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In the present volume Dariusz Maliszewski discusses the material from an extensive field survey conducted by the Polis-Pyrgos Archaeological Project. This is pioneer publication of the Chalcolithic and Bronze Age pottery from the neighbouring area of Polis tis Chrysochous (Polis), formerly ancient Marion and Arsinoe. The entire assemblage is datable to a period from the beginning of the 4th to the second half of the 2nd millennium B.C. On the basis of the data examined, and despite several limitations, it has been possible to identify ten Chalcolithic and twenty-nine Bronze Age sites, and thus to generate the first picture of prehistoric occupation in northwestern Cyprus, which should no longer be perceived as a *terra inhabitata* in that time. In a broader perspective, this book not only reveals an island case study, but also provides useful data for scholars involved in research in the Eastern Mediterranean.

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