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A Sourcebook Sheffield
Phoenix Press
This handbook situates

early Christian meals in
their broader context,
with a focus on the core
topics that aid
understanding of Greco-

Roman meal practice, and how this relates to Christian origins. In addition to looking at the broader Hellenistic context, the contributors explain the unique nature of Christian meals, and what they reveal about early Christian communities and the development of Christian identity. Beginning with Hellenistic documents and authors before moving on to the New Testament material itself, according to genre - Gospels, Acts, Letters, Apocalyptic Literature - the handbook

culminates with a section on the wider resources that describe daily life in the period, such as medical documents and inscriptions. The literary, historical, theological and philosophical aspects of these resources are also considered, including such aspects as the role of gender during meals; issues of monotheism and polytheism that arise from the structure of the meal; how sacrifice is understood in different meal practices; power dynamics during the meal and issues of inclusion

and exclusion at meals. Burns & Oates
In this book, Colleen Conway looks at the construction of masculinity in New Testament depictions of Jesus. She argues that the New Testament writers necessarily engaged the predominant gender ideology of the Roman empire, whether consciously or unconsciously. Although the notion of what constituted ideal masculinity in Greek and Roman cultures certainly pre-dated the Roman

Empire, the emergence of the Principate concentrated this gender ideology on the figure of the emperor. Indeed, critical to the success of the empire was the portrayal of the emperor as the ideal man and the Roman citizen as one who aspired to be the same. Any person or power that was held up alongside the emperor as another source of authority would be assessed in terms of the cultural values represented in this Roman image of the "manly

man." Conway details how the New Testament writings reflect different approaches to the issue of Jesus's gender identity, including resistance to, accommodation to, and imitation of, imperial masculinity. The themes that emerge from her study include the relationship between divinity and masculinity in the Roman world and in depictions of Jesus; the role of the body in relation to gender identity; and belief in Jesus as a means of achieving a more ideal form of masculinity.

Conway's work will be of interest to the broad range of biblical scholars who are interested in gender critical issues and in the emergence of Christianity in the Roman Empire.

A Study in the Historical Background of Early Christianity

Wiley-Blackwell

Into All the World--the third volume from editors Mark Harding and Alanna Nobbs on the content and social setting of the New Testament--brings together a team of eminent Australian

scholars in ancient history, New Testament, and the early church to take the story of Christianity into the Jewish and Greco-Roman world of the first century. In thirteen chapters, the contributors discuss all the post-Pauline New Testament writings, devoting attention to both their content and their context. They examine the impact of the growth of the church on both Jews and Gentiles, exploring issues such as the diaspora, minorities, the Book of Acts, and the

Fourth Gospel. The book then proceeds to a discussion of the impact of Christianity on the Roman state, including consideration of the book of Revelation and the imperial cult. A final chapter investigates how the church was perceived by Clement of Rome at the end of the first century.

Commerce of the Sacred
BRILL

Background becomes foreground in Moyer Hubbard's creative introduction to the social and historical setting for

the letters of the Apostle Paul to churches in Asia Minor and Europe. Hubbard begins each major section with a brief narrative featuring a fictional character in one of the great cities of that era. Then he elaborates on various aspects of the cultural setting related to each particular vignette, discussing the implications of those venues for understanding Paul's letters and applying their message to our lives today. Addressing a wide array of cultural and traditional issues,

Hubbard discusses: • religion and superstition • education, philosophy, and oratory • urban society • households and family life in the Greco-Roman world This work is based on the premise that the better one understands the historical and social context in which the New Testament (and Paul's letters) was written, the better one will understand the writings of the New Testament themselves. Passages become clearer, metaphors deciphered, and images sharpened.

Teachers, students, and laypeople alike will appreciate Hubbard's unique, illuminating, and well-researched approach to the world of the early church.

