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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised BACCHIVS IVDAEVS: A Denarius Commemorating Pompey's Victory over Judea (Novum Testamentum Et Orbis Antiquus/Studien Zur Umwelt Des Neuen Testaments):

James M. Scott investigates the Jewish and Greco-Roman background of a conceptually enigmatic denarius minted in Rome in 55 BCE, on the obverse of which appears a camel, in front of which a male figure kneels on his right leg, extending a branch in his right hand; the legend reads: BACCHIVS IVDAEVS. Scott's study argues that the oft-suggested connection between Aristobulus' gift of the golden vine and the Bacchus Iudaeus denarius does merit further investigation. It is shown that the Latin inscription refers to the god Bacchus/Dionysus via an interpretatio Romana and is an expression of Pompey's Dionysian pretensions.

..".This study offers an original interpretation and contextualization of the Bacchus Iudaeus coin (RRC 431.1), a persistently overlooked artifact from a neglected period in the history of Judaism. Even more, though, Scott rigorously develops a number of creative, wide-ranging insights into the situation of Jews in the Greco-Roman world that merit the attention of anyone specializing in ancient Mediterranean religions." --G. Anthony Keddie, University of Texas at Austin, of Biblical Literature 12.1.16  
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