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A note on a satrapal coin – perhaps another Mazaces issue?

The author's aim is to discuss a small silver coin with the depiction of a horseman on the obverse and a seated personage in Iranian uniform on the reverse. This obol or hemiobol appeared on the antiquary market in 2010 and was probably struck by Mazaces, the last satrap of Egypt. This is indicated by the presence of the "Mazaces symbol" on the coin's obverse. Various possibilities exist as to where the coin was struck. The most probable of these is Egypt (Memfis), where the minting activity of the satrap is already well attested. The case for attributing the coin to Babylonia is less probable, although Mazaces did strike coins here, probably after 331 BC. Lastly, the possibility that Mazaces struck the coin in Cilicia before becoming satrap of Egypt (before 333 BC) cannot be ruled out.