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Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods, Volume 1
David A. Fiensy and James Riley Strange, editors
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David A. Fiensy (professor of New Testament, Kentucky Christian University in Grayson, Kentucky) and James Riley Strange (associate professor of religion, Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama) present Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods, Volume 1, a studious omnibus of information about ancient Galilee, focusing on the historical period of 100 BCE to 200 CE. Chapters include a general overview of Galilean history, as well as specialized research on taxation, ethnicity, religious practices, road systems, trade, education, health, village life, houses, and the urban-rural societal divide. An amazing, fact-filled, exhaustively researched yet eminently accessible portrait of the birthplace of Jesus, Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods, Volume 1 is highly recommended especially for college library world history collections.