Behold the Man

Bloomsbury Publishing

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these papers, on themes
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 profound critic speak for

themselves and require no embellishment.... I hope that the quality of what follows will impress my teacher, Professor Morton Smith, and those scholars who care to read these volumes, as having been worth the immense efforts of all concerned. From the Foreword by Jacob Neusner
The Pagan God Oxford University Press on Demand
Plato's Parmenides and Its Heritage presents in two volumes ground-breaking results in the history of interpretation of Plato's

Parmenides, the culmination of six years of international collaboration by the SBL Annual Meeting seminar, "Rethinking Plato's Parmenides and Its Platonic, Gnostic and Patristic Reception" (2001–2007). Volume 2 examines and establishes for the first time evidence for a significant knowledge of the Parmenides in Philo, Clement, and patristic sources. It offers an extensive and balanced analysis of the case for and against the various

possible attributions of date and authorship of the Anonymous Commentary in relation to Gnosticism, Middle Platonism, and Neoplatonism and argues that on balance the case for a pre-Plotinian authorship is warranted. It also undertakes for the first time in this form an examination of the Parmenides in relation to Jewish and Christian thought, moving from Philo and Clement through Origen and the Cappadocians to Pseudo-Dionysius. The

contributors to Volume 2 are Matthias Vorwerk, Kevin Corrigan, Luc Brisson, Volker Henning Drecoll, Tuomas Rasimus, John F. Finamore, John M. Dillon, Sara Ahbel-Rappe, Gerald Bechtle, David T. Runia, Mark Edwards, Jean Reynard, and Andrew Radde-Gallwitz.

The Last Pagans of

Rome Wipf and Stock Publishers

Given the dearth of non-messianic interpretations of Psalm 110:1 in non-Christian Second Temple Jewish texts, why did it become such a widely

used messianic proof-text in the New Testament and early Christianity?

Previous attempts to answer this question have focused on why the earliest Christians first began to use Ps 110:1.

The result is that these proposals do not provide an adequate explanation for why first century Christians living in the Greek East employed the verse and also applied it to Jesus's exaltation. I contend that two Greco-Roman politico-religious practices, royal and imperial temple and

throne sharing—which were cross-cultural rewards that Greco-Roman communities bestowed on beneficent, pious, and divinely approved rulers—contributed to the widespread use of Ps 110:1 in earliest Christianity. This means that the earliest Christians interpreted Jesus's heavenly session as messianic and thus political, as well as religious, in nature.

Among the Gentiles

Lanham : University Press of America

Presenting a fresh inquiry into early Christianity and Greco-Roman paganism, Luke Timothy Johnson begins with a broad definition of religion as a way of life organized around convictions and experiences concerning ultimate power.

Gods, Spirits, and Worship in the Greco-Roman World and Early Christianity

Westminster John Knox Press

Christianity in the Greco-Roman World A Narrative Introduction Baker Academic

New Testament OUP

USA

This volume focuses on the role of Judaism, particularly that of Philo, and of Gnosticism, as two important forces shaping the response of early Christianity to the Hellenistic Greco-Roman culture of its time. The sections which examine Hellenistic Judaism investigate themes from Greek philosophy, like "reason controlling the passions," which are also crucial in shaping Philo's perception of the feminine. The manner in which Jewish authors of

this period attempt to synthesize Old Testament with Greek philosophical themes like creation/cosmology receives specific treatment. Essays dealing with Gnosticism re-examine themes from Greek philosophers like Plato and Aristotle in Gnostic documents, but also look at the role of Hellenistic Judaism with its interests in Sophia. Co-published with the Institute for Christian Studies.

[Greco-Roman and Jewish Texts and Contexts](#)

Bloomsbury Publishing
 This is the eighth volume of the hard-copy edition of a journal that has been published online (www.jgrchj.net) since 2000. Volume 1 was for 2000, Volume 2 was for 2001-2005, Volume 3 was for 2006, Volume 4 was for 2007, Volume 5 was for 2008, Volume 6 was for 2009, Volume 7 was for 2010 and Volume 8 is for 2011-2012. As they appear, the hardcopy editions will replace the online materials. The scope of JGRChJ is the texts, language and

cultures of the Graeco-Roman world of early Christianity and Judaism. The papers published in JGRChJ are designed to pay special attention to the 'larger picture' of politics, culture, religion and language, engaging as well with modern theoretical approaches. *Christianity, Judaism and Other Greco-Roman Cults, Part 1* BRILL
 This book is a comprehensive reference guide and outline of Greco-Roman and Jewish and Christian history and literature for the period

between 200 BCE and 260 CE. The author examines generations of scholarship in classical, biblical, historical, and religious studies. No other single text in classical or historical or religious studies provides the amount of information this text provides on Greco-Roman and Jewish and Christian history and literature. Contents: Sigla and Abbreviations; Preface; Acknowledgments; A Chronological Outline of Greco-Roman and Jewish and Christian History and

