

21 Women in the Christian Empire: Ascetics

- Elite copiers of desert monastics: Paula, Eustochium, the Melanias
- Paula (347-404) and Toxotius,
5 children including Eustochium (c. 368-420)
- Jerome, *Life of Paula*

Melania the Elder (c. 350-410) married at 14; three sons; disciple of Origen and friend of Rufinus

Melania the Younger (383-439), granddaughter and Pinianus.

To North Africa 410, Jerusalem 417

Life of Melania the Younger