

100 EURO GOLD COIN

# THE GOLD OF MESOPOTAMIA



Series	Magic of Gold
Face Value	€ 100
Date of Issue	16 October 2019
Coin Design	H. Andexlinger/ H. Wähler
Diameter	30 mm
Quality	Proof
Mintage	20,000
Alloy	Gold Au 986
Fine Weight	1/2 oz (15.56 g)
Total Weight	15.78 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial  
issue price: € 799 (Tax free)

Comes in a case complete with a numbered  
certificate of authenticity and protective slipcase.

No other metal has as much symbolic meaning as gold. The six-piece 100 euro *Magic of Gold* series traces that meaning through different ancient cultures. The first of those cultures is Mesopotamia, 'the land between two rivers', the Tigris and the Euphrates, where some of the most important developments in early human history occurred.

*The Gold of Mesopotamia* coin features a portrait of the legendary ruler King Nebuchadnezzar II (circa 640-562 BC) wearing a horned crown. According to the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament, Nebuchadnezzar erected a huge golden statue and made his subjects worship it on bended knee. As elsewhere, in Mesopotamia the ownership of gold was associated with high standing. It was reserved for the powerful and all gold had to be handed over to the ruling class and the religious authorities. Mesopotamian gold was mainly sourced from Egypt, where it was believed that the streets were paved with the precious metal.

## COIN MOTIF

The other side of the coin shows a bull's head from a Detail found on the Golden Lyre of Ur, which was discovered in 1929 in the Royal Cemetery of Ur, located in present day Iraq. Created roughly 4,500 years ago, the lyre is considered to be one of the world's oldest surviving stringer instruments. All six coins in the *Magic of Gold* series feature ancient art treasures and the word 'gold' is written on each of them in the respective script of the culture they explore.



### MAGIC OF GOLD COLLECTORS CASE

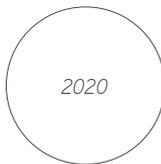
This stylish and sophisticated collector case is the ideal place to store all the coins in the magnificent *Magic of Gold* series. The ornately illustrated brass inlay on the lid provides a fitting foretaste of the six stunning gold coins held within.

Price: € 90 (incl. 20% VAT)  
Collector Case, coins not included

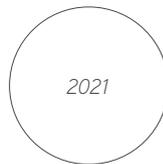
### SERIES OVERVIEW



The Gold of  
Mesopotamia



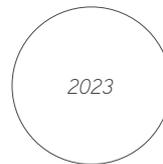
The Gold of  
the Pharaohs



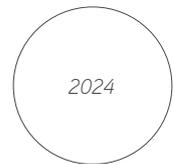
The Gold of  
the Incas



The Gold of  
the Scythians



The Gold of  
India



The Gold of  
China

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