

## Vologases I (c. A.D. 51 - 78)

### ΟΛΑΓΑΣΗΣ

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## Coins Attributed to Vologases I

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### Sellwood Type 68



**Vologases I**

AR Tetradrachm 14.28 g

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), A.D. 51/52

Obv/ bare-headed bust facing, head left with pointed beard; beaded border

Rev/ king seated left on throne receiving diadem from Tyche with scepter; Greek inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ] ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Ν ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ] ΕΥΕΡΓΕ[ΤΟΥ] ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ[Σ ΦΙΛΕ]ΛΛΗΝ[ΟΣ]; date ΓΞΤ (363 S.E. = A.D. 51/52) between heads, month in exergue off flan

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- Sellwood 68.4-8 (? month)

- Shore 370 variant



**Vologases I**

AR Tetradrachm 14.19 g

Mint/ [Seleucia](#), September, A.D. 54

Obv/ bare-headed bust facing, head left with pointed beard; beaded border

Rev/ king seated left on throne receiving diadem from Tyche with scepter; Greek inscription [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ] ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩ[Ν ΑΡΣΑΚΟΥ] ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤ[ΟΥ] ΔΙΚΑΙΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥ[Σ ΦΙΛ]ΕΛΛΗΝΟ[Σ] / ; date ΕΞΤ [Υ]ΠΕΡΒ (365 S.E. = A.D. 54) between heads, month in exergue off flan

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- Sellwood 68.11

### Sellwood Type 70



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.57 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

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

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut, wart on brow, earring visible; wearing diadem with loop at the top and two ends; wavy hair. Neck torque has no end; beaded border

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow; below bow [monogram 26](#). Somewhat blundered Greek inscription

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- Sellwood 70.13



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.57 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut, wart on brow, earring visible; wearing diadem with loop at the top and two ends; wavy hair. Neck torque has no end; beaded border

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow; below bow [monogram 26](#). Somewhat blundered Greek inscription with lambda missing in first two lines

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- Sellwood 70.14

- Shore 374

## Sellwood Type 71



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.81 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

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

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut, wart on brow, earring visible; wearing diadem with loop at the top and two ends; wavy hair. Neck torque has no end; beaded border. Aramaic inscription ( = *wl* )

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow; below bow [monogram 26](#). Somewhat blundered Greek inscription

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- Sellwood 71.1



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.74 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut; wart on brow; wearing diadem with loop at the top; hair in five waves, ear ring visible. Neck torque contains row of pellets; beaded border. Aramaic inscription (= *wl*)

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Somewhat blundered Greek inscription, below bow [monogram 26](#)

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- Sellwood 71.1



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.62 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut; wart on brow; wearing diadem with loop at the top; hair in five waves, ear ring visible. Aramaic inscription (= *wl*)

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Somewhat blundered Greek inscription, below bow [monogram 26](#)

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- Sellwood 71.1

- Shore 377



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.76 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bust left with long rectangular beard wearing diadem and three-band spiral torque with no visible end; hair in five distinct waves with earring visible; wart on brow; diadem pendants shown as three lines; behind head, monogram; circular border of pellets

Rev/ beardless archer wearing bashlyk and cloak seated right on throne, holding bow in right hand; below bow, monogram [monogram 26](#); seven-line Greek inscription (L71i) includes lambda in first two lines; no border

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- Sellwood 71.2

- CNG 24 (12 Sep 1992), lot 358 (this coin)

- Mitchiner ACW 655

- Shore 376

- Triton VII (12 Jan 2004), lot 484 (this coin)



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.38 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with beard tapering but square cut; wart on brow; wearing diadem with loop at the top; hair in five waves, ear ring visible. Neck torque contains row of pellets. Beaded border. Aramaic inscription (=wl)

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Somewhat blundered Greek inscription, below bow [monogram 26](#), reverse lightly double-struck

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- Sellwood 71.3



**Vologases I**

AR Drachm, 3.74 g

Mint/ [Ecbatana](#), undated

Obv/ bust left with medium pointed beard wearing diadem and three-band spiral torque with no visible end; hair in three distinct waves covering ear; no wart; diadem pendants shown as three lines; behind head, Aramaic letters (=wl); circular border of pellets

Rev/ beardless archer wearing bashlyk and cloak seated right on throne, holding bow in right hand; below bow, Greek letter Π; behind throne, monogram; fragmentary Greek inscription; no border

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- Sellwood 71.4

- Peus 388, lot 618 (this coin)

**Sellwood Num Chron 1989, Type 1**



**Vologases I**

AR Diobol, 1.19 g

Mint/ unknown, undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with medium beard wearing diadem with loop at the top and two ends; wavy hair; two-line neck torque has no ends; circular border of dots

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow; somewhat blundered Greek inscription reading, with emendations, ΟΛΙΓΑΚΟΟ(Y) ΤΟΥ ΚΥΠΙ(O)Υ ('Vologases the lord')

Note/ "We cannot tell whether the use of 'lord' rather than 'king' implies a subordinate status; probably the rulers themselves were uncertain of the exact implications and it would be unwise to try to read too much into it." Sellwood, *NC* 1989, p. 163.

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- Sellwood *Numismatic Chronicle* 1989, Plate 42, 1

**Sellwood Num Chron 1989, Type 2**

***There are two distinct sub-types: the torque contains either three lines, or two lines with a central row of pellets***



**Vologases I**

AR Diobol, 1.24 g, 13 mm, die axis = 12h

Mint/ unknown, undated

Obv/ bare-headed bust left with medium beard wearing diadem with loop at the top and two ends; wavy hair; torque contains either three lines or two lines with a central row of pellets; circular border of dots

Rev/ archer seated right on throne holding bow. Somewhat blundered Greek inscription

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- Sellwood *Numismatic Chronicle* 1989, Plate 42, 2

- Shore 381

**source:**

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