

Revelation Lesson 27

And he had in his right hand **seven stars**: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (Revelation 1:16)



The infant son of Domitian is shown as baby Jupiter sitting on a globe. The globe represents world dominion and power, while the seven stars around the child denote divinity. The intent of the coin is to depict the child on the globe as the son of a god and as the conqueror of the world. The inscription on the back reads: “The Divine Caesar — Son of the Emperor Domitian.”



The inscription on the front reads: “Son of Divine Caesar — Domitian,” by which Domitian was claiming to be the son of a god. Compare this with 2 Thessalonians 2:4 — “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”



This coin was minted in the reign of Hadrian, who reigned from AD 117 (just 20 years after Domitian’s death) to 138. Notice the seven stars on the reverse side of the coin.

Ask me after class if you want to see these two coins.

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