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Athens, Attica



Silver tetradrachm, 30.5 mm, 16.33 gm
Obv: Head of Athena Parthenos, right
Rev: Owl standing right, head facing, on amphora; magistrates' names in fields; to left, eagle standing right on thunderbolt; A on amphora, ?? in exergue; all within laurel wreath.

Ca. 165-42 BC.

Athens was the center of Greek culture in the 5th century BC. These are the coins that were issued to pay the artists and stonecutters who built the Parthenon and the armies of Athens in its disastrous war against Sparta.

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