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Yale. 1 Paperback(s), 2012. soft. Book Condition: New. Spanning the conquests of Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC and the reign of the Roman emperor Constantine in the 4th century AD, archaeologist Eric Meyers and religion professor Mark Chancey synthesize current archaeological research with ancient literary sources to present this sweeping, well-illustrated overview of the tumultuous intellectual and religious changes in the Levant during the Greco-Roman period. Palestine's subjection to Hellenistic kingdoms, its rule by the Hasmonean and Herodian dynasties, its two disastrous Jewish revolts against Rome, and its full incorporation into the Roman Empire provide a background for the emergence of Christianity. Among many dynamics apparent in the archaeological record, Meyers and Chancey observe how Judaism and Christianity were virtually undistinguishable for centuries, until the rise of imperial Christianity with Emperor Constantine. "An eminently fair and holistic vision of a formative period of Western Civilization. Beautifully written and illustrated, it offers a snap shot of contemporary scholarship, an entree into a world inhabited by the likes of not only Alexander and Constantine, but by Herod, Jesus, Hillel and Bar Kokhba." Steven Fine "Meyers and Chancey unfold the entire material culture of ancient Palestine, the world of pagans, Jews and early...



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