

The Byzantine Aegean: A Connecting Sea

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For the Byzantine Empire, the Aegean Sea was a heartland, a link to an imagined past, and a passage from the Black Sea to the wider Mediterranean region. Yet, these shifting values were accompanied by dramatic political, territorial, and social changes in the empire itself; the islands and coasts of the Aegean, therefore, played crucial roles in these economic, cultural, and political interactions.

Archaeological research has revealed a broad spectrum of material culture that sheds light on various aspects of life in the Byzantine-era Aegean, as well as its social landscape in this period of transformation. In particular, evidence about the development of seafaring and harbour infrastructure – as gateways for communication and movement into the mutable environment – offer unique insights about the increasingly complicated maritime world of Late Antiquity.

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