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Slaveries of the First Millennium

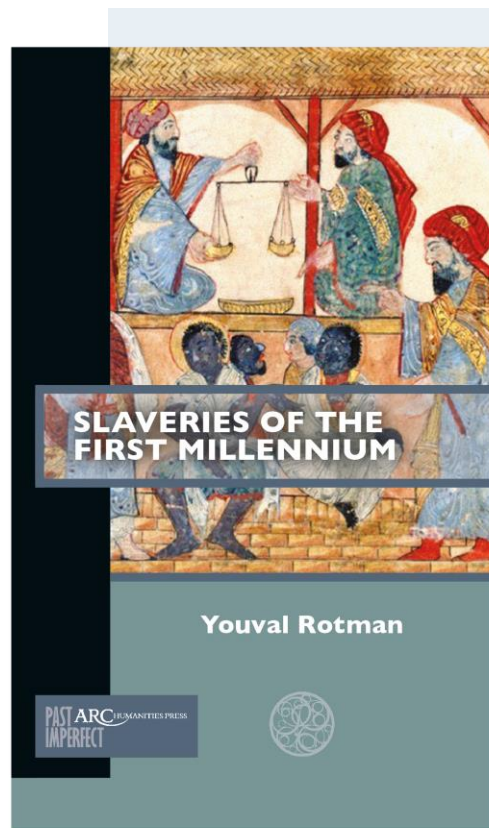
In a world where princesses found themselves enslaved, kidnapped boys became army generals, and biblical Joseph was a role model, this book narrates the formation of the Middle Ages from the point of view of slavery, and outlines a new approach to enhance our understanding of modern forms of enslavement. Offering an analysis of recent scholarship and an array of sources, never before studied together, from distinct societies and cultures of the first millennium, it challenges the traditional dichotomy between ancient and medieval slaveries. Revealing the dynamic, versatile, and adaptable character of slavery it presents an innovative definition of slavery as a historical process.

BIOGRAPHY

Youval Rotman (Professor of History and the Chair of the School of Jewish Studies and Archaeology at Tel Aviv University) is a social historian of the Byzantine Mediterranean world who focuses on themes of social transformation in the First Millennium.

"[A] succinct and apposite description of enslavement [...] and shows how to look at slavery in a way that is relevant to its apparent resurgence in the contemporary world."

- Paul Freedman, Yale University



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