

Considerații numismatice privind sfârșitul locuirii romane de la Buridava (Stolniceni, jud. Vâlcea)

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Abstract

Numismatic Considerations Regarding the End of the Roman Habitation at Buridava (Stolniceni, Vâlcea County)

The five archaeological levels identified in the Roman baths complex area at Stolniceni, dated in the period of the existence of Dacia Province, were chronologically dated as following: the 1st level: Trajan- the first part of Antoninus Pius' rule, the 2nd level: the last part of Antoninus Pius' rule up to Commodus' rule, the 3rd level: the Commodus – Caracalla period, the 4th level: the Caracalla – Philippus Arabs period and the 5th level: the Philippus Arabs-Aurelian period. The end of these five levels mentioned above was brought about by fire and destruction, the most powerful ones were characteristic to the 3rd and 4th levels. Even if the archaeological information is scarce, we believe that we can rely on the supposition that some phenomena that were identified in the thermae area might have had a great impact on the whole settlement. The difference between accidental destructions and intentional destructions can be established due to a vast array of information obtained not only from the site in question but also from a larger area. Thus, we consider that this approach should rely entirely on the historical information obtained as a result of a thorough analysis of the hoards horizon. Every hoards horizons represented in the region are associated with one destruction moment from the Roman baths, with one exception the horizon from the year 260. This situation determine us to reevaluate the chronological situation and to establish that is very possible to place the end of the Roman Buridava not in the time of Aurelian but at the beginning of Gallienus reign as sole emperor.

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