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Using recent archaeological findings, Gideon Avni addresses the transformation of local societies in Palestine and Jordan between the 6th and 11th centuries AD, arguing that the Byzantine-Islamic transition was a much slower and gradual process than previously thought.
