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4th Cent BC AR Stater 10.24g NGC MS 4/5 4/5



Lycian Rock Tombs

LYCIA. Phaselis. Ca. 4th century BC. AR stater (23mm, 10.32 gm, 6h). NGC MS 4/5 - 4/5. Prow of galley right with fighting platform, gunwale decorated with eye / Φ A Σ H above galley stern to left. Heipp-Tamer Series 6, Extremely RARE and an unlisted variety. Presents nicely on a relatively broad flan, with satiny silver surfaces.



Lycia in southern Asia Minor

Lycia was a geopolitical region in Anatolia on what is now the southern coast of Turkey. Known to history since the records of ancient Egypt and the Hittite Empire in the Late Bronze Age, it was populated by speakers of the Luwian language group. Written records began to be inscribed in stone in the Lycian language after Lycia's involuntary incorporation into the Achaemenid Empire in the Iron Age. At that time (546 BC) the Luwian speakers were decimated, and Lycia received an influx of Persian speakers.

