
MEAT CONSUMPTION IN HELLENISTIC EGYPT (Summary)

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The present communication will not deal with the vast topic of meat consumption as a whole. This general theme will be illustrated by a discussion of only one selected subject: the use of pork in Hellenistic Egypt.

The general plan might be as follows:

- Preliminary remarks: a definition for "Hellenistic Egypt", reasons for choosing this particular subject matter during this particular period, etc.
 - The pig as a wild and domesticated animal through Egyptian history: archaeozoological and documentary evidence.
 - Attitudes towards the pig:
 - Held in abhorrence by the ancient Egyptians as the animal of Set?
 - The favourite dish of immigrated Greeks?
 - The social position of swine-breeders.
 - How to reconcile the contradictory evidence?
 - Aspects of the organisation of meat consumption: the Zenoarchive, Byzantine supplies for the army, etc.
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