

VALENTINIAN II

A.D. 375–392

Flavius Valentinianus was the younger son of Valentinian I by his second wife, Justina. He was proclaimed emperor at the age of four following his father's death, and initially was under the protection of his half-brother, Gratian, his residence being in Illyricum. He was still too young to exercise effective power when, at the age of twelve, he became Senior Augustus after the death of Gratian. His court was established at Milan, where his mother managed his affairs. When Magnus Maximus invaded Italy in 387 Valentinian II fled, but after the defeat of the usurper by Theodosius, Valentinian was re-established in the West. However, his weak character was dominated by his general Arbogast, and being unable to assert his authority his frustration probably led him to commit suicide (May, 392).

Obverse legends.

- A. DN VALENTINIANVS PF AVG.
B. DN VALENTINIANVS IVN PF AVG.

Obverse busts.

- a. pearl diadem, draped, cuirassed, right.
b. pearl diadem, draped, cuirassed, left.
c. rosette diadem, draped, cuirassed, right.

All coins are siliquae unless otherwise specified. For a discussion of fourth-century silver denominations and their names, see the Introduction.

		VF	EF
17†	Ac R GLORIA ROMANORVM, emperor stg. facing, head l. <u>hldg.</u> sceptre in r. hand, resting l. on shield. Constantinople <u>CON.</u> <i>RIC 84 heavy miliarensis</i>	700	1,600



18†	Aa R As last, but emperor hldg. standard in r. Lugdunum <u>LVGPS.</u> <i>RIC 40 light miliarensis</i>	650	1,500
19†a	Ac R As last, emperor stg. facing, head l., raising r. hand, hldg. globe in l. Aquileia <u>AQPS.</u> <i>RIC 56a light miliarensis</i>	650	1,500
19†b	Ab R As last. Constantinople <u>CON.</u> <i>RIC 85a light miliarensis</i>	700	1,600
25†	Ba R PERPETVETAS, phoenix stg. l. on globe. Trier <u>TRPS.</u> <i>RIC</i> <i>56b half argenteus.</i>	300	650
35	Aa R TRIVMFATOR GENT BARB, emperor stg. facing, head l., hldg. labarum and globe, kneeling captive on his l. Rome <u>RP.</u> <i>RIC 32</i> multiple	7,500	15,000
39†a	Ba R VICTORIA AVGGG, Victory advg. r., hldg. wreath in either hand. Trier <u>TRPS.</u> <i>RIC 54 argenteus?</i> (= pre-reform sili- qua)	300	700
39†b	Aa R As last, Victory advg. r., hldg. wreath in either hand. Siscia <u>SISCP.</u> <i>RIC 17</i>	100	250



39A	Ba R VICTORIA AVGG, Victory advg. l., hldg. wreath and palm. Aquileia <u>AQPS.</u> <i>RIC 26b.</i>	110	275
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