Literature; General Bibliography of References; Bibliography of English Translations of Greco-Roman and Jewish and Christian Literature; Index of Persons.
Her Share of the Blessings
 Brill Academic Pub
 Making use of letters--both formal and personal--that have been preserved through the ages, Stanley Stowers analyzes the cultural setting within which Christianity arose. The Library of Early Christianity is a series of eight outstanding books exploring the Jewish and

Greco-Roman contexts in which the New Testament developed.
Social and Literary Contexts for the New Testament Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht
 Jack Lightstone's *Commerce of the Sacred* remains an original and influential contribution to Judaic studies. Lightstone offers critical perspectives on the practices and beliefs of Greco-Roman Jews who lived outside of Palestine and beyond rabbinic control or influence. He investigates their influence on early

Christians and examines how the two communities defined themselves in relation to each another. He challenges the view of Judaism as a single set of practices and beliefs and argues that Jews of the Greco-Roman Diaspora did not retain a shared, biblical 'perception of the world' centered on the Jerusalem temple. Rather, they believed multiple points of contact between God and man could be made through particular rites: prayer in the presence of the sacred scrolls, pleas for help at

the tombs of dead saints and martyrs, and the interventions of holy men with alleged supernatural powers, to name a few. Many early Christians also participated in this Judaic 'commerce of the sacred', blurring the social and religious boundaries that distinguished Jews and Christians. Lightstone innovatively combines approaches from the history of religions and social anthropology to provide a different picture of Judaism during this period. Featuring a new foreword and an updated

bibliography, *Commerce of the Sacred* resituates the Jews in the Greco-Roman world. *Exploring the Background of Early Christianity* Wipf and Stock Publishers Daniel Lynwood Smith orients readers of the New Testament to its historical and cultural settings, introducing the cast of characters, and illuminating key concepts by exploring their use in ancient texts. Smith includes quotations from many primary sources including Josephus, Tacitus, the Qumran

Community, Pliny the Younger, and other carefully chosen texts from lesser-known ancient sources. These texts are all carefully woven together with commentary, to provide a narrative framework for the material and guide students through the text. A glossary of complex terms is provided, to make everything as clear as possible for the newcomer to New Testament studies. This integrative approach both introduces the key sources to the reader and

elaborates on their significance for understanding the New Testament. In an admirably concise format Smith is able to cover the military-political history of Israel-Palestine, the messianic movements of Second Temple Judaism, the ancient practice of crucifixion and the development of the Christian canon. Through immersion in these ancient Jewish, Christian, and Greco-Roman texts and contexts, contemporary readers take a step closer to

experiencing the New Testament with first-century eyes and ears. **Studies for Morton Smith at Sixty.** Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing In this volume of essays the Graeco-Roman background and context of early Christianity are explored for significant parallels. From the athlete metaphor in 1 Corinthians 9 to the role of Aphrodite as the goddess of love and sexuality, the important cultural symbols and terminology that the first Christians employed are examined.

Garrison maintains that the Graeco-Roman setting of early Christianity is essential to our understanding of the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers.

A Narrative Introduction Oxford University Press on Demand

"From ancient records, Dr. Angus reconstructs a vivid picture of that magnificent civilization contemporaneous with the founding of the Christian church, with the result that a more significant conception of

the faith we know today emerges from his study of the rich intellectual and spiritual currents of the pagan world as they aided or opposed or modified the struggling young religion from the East."-- Publisher's note.

Greek and Roman Religions

Baker Academic

In *Early Christian Ethics in Interaction with Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* experts from various fields analyze the process of transformation of early Christian ethics because of the ongoing

interaction with Jewish, Greco-Roman and Christian traditions.

Emergent Christianity in Its Jewish and Greco-Roman Context

Bloomsbury Publishing

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