COINS-Xian-Chersonesos- AE City Issue-Nike God of Chersonesos

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| Tauric Chersonesos AE City Issue, God Chersonas/Nike, Very Rare  **Case No.: COINS**  **Accession No.**  **Formal Label:** Xian-Chersonesos- AE City Issue-Nike God of Chersonesos  **Display Description:**  Xian-Chersonesos- AE City Issue-Nike God of Chersonesos  Ave!  Chersonesos City Issue  Dated 54 AD = 'OH' on the Obverse.  AE 17mm, 4.6gm  Obv/ XER=Chersonesos; God Chersonas hd. r., Celtic battle horn r., mouthpiece at bottom, terminating at top in a dragon's head with open mouth, all within dotted border.  Rev/ Nike adv. l., monogram in l. field.  A very rare and highly collectable issue from a very rare Black Sea city.  Ref/ Anokhin 222   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Leu Numismatik AG** **>** **Auction 3** | **Auction date:** 27 October 2018 | | **Lot number:** 32  **Price realized:** This lot is for sale in an upcoming auction - [**Bid on this lot**](https://www.coinarchives.com/a/r_ext.php?s=2779&l=32) https://www.coinarchives.com/images/external.png | [**Show similar lots on CoinArchives**](https://www.coinarchives.com/a/lotviewer.php?LotID=1375955&AucID=2779&Lot=32&Val=a8d664bc1b69de3383c2c7597d740356&Match=1#match1)  [**Find similar lots in upcoming  auctions on**](https://www.numisbids.com/n.php?p=wantlist_add&s=1&input_terms=%0A%0ATAURIC+CHERSONESOS.+Chersonesos.+Circa+110-90+BC.+Drachm+%28Subaeratus%2C+19+mm%2C+3.58+g%2C+1+h%29%2C+Diotimos%2C)  **[NumisBids.com](https://www.numisbids.com/n.php?p=wantlist_add&s=1&input_terms=%0A%0ATAURIC+CHERSONESOS.+Chersonesos.+Circa+110-90+BC.+Drachm+%28Subaeratus%2C+19+mm%2C+3.58+g%2C+1+h%29%2C+Diotimos%2C)** | | **Lot description:** **[https://www.coinarchives.com/a082bfa6a300bde4f452832779031ad4/img/leu_winterthur/003/thumb00032.jpg](https://www.coinarchives.com/57b2d8e82863e6db90b6a0d9c7827032/img/leu_winterthur/003/image00032.jpg)**  TAURIC CHERSONESOS. Chersonesos. Circa 110-90 BC. Drachm (Subaeratus, 19 mm, 3.58 g, 1 h), Diotimos, magistrate. Turreted head of Artemis to right, bow and quiver behind neck. Rev. XEP / ΔIOTIMOY Stag standing left. Anokhin, Khersonesa 181. Frolova & Abramzon -. SNG Stancomb -. Extremely rare and very probably the finest late Chersonesos drachm known. A fresh, sharp and perfectly struck coin of wonderful late Hellenistic style. Very minor breaks in plating near the edge, otherwise, good extremely fine.   From the Peninsula Collection, formed in the 1990s.  A deliberate emission of subaerati by a polis such as we see it with the late Chersonesos drachms is very unusual and it is most regrettable that we have no information on the background of the issue. Since the considerable number of differing magistrates signing the coins pretty much excludes the possibility of a short-term emergency issue, such as the famous plated Peloponnesian War tetradrachms from Athens, we can only speculate whether Chersonesos was facing economical problems or a lack of silver supply at the time. Sadly, the excellent late Hellenistic artistry on the dies is almost always concealed by the unattractiveness of the poorly produced flans and weak strikes. This piece, however, is a remarkable exception to the rule, as it is not only very sharply struck, but also perfectly preserved.  Estimate: 1000 CHF |  |   **LC Classification:**  **Date or Time Horizon:**  **Geographical Area:**  **Map:**    **GPS coordinates:**  **Cultural Affiliation:**  **Media:**  **Dimensions:**  **Weight:**  **Condition:**  **Provenance:**  **Discussion:**  **References:** |  |

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