

Abstract

Zoroastrianism and Christianity in the Sasanian Empire (4th century AD)

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The establishment and development of Christianity in the Iranian world has been a key development in the history of Christianity in Asia. As long as the Roman authorities were not favourable to Christianity, the Parthians favoured the establishment and development of Christianity in their territory. When the Sasanians came to power (AD 224/6) and later on the Christian religion was legally recognized and accepted under Roman rule (AD 313), the Christian communities in the Sasanian Empire would acquire a key role in the political relations between the two empires. This paper sheds light on the relations between the two empires in regard to the Christian communities of Sasanian Iran throughout the fourth century AD.