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An Exploration of Slavery in the Early Chinese Empire with Some Comparisons with the Roman World



The topic of slavery has been and continues to be of major significance in studies of the civilizations and empires of the ancient Mediterranean World. Scholars have examined the many sources in different genres deploying a range of methodologies, theoretical approaches, and comparative perspectives to reach new insights. In contrast, far fewer scholars have studied ancient Chinese slavery and the sources are much more limited. However, in recent years a great number of new sources have been recovered by archaeologists that enable research on the institution and practice of slavery in the early Chinese empires. This paper will initiate an exploration of this new data in the light of some of the questions that have been raised by scholars of classical antiquity.

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