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Ionia, Miletos, 360-325 BC, AR Drachm

Bo82818 / U04096 3.2 Gm 13.5 mm

Obv: Laureate head of Apollo, left. Rev: Lion standing to left, looking back at star with 8 rays, MI monogram
before, Magistrate below. SNG Cop 960

Miletos (or Miletus), located on the western coast of Asia Minor in the region of Ionia (modern-day Turkey), was one of the most prominent and influential cities of ancient Greece. Positioned near the mouth of the Maeander River and along the Aegean Sea, Miletos boasted a strategic location for trade, fostering its growth as a major port city. Persian Conquest: Miletos fell under Persian control during the 6th century BCE. In 494 BCE, it led the Ionian Revolt against Persian rule but was defeated at the Battle of Lade. The city was sacked, and its population was enslaved or exiled. After the Greco-Persian Wars, Miletos became part of the Delian League under Athenian leadership, which helped it recover. Under Alexander the Great and his successors, Miletos flourished again as a center of commerce and culture.

