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## Die Anfänge von Weihnachten und Epiphania

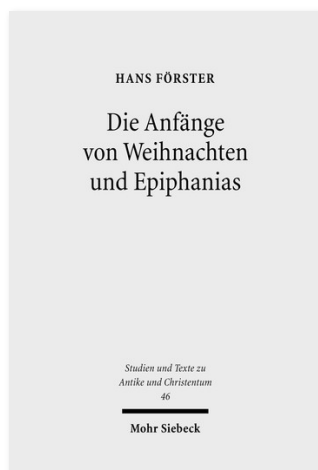
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The scholarly discussion about the origins of Christmas and Epiphany usually revolves around two hypotheses. The theological literature in the Anglo-Saxon countries mainly favors an internal Christian context for this, based on early Christian calculations, whereas others usually refer to parallel pagan celebrations as the origins of both festivals. Hans Förster shows that these common hypotheses for the origins of Christmas and Epiphany do not explain the situation in the fourth century.

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