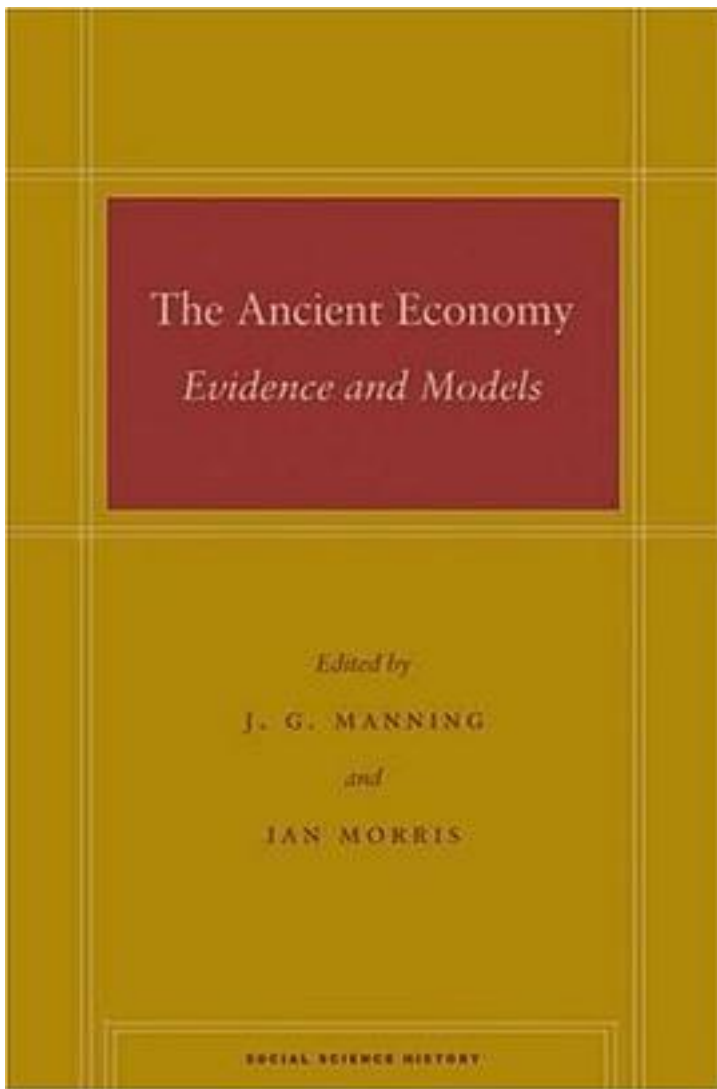


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"Technical progress, economic growth, productivity, even efficiency have not been significant goals since the beginning of time," declares M. I. Finley in his classic work. The states of the ancient Mediterranean world had no recognizable real-property market, never fought a commercially inspired war, witnessed no drive to capital formation, and assigned the management of many substantial enterprises to slaves and ex-slaves. In short, to study the economies of the ancient world, one must begin by discarding many premises that seemed self-evident before Finley showed that they were useless or misleading. Available again, with a new foreword by Ian Morris, these sagacious, fertile, and occasionally combative essays are just as electrifying today as when Finley first wrote them.

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重读，总之就是对ancient economy持primitive观点的，认为古希腊罗马无现代“经济”的概念，就算有commercial activities，包括会涉及interest的，也不是为了和现在一样投资盈利更几乎不受保护（除upper class），还不被当时的ethos接受……等等。Slavery一章中和labour的关系之前没重视，这次竟然觉得格外有意思。其他观点在后来的各种文献中都多有提及，或反驳或反驳……不一一赘述了。

补标。Primitive派的代表，启huo迪hai了一代人、开启了无数争论的作品。货币观念局限于铸币体系，商业受伦理、社群、政治的影响和拘束没有现代经济的发展。今天看来，虽然大多数论述是学术史意义高于学术意义了，但想要进入古代经济史宏观的讨论，本书仍是必读之作。

无论赞同与否，今日的古代经济史研究事实上处于后芬利时代。

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