

Theme 4

Pottery in Anatolia

CERAMIC EVIDENCE FROM SOUTH-EASTERN TURKEY: THE MEDIEVAL ASSEMBLAGE FROM ZIYARET TEPE (DIYARBAKIR)

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The site of Ziyaret Tepe (Diyarbakır), in South-Eastern Turkey, attested an important occupation during the Medieval period. Archaeological investigations documented, in fact, evidences of a rural installation (a village with small dwellings) and also traces of a later sporadic occupation, probably connected to pastoralism. This paper aims, on the one hand, at presenting the ceramic typology attested on the site (glazed and unglazed assemblage) and at discussing its chronology, provenance and function and, on the other hand, at integrating this assemblage within the regional frame of production and distribution of ceramics, focusing in particular on the period between the 13th and the 16th century.