



Who's Who at Ashkelon

FROM NEBUCHADNEZZAR TO RICHARD THE LIONHEART

NEBUCHADNEZZAR, THE
KING OF THE NEO-
BABYLONIAN EMPIRE,
DESTROYED ANCIENT
ASHKELON IN 604 B.C.E.



A YOUNG WOMAN WHO DIED DURING THE
604 B.C.E. DESTRUCTION OF
ASHKELON.



THE AREA OF THE MARKET
DESTROYED BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR
WAS LATER USED AS A DOG
BURIAL GROUND.



SITJULA, AN OBJECT
USED IN RELIGIOUS
OBSERVANCES DURING
THIS PERIOD.

CLEOPATRA FLED TO ASHKELON AND
TRIED TO RAISE TROOPS AFTER
FIGHTING WITH HER BROTHER FOR
CONTROL OF THE EGYPTIAN THRONE.
CLEOPATRA LIVED IN THE 1ST CENTURY
B.C.E.



Mold-made lamp
51.75
2nd cent. BCE—50 CE

OIL LAMP.



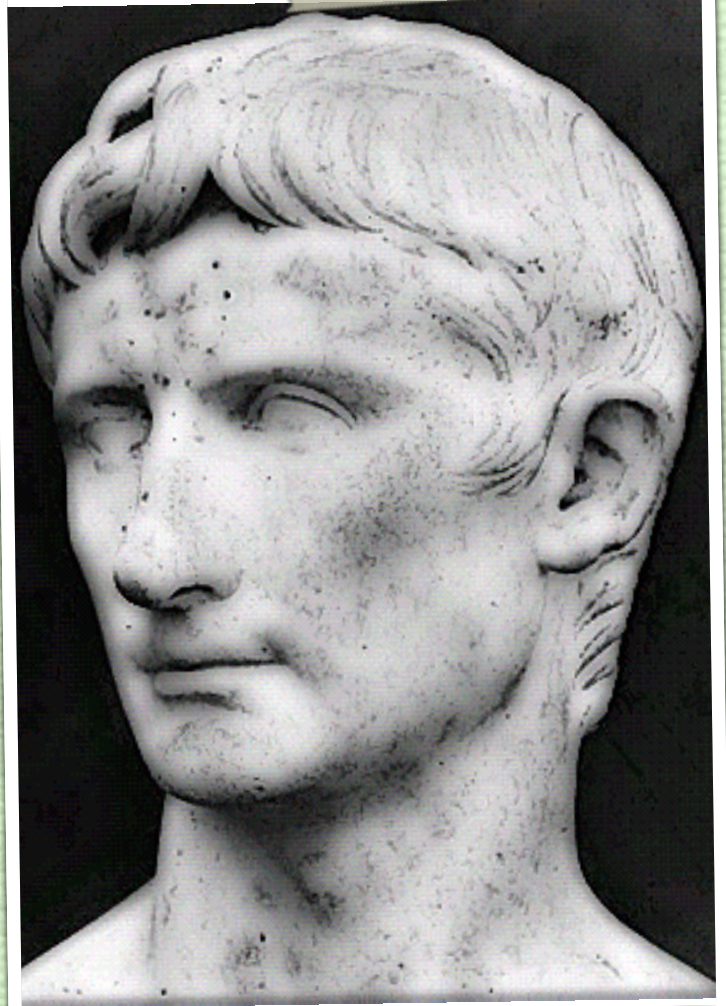
THIS IS ONE OF ONLY THREE
KNOWN COINS DEPICTING
CLEOPATRA.



THE AREA WHERE THE
CLEOPATRA COIN WAS FOUND.



HEROD THE GREAT,
RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN
BORN IN ASHKELON, BUILT A
PALACE FOR AUGUSTUS.



AUGUSTUS NEVER LIVED
IN THE PALACE. HE
GAVE IT TO HEROD'S
SISTER SALOME.



WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE PALACE WAS LOCATED.
WE HAVE NEVER FOUND ANY EVIDENCE OF IT.
ASHKELON WAS PART OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE FROM
THE 1ST CENTURY B.C.E UNTIL 330 C.E.

ABD AL-MALIK TOOK A REAL INTEREST IN ASHKELON, A PORT CITY ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WHICH WAS CONTROLLED BY THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE. HE STRENGTHENED THE CITY'S FORTIFICATIONS AND ENCOURAGED RETIRED SOLDIERS TO SETTLE IN AND AROUND THE CITY BY GIVING THEM LAND. ASHKELON WAS PART OF THE ISLAMIC EMPIRE FROM 640 C.E. UNTIL 1153 C.E.



A GOLD BELT OR COLLAR



A GOLD DINAR



AN ARABIC INSCRIPTION DATING TO THE ISLAMIC PERIOD.

RICHARD THE LIONHEART
REACHED ASHKELON IN
1192 AND SPENT
SEVERAL MONTHS
REFORTIFYING THE CITY.
HE DESTROYED THE
NEWLY REBUILT WALLS IN
A TREATY HE MADE WITH
SALAH AL-DIN (SALADIN)
WHICH PAVED THE WAY
FOR HIS RETURN TO
ENGLAND.



A CRUSADER PERIOD BOWL. THE
CRUSADERS WERE IN ASHKELON
FROM 1153-1187 AND AGAIN IN
1192 AND FINALLY THE 1240s.



A CRUSADER COIN