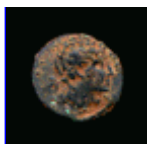
Antiochus I (281 - 261 BC)

Mint: Smyrna or Sardes (?)

AE 12
SC 315 (?)
12 mm.
1.91 gm.
Die position=_h
Obverse: Facing bust of Athena.
Reverse: (?)

Antiochus II Theos

Son of Antiochus I. Coregent 266 - 261 BC; Sole Reign 261 - 246 BC.



Antiochus II (261 - 246 BC)

Mint: [Antioch](#)

AE 19

SC 575.1

19 x 18 mm.

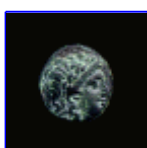
6.73 gm.

Die position=3h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Laureate head of Apollo, right.

Reverse: Tripod; monograms. Anchor in exergue.



Antiochus II (261 - 246 BC)

Mint: [perhaps Tralles](#)

AE 16

SC 537

16 mm.

4.14 gm.

Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Laureate head of Apollo, right.

Reverse: Tripod; monogram to either side.

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.

Seleucus II Kallinikos

Son of Antiochus II. Reign 246 - 226 BC.



Seleucus II (246 - 226 BC)

Mint: [Sardes](#)

AE 16

SC 660

16 mm.

4.63 gm.

Die position=12h

Obverse: Head of Athena right.

Reverse: Apollo standing left.



Seleucus II (246 - 226 BC)

Mint: Antioch

AE 19

SC 692.1

19 mm.

7.12 gm.

Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Head of Athena in crested Corinthian helmet, right.

Reverse: Nike standing left, crowning large anchor. Monograms in fields.

Antiochus Hierax

Son of Antiochus II. Coregent in Asia Minor c.245(?) - 242 BC; King 242 - 227 BC.

Seleucus III Soter (Keraunos)

Son of Seleucus II. Reign 226 - 223 BC.



Seleucus III (226 - 223 BC)

Mint: Antioch

AE 15

SC 922.3

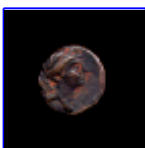
15 mm.

4.48 gm.

Die position=1h

Obverse: Bust of Artemis, right.

Reverse: Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow.



Seleucus III (226 - 223 BC)

Mint: Antioch

AE 15

SC 922

15 mm.

3.87 gm.

Die position=2h

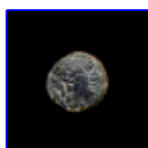
[reverse](#)

Obverse: Bust of Artemis, right.

Reverse: Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow.

Antiochus III 'The Great'

Son of Seleucus II. Reign 223 - 187 BC. Killed in Elymais trying to loot temple of Bel.



Antiochus III (223 - 187 BC)

Mint: Sardes

AE 13

SC 978.1

13 mm.

2.68 gm.

Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Diademed head of Antiochus, right.

Reverse: Elephant standing left, Δ below.

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.



Antiochus III

Mint: _____

AE 10

SC 1088

10 mm.

1.40 gm.

Die position=11h

Obverse:

Reverse: Elephant right.



Antiochus III (223 - 187 BC)

Mint: Seleucia on the Tigris

AE 16
SC 1185
15 x 16 mm.
3.51 gm.
Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Laureate head of Apollo, right.

Reverse: Apollo, left, leaning on tripod.

Note: Courtesy Jamison T. Graff collection.

Molon

Satrap of Media; usurper. Ruled at Seleucia, Susa and Ecbatana 222 - 220 BC.

Achaïos

Uncle of Antiochus III; usurper. Ruled at Sardes 220 - 214 BC.

Seleucus IV Philopator

Son of Antiochus III. Reign 187 - 175 BC.



Seleucus IV (187 - 175 BC) (?)

Mint: _____

AE 14
SGC -; L/K AML -
14 mm.
3.33 gm.
Die position=12h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Diademed head of Seleucus, right.

Reverse: Apollo seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow.



Seleucus IV (187 - 175 BC) (?)

Mint: _____

AE 15 [serrated edge]
SGC 6972v.; L/K AML 1812v. [Antiochus IV or V]
15 x 14 mm.

3.23 gm.

Die position=1h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Veiled bust of Artemis (?), right; quiver behind.

Reverse: Elephant, left.

Seleucus IV

Mint: Antioch

AE 14

14 mm.

2.57 gm.

Die position=1h

Obverse: Bust right.

Reverse: Apollo seated left.

Antiochus

Son of Seleucus IV. Reign 175 - 170 BC.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Son of Antiochus III. Reign 175/0 - 164 BC.



Antiochus IV

Mint: Ake-Ptolemais

AE 16

SNG Spaer 1144-1147v.; Houghton CSE, 788-789v.

15 x 16 mm.

3.68 gm.

Die position=12h

Obverse: Radiate head right.

Reverse: Artemis standing, facing. No Monogram.



Antiochus IV (175/0 - 164 BC.)

Antiochus IV (175 - 164 BC)

Mint: Antioch

AE 15

SNG ISR 998

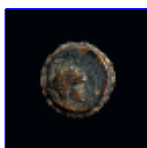
14 x 15 mm.

3.91 gm.

Die position=2h

Obverse: Radiate bust right.

Reverse: Apollo standing right.



Antiochus IV (175 - 164 BC)

Mint: _____

AE 16 [serrated edge]

SGC 6972v.

16 mm.

4.85 gm.

Die position=11h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Veiled bust of Laodike (?), right.

Reverse: Elephant, left; prow of galley, left.

Note: Similar to a coin [SGCv2 6972] of Seleucus IV except ANTIOXOY under elephant.



Antiochus IV (175 - 164 BC)

Mint: _____

AE 13 [serrated edge]

SGC -; L/K AML A1796a

13 mm.

2.10 gm.

Die position=2h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Diademed head of Artemis (?), right.

Reverse: Apollo (?) seated left on omphalos, holding arrow and bow; palm branch in left field.



Antiochus IV (175 - 164 BC)

Mint: _____

AE 19

SGC 6991v.

18 x 19 mm.

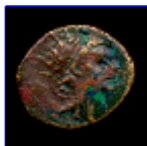
6.07 gm.

Die position=1h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Radiate head of Antiochus, right.

Reverse: Zeus (?) left holding thunderbolt and sceptre.



Antiochus IV (175 - 164 BC)

Mint: _____

AE 20

SGC 6998; L/K AML 1810v.

20 x 22 mm.

8.41 gm.

Die position=4h

[reverse](#)

Obverse: Radiate head of Antiochus, right.

Reverse: Winged thunderbolt. Monogram, left. Legend; all within wreath.

Antiochus V Eupator

Son of Antiochus IV. Reign 164 - 162/1 BC.

Timarchos

Satrap of Babylon; usurper. Reign 162 BC.

source:

<http://www.griffterrec.com/coins/seleucia/seleucid.